

## Nord PTO Board Meeting Agenda

August 5, 2021

Walter G. Nord School

Meeting order: 6:11pm

### 2021-2011 Board Members:

- ❖ **President:** Amanda Messer ([nordpto1@gmail.com](mailto:nordpto1@gmail.com); 419-509-6564)
- ❖ **Vice President:** Amanda Beres ([ARC91681@aol.com](mailto:ARC91681@aol.com); 330-354-7157)
- ❖ **Treasurer:** Darcie Parsons ([nordtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nordtreasurer@gmail.com); 440-667-5202)
- ❖ **Secretary:** Morgan Wachholz ([morgan.wachholz@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.wachholz@gmail.com); 440-225-8948)
- ❖ **Principal:** Jill Jiovanazzo ([jill\\_jiovanazzo@amherstk12.org](mailto:jill_jiovanazzo@amherstk12.org))

### Treasurer Report: Darcie Parsons

- ❖ **Bank Balance:** \$29,679.56
- ❖ **Quickbooks Balance:**
- ❖ **Outstanding Balance:**
- ❖ **Budget:**
  - The Red Ribbon week line will be combined with PBIS.
  - AJH will be in charge of the bus garage lunch this year.
  - The Camp Fitch budget will be raised by an extra \$1,000 this year for the 6th graders. This is a once time adjustment.

**VOTE to approve the budget: Amanda Messer - 1st Morgan Wachholz - 2nd**

### Open items from last year: Amanda Messer/Darcie Parsons

- ❖ Walmart Community Grant - Didn't get it. Will apply again next year.
- ❖ Padcaster and Sound System - Haven't purchased the iPad yet.

### New Items for this year:

- ❖ **Meetings:** Will be 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the Nord Media Center with a Zoom option for those who can't attend in person.
- ❖ **Events:**
  - **Membership drive** - During Nord open houses. There will be laptops for parents to use to register for PTO, as well as raffle prizes, and a form offering in school opportunities for PTO members only (ie- helping with holiday parties & attending PBIS assemblies). Membership costs \$5 and can be paid with cash, check, Venmo, or PayPal.
- ❖ **Needs:** Nothing pressing at this time. PBIS is our big initiative right now. The only other thing would be a possible school store being set up and open once a week with PTO members volunteering to run it. Principal Jiovanazzo is looking into the logistics.
- ❖ **Fundraising:**
  - **Wizards:** Potentially working with Powers PTO to raise money for the Nord playground.
  - **Walk-a-thon:** Will be held in the Spring (early May) and include the Kona Ice truck again.
  - **Cleveland Monsters:** AJH is interested in working with us on this fundraiser to raise money for their potential playground. We are waiting to hear back about working with Powers on the Wizards game before we decide on sharing the Monsters with AJH. If we include all 3 school PTOs we may get a better turn out. We already gave a deposit for the game, which will hopefully be in February. We also chose to get rid of the Kalahari committee and add one for the Cleveland Monsters.

- **Cleveland Cavaliers Foundation:** Offer autographed merchandise to use as a fundraiser. We may use the items in a silent auction to raise money for gym improvements.
- ❖ **Other ideas:**
  - **Staff Lounge:** The lounge will be restocked with coffee pods, tea bags, and hot chocolate mix. Everything else is still stocked from last year.
  - **Woot Woot cart:** We will keep the cart this year but alter the months it goes around the building so that we can afford to provide staff meals on conference nights as well. The cart will not go around in the same month as conference meals. Kimi Allen will be in charge of this since it falls under the umbrella of the Teacher Appreciation committee.
  - **PBIS:** Amanda Beres will be the PBIS committee chair for PTO and attend one for their meetings each month. There will also be PBIS representation from the staff at each PTO meeting this year so that we have a truly joint effort in highlighting the program. The program is called "Comet Impact" and 5th grade L.A. teacher Kelly Simenson is in charge of the committee. We discussed possible prizes and agreed that PTO will help purchase some of those. We will also purchase a "Spin to Win" dry erase prize wheel to use at assemblies, etc. It will cost about \$50. We also discussed using Jimmy Johns or Subway to buy boxed lunches for students as a PBIS prize. Students will receive a survey asking what sort of prizes they hope to earn this year to get before stocking prizes that the student population may not be interested in.
  - **Field Trips:** The 4th grade field trip will be to Columbus this year. It will be held in the spring and cost \$99 per student. We will offer scholarships for this trip.
  - **Maker's Space:** Plans for the space are paused for now.
  - **Santa's Secret Shop:** To be held soon after returning to school from Thanksgiving break. Possibly held on a Saturday in the gym or cafeteria. We could get help running it from the HS football team, National Honor Society students, etc. It would be open to the community and you'd just have to register for a timeslot to shop.
  - **Full Experience Fund:** The idea of a fund to help students who aren't able to afford things like yearbooks and school apparel. Parent's could apply or teachers who see the need could submit a student. Parents would have the option to donate to this fund via a box they check on their registration form, etc. At the end of the year, extra funds may be funneled up to high school seniors since they have so many extra costs.
  - **Dances:** Will commence this year and be held in March before spring break.
  - **Directory:** We will create a directory of all registered PTO members who would like to be involved. There will be a box to check during registration saying you would/would not like to be included.
  - **Homecoming:** Waiting to hear if there will be a parade this year. If there is, the school will make a parade float. Possible homecoming carnival for 2022-23 school year. Student clubs at the highschool could each set up a booth. They would need to know during this school year so that they could plan and prep for next year's homecoming.

### **COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS - Discuss the needs based on our meeting**

- **Community Fundraising:** Darcie Parsons ([nordptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nordptotreasurer@gmail.com)) 440-667-5202
  - **Apparel Sales:** Jen Denn ([dennjennifer@gmail.com](mailto:dennjennifer@gmail.com)) 440-309-5321
  - **Book Fair:** Amanda Messer ([nordpto1@gmail.com](mailto:nordpto1@gmail.com)) 440-509-6564
  - **Walk-a-thon/ Kona Ice:**
  - **Cleveland Monsters:** \*\*\*reachout out to Jen Lamoreaux
  - **Community Support Initiative:** Amanda Beres ([arc1681@aol.com](mailto:arc1681@aol.com)) 330-354-7157
  - **Field Day:** Morgan Wachholz ([morgan.wachholz@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.wachholz@gmail.com)) 440-225-8948

- **Homecoming:**
- **Staff Appreciation:** Kimi Allen ([kimiallen514@gmail.com](mailto:kimiallen514@gmail.com))
- **Membership:** Darcie Parsons ([nordptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nordptotreasurer@gmail.com))
- **Social Events:** \*\*\*reaching out to Kelly Dupaski
- **Social Media:** Sarah Kucbel ([sarahkucbel@gmail.com](mailto:sarahkucbel@gmail.com))
- **Reading Club:** Amanda Messer ([nordpto1@gmail.com](mailto:nordpto1@gmail.com))
- **Marcos:** Darcie Parsons ([nordptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nordptotreasurer@gmail.com))
- **PBIS:** Amanda Beres ([arc1681@aol.com](mailto:arc1681@aol.com))
- **Right to Read Week:**

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:44pm

**VOTE to adjourn:** Jill Giovanazzo - 1st Amanda Messer - 2nd