

Nord PTO Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2021
Walter G. Nord School

Meeting order: 6:05PM

Principal and Teacher Report: *Ms. Jiovanazzo*

- ❖ Fall parties- Next Friday. Email just went out to parents asking for volunteers. This is new for Nord. Condensed schedule so that no classes are missed. Parents are asked to bring an activity to run (like a Minute to Win it game). As we grow and get more volunteers we can possibly add more to the parties (ie: snacks, treat bags, etc).
- ❖ Halloween costumes (next Friday) will be allowed for the first time in many years.
- ❖ Pictures and picture re-takes No date from Ripcho yet. They are running behind in production and don't want to give us a date until the proofs have been given to parents.
- ❖ Screens and classroom furniture have been backordered.
- ❖ Report cards are coming out tomorrow. They will be digital only and show up in your PowerSchool parents portal. Grades will look different than previously but we are focusing on growth, this has been a transitional time for kids with the Bridges Math curriculum. It is "common core" but taught differently. Putting together a "Math night" for families to get acquainted with the Bridges program.
- ❖ Thanks to PTO and all parent volunteers for their time at the Book Fair and with the Conference meals.
- ❖ 9-ball-in-the-air kit for \$200 that includes the PVC connection pieces and Mr. Szczepanski will buy the PVC pipes and assemble it for indoor recess coming up soon.
- ❖ Nord shirts will be delivered soon. Over 200 kids ordered them.

President Report: *Amanda Messer (asmesser3@gmail.com; 419-509-6564)*

- ❖ Staff appreciation dinner for Steele High School teachers; Spring 2022 conferences- Offering to all the 3 PTO's about sharing the cost of a meal for the High school conferencing in March. Could come from the apparel sale money or hospitality. Ask Tellier about possibly taking money out of his principals account to pay for upcoming meals before we commit.
- ❖ Classroom parents still needed for: Hostutler, Bartek, Watkin, M. Mullen, Homolya, Liming, Westgate- Room parent will coordinate other classroom volunteers and materials for the teacher. Can also create a directory, or help collect money for teacher gifts, etc.

Treasurer Report: *Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-667-5202)*

- ❖ Bank Balance - \$34,939.77
- ❖ Quickbook Balance- \$34,901.78
- ❖ Outstanding Balance – \$37.99 (PBIS prizes for October)
- ❖ Doing well with the budget.

Marco's Pizza Fundraiser: *Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-667-5202)*

- ❖ October results- Mrs. Liming won with 8 orders. We will call Marcos the next day next month to get instant results for the class results. \$163.42 was raised
- ❖ Future Dates: 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4

Reading Club: *Amanda Messer (asmesser3@gmail.com; 419-509-6564)*

- ❖ October calendars were sent out, due to ELA teachers on 11/1- Ordered the prizes and should be here in about a week. Next month their prize is an ink pen. Next after that might be highlighters.
- ❖ October prizes were ordered this week

Staff Appreciation: *Kimi Allen (kimiallen514@gmail.com)*

- ❖ Conference dinners Jimmy Johns on night #1 and then night #2 was Your Deli paprikas and sandwiches. The staff really appreciated having a hot meal.
- ❖ November ideas? Pies again, or fall themed gourmet popcorn, apple cider, flavored coffee. Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving would be a good to run that cart. It can be laid out in the tables for them to come to on their own time, or volunteers can drive the cart around and get people excited with the big streamers etc.

PBIS *Amanda Beres (arc1681@aol.com; 330-354-7157)*

- ❖ Requesting more \$10 GC for teachers. They also need containers to take the candy to each class, and we need 24 of them. We will take that money out of the PBIS budget.
- ❖ Candy wise, they are replenishing as needed.
- ❖ Possibly doing spirit week or spirit days tailored to behaviors we want to enforce. Next Wednesday we will do "Put bullying to rest" and kids can wear their PJ's to school. Kids are also signing a non-bullying pledge.

Community Support: *Amanda Beres (arc1681@aol.com; 330-354-7157)*

- ❖ If teachers can find time, we could make cards for 1st responders and hospital workers to hand out near Thanksgiving. Or possibly a large mural or banner to deliver to the hospitals, etc. We will check with Powers to see where they are donating their cards so that we can fill in other places.
- ❖ 2nd Harvest approached her about doing a coin drive, and we will wait until February as a Valentine's day drive.
- ❖ A student brought up raising money for the Quigley museum because it was damaged when a truck hit it.

Book Fair: *Amanda Messer (asmesser3@gmail.com; 419-509-6564)*

- ❖ Future proposed date: October 4-7, 2022
- ❖ Profit: \$2039.58
- ❖ Will convert some of the proceeds to scholastic dollars (worth 2x more than cash) for the library
- ❖ Voting Options:
 - SD: \$3079.16; Cash: \$500
 - SD: \$2479.16; Cash: \$800
 - SD: \$2079.16; Cash: \$1000
 - SD: \$1079.16; Cash: \$1500
 - SD: \$79.16; Cash: \$2000
 - What catalog are we able to choose from with the Scholastic dollars? In the past we had a hard time spending the Scholastic dollars because there were rules on how we could spend them. We will forward the catalog to Mrs. Wagner to see what she wants to do. November 5th the form is due with our decision.
 - We voted to let Mrs. Wagner and Amanda Messer make the decision. — Morgan Wachholz motioned & Amanda Beres seconds.

Spring apparel sale:

AJH would like to run a spring apparel sale - with the same company? Powers likes to use them because the return profit is very good. But, the orders are very backed up with now.

Powers is also going to do a green/yellow tie die with their classes grad year. Each school would have to take care of their own orders so that they could pay for their grade level screens. But there will be one main contact at the company for the 3 schools

Committee/Chairperson Openings:

- ❖ Kalahari- Voted to keep it a "no" at this time. We will re-evaluate after the holidays.

Wizards:

Tentative date is April, but it's risky because it could be cancelled. We have the option of "Wiz Fit" where kids register and then it's like a walk-a-thon where you raise money and then the team tells the kids what they have to do, and then they tier up one level after another and get prizes from the Wizards. That's an option if we postpone the game until Next fall. — Nord votes to pass on "Wiz Fit"

Future Meeting Dates:

- ❖ 6pm in the Nord Media Center and via Zoom (Meeting ID: 270 191 1225)
- ❖ 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS

Community Fundraising: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com) 440-667-5202

- **Apparel Sales:** Jen Denn (dennjennifer@gmail.com) 440-309-5321
- **Book Fair:** Amanda Messer (nordpto1@gmail.com) 419-509-6564
- **Walk-a-thon/ Kona Ice:** Jessica Glowacki (
- **Cleveland Monsters:** Kelly Dupasky
- **Kalahari:** Not needed this year

Community Support Initiative: Amanda Beres (arc1681@aol.com) 330-354-7157

Social Events – No dances this year

Field Day: Morgan Wachholz (morgan.wachholz@gmail.com) 440-225-8948

Homecoming: Amanda Messer (nordpto1@gmail.com) 419-509-6564

Staff Appreciation: Kimi Allen (kimiallen514@gmail.com)

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2021-2022 Board Members:

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Principal: Jill Jiovanazzo (jill_jiovanazzo@amherstk12.org)

Meeting adjourned: 7:00PM , Darcie Parsons motioned & Amanda Beres seconds.