

**Nord PTO Board Meeting Agenda
January 13, 2021
Walter G. Nord School**

Meeting order: 6:03pm

Principal Report: Ms. Jiovanazzo

- February parties:
 - Will be held on February 14th.
 - Room parents will gather volunteers and set up the parties. Each class needs 4 volunteers to run activities, and then anything above that they choose to do (snack, goodie bags, water, etc.)
- Field trips:
 - 4th grade has several field trips coming up.
 - A free trip with the Metro Parks about the Underground Railroad.
 - They will go see “Dino Light” for \$7 with the Cleveland Playhouse Theaters.
 - The biggest one will be a chartered bus trip (with a guide) to Columbus for an extended day trip. It will cost \$99 per student.
- Memorial Garden for Mrs. Raesler and other teacher/staff members:
 - Mrs. Raesler Passed away in December after a hard fought battle with Cancer. Over the past several years there have been a number of beloved staff members who have passed away. We will be creating a memorial garden space in honor of all of those staff members for the students and staff can enjoy during nice weather.
 - Donations will need to be collected for the project.

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

- Superintendent’s meeting is scheduled for 1/14/2022.
- Amherst PTOs provided cookies, food gift card, and a note to Sergeant Bowers, and Officers Lamb and Ford for Law Enforcement Day. The cost was split between 3 PTOs
- Board membership:
 - Since the Nord PTO President and Secretary were just sworn into the School Board this month we are willing to step down if the group feels that it’s a conflict of interest to serve on both boards. Sarah Yoder spoke to say she felt it was a conflict of interest. Teri Burich said she feels the opposite and that if we’re willing to continue doing the work she’s happy to have us finish out the year. Principal Jiovanazzo and other PTO board members are ok keeping the same board on for the remainder of the year. According to our bylaws, if the President is asked to step down, the Vice President will move up to finish the year & stay on for the following school year.

Motion to vote on Board members finishing out the year - 1st Teri Burich, 2nd Kelly Dupasky

A silent vote (10/3) states that the Board members will stay for the remainder of the year vs. stepping down immediately.

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

- Bank Balance - \$28,597.91
- Quickbook Balance- \$28,597.91
- Outstanding Balance – none

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

- January results – Liming's class won with 14 orders and Bartek's class came 2nd with 9 orders; Donation amount \$431.87
- Idea to boost sales – on the day of, post a sign at Amherst Marco's asking or reminding parents to give a homeroom teacher's name on their order
- Update future fliers and announcements with store address and phone number; parents have been using the Lorain location instead of Amherst
- Will we do the student boxes this year?
 - Yes. It's a big money maker and we could split it up 4th grade one month and 5th grade the next (March and April)
- Future Dates: 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4
- It would be nice if we could get the coupons/reminder papers ahead of Marco's night. We will try to get the papers out on Monday of Marco's week for the remainder of the year.

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

- January calendars were sent out, due to ELA teachers on 2/4
- December prizes were distributed

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

- December was a pastry charcuterie board, cocoa bar, and wrapping paper & tape as a gift for the teachers. It was very well received.
- January the teacher's lounge was restocked. We refilled the lounge with coffee, coffee mix-ins, crackers, granola bars, and other snacks.
- February conferences 2/16 - conference meals?
 - Costco and Target have offered us gift cards to help cover the meal. Costco will do the catering. We may be able to cover the whole meal with that and not need to create a Sign Up Genius for parent donations. We are waiting to hear what the dollar amount is on those donation cards.

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

- Top 25% of each class (January 1-28) can participate in special activities at the end of January
- One of those events is an Ice Cream Party. We will ask DQ about giving us a deal on mini cakes. We'll also check with George's Tin Roof to ask about donations.

- Looking for small PBIS prizes that aren't candy. Some ideas are small novelty erasers, bookmarks, and Oriental Trading Co goodies.
- Discussed taking teacher requests for the specific gift card they would like once they've won. That way they can spend it on supplies, lunch, etc. of their choosing.
- Not PBIS specific but — Mr Stevens would like donations of gym shoes in a range of sizes (range of a sizes 1-9), also gloves, hats, coats. These would be used when students forget appropriate shoes on gym day or don't dress warmly for outdoor gym/recess.

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

- Update on mural art project for first responders
 - They have been delivered.
- February ideas – joint event with Second Harvest
 - “Love Your Community” coin drive. There would be a bucket in each classroom to collect change. We will set a school goal with a big tracker near the office. If the goal is reached then perhaps a prize for the whole school (like a hat day or something along those lines) for February 14th. We will collect the money the week before Valentine's day. Room parents can blast the information out. Amanda Beres will keep track of the daily totals.

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

- Flyer distributed and sign up genius created for 50/50 raffle volunteers (20)
- Room parents need to push the volunteer link. The volunteers will be selling 50/50 and standing at the kiosk. They encourage you to work the entire game. 1:00-1:15 is arrival time for 50/50 volunteers so you can be trained before the doors open. There's also a second game that we will be needing volunteers to sell 50/50 at for a profit to the school.
- Date is secured for February 5th at 3:00pm game
- There's a \$6 meal deal at the concession stand.
- Apparel sale:
 - This is a district wide fundraiser. Heather Hatten at AJH will head it up, but asks for a contact from each school. Amanda Walker will be the Nord contact.
 - Looking for a local company to use for the products this time.
 - Motion to participate - 1st Teri Burich, Amanda Walker 2nd
- Mama Joe's Pies
 - This is a district wide fundraiser.
 - Teri Burich is the taking the lead on this sale.
 - Students will sell \$10 Mama Joe's gift cards. The school gets \$2.50 from each card sold. The cards do not expire.
 - Planning to sell them from March 28th to April 06, right after Spring Break. The cards will be sorted and ready to deliver before Easter.

- Payment options will be check, cash, or “Friends and family” Venmo in one payment from the seller.
- Walk-a-thon date is May 23rd. Jessica Glowacki is the committee chairperson. We need to get the Kona Ice truck secured for that date ASAP. They will be stationed at the park.

Future Meeting Dates:

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

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS

Community Fundraising: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com)
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- **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 this school 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)

Membership: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com)

Social Media: Sarah Kucbel (sarahkucbel@gmail.com)

Reading Club: Amanda Messer (nordpto1@gmail.com)

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2021-2022 Board Members:

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

Vice President: Amanda Beres (ARC91681@aol.com; 330-354-7157)

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

Secretary: Morgan Wachholz (morgan.wachholz@gmail.com; 440-225-8948)

Principal: Jill Jiovanazzo (jill_jiovanazzo@amherstk12.org)

Meeting adjourned: 7:08pm

Motion to adjourn: 1st Amanda Beres, 2nd Lissette Pagan