

Nord PTO Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 2018 at 6pm

Meeting order: 6:08

BOARD

Teacher Report: No report

President: Sarah Yoder (nordpto1@gmail.com; 330-698-0244)

- Vote for additional positions for 2018-2019
 - Secretary: Dawn Clappas (dclappas@gmail.com; 440-983-7776)
 - Social Events: Darci Parsons and Heather Pearch
 - Fundraising: OPEN

§ Sarah Crosby made a motion to approve and Lauren Price seconded. Vote: Yes.

- Review proposed Bylaws- Sarah Yoder presented the new PTO Bylaws. They would be emailed to every PTO member for every school. Sarah Crosby presented the idea to wait until at least 2 meetings (Oct) to vote on Bylaws to give every PTO member a chance to review the new Bylaws. This would also help to include more members who have not joined yet, as it is the beginning of the school year. Due to some concerns with the Bylaws, Miss. Jiovanazzo suggested we set up a district-wide PTO Bylaws meeting to allow the opportunity for all members to discuss them. Everyone was in agreement.

- Membership for 2018-2019
 - All online with online payment options- It was suggested to still offer a paper membership form for those who don't want to register online.
 - Birthday Grams- Ginny Crow- Registering families will have a birthday gram sent to their child(ren) on either their birthday, or half-birthday.
 - Staff Certificate with membership- A sign will be placed by each teacher's classroom door to recognize their PTO membership.
 - Calendar of PTO Events and Emails- All events and meetings will be on Google calendar which will be emailed to all members.

- Walk a Thon- We still need a committee leader. Will be held September 14th from 8:30-10:30. We will need volunteers to help count money and award prizes after.

- Nord Open House- A sign up sheet was available for those who could help. We need at least 5 volunteers for both slots of open houses to help parents sign up and fill out form for PTO membership on computers/iPads. We need two people to take money and record paid membership. It was suggested that a \$25 Target gift card be raffled off at open house for a homeroom teacher. When a parent signed up for PTO membership, they would get a raffle ticket(s) (if more than one child) to enter that child's homeroom teacher's name.

Christine George made a motion to approve and Melissa Thompson seconded. Instead Nancy P offered to make the supply cake as it would be more impactful. Vote: Yes

· Conference Raffle- Talked about doing a Chinese Raffle during conferences but would need to be sure raffle prizes were not the same as other rewards.

- Extra Recess
- Donut Party
- Eat lunch with a staff member
- VIP Lunch Table
- Eat lunch with your child
- Lunch with Officer Layfield
- Lunch with the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
- Lunch with the Principal or Dean of Students
- First in line for lunch
- Other donations from parents- Homework pass
- Other ideas?

· Construction Update- Mr. Sayers gave an update about the new Powers School at the PTO Presidents meeting on Monday, Aug 13th. The construction crew is on schedule, as long as weather permits, and will be open for the 2019/2020 school year.

· Powers Fundraiser- Wizards Game on October 9, 2018- Darcie Parsons spoke about the event and asked that everyone share the event info to spread the word. This is a community event, and all are welcome. All funds raised will go towards upgraded surface for the new Powers School playground.

Vice President: Joan Leibacher (joanleibacher@gmail.com; 440-222-6866)

No report

Treasurer: Jen Denn (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-309-5321)

Reviewed the 2018-2019 Budget

- Discussed keeping Reading Club to all grade levels and still have grade level award programs (3rd TBD by teachers.)

Gave Playground Updates - The JVS students will be putting in new Gaga Ball Pit mid September 2018.

§ Sarah Crosby made a motion to approve the budget and Darcie Parsons seconded. Vote Yes.

Secretary: Dawn Clappas (dclappas@gmail.com; 440-983-7776)

· Please sign in on the attendance sheet.

§ Sarah Crosby made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes, Darcie Parsons seconded the motion. Vote: Yes

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS

Book Fair: Lauren Price (laurenmfries@hotmail.com; 440-453-5053)

Next book fair is week of fall conferences, October 3rd & 11th. From 3-8pm. There will hopefully be no tables and scholastic will provide locks for the shelving units.

We have decided to change to cash from Scholastic Books instead of Scholastic cash. We have a lot of books and could use the cash to buy books for students easier.

Miss Jiovanazzo asked if the PTO could use current Scholastic Dollars to purchase electric pencil sharpeners for teachers.

§ Sarah Crosby made a motion to approve, Darcie Parsons seconded the motion. Vote: Yes

Community Fundraising (Marcos, Box Tops, Coke Rewards, Giant Eagle, Amazon):

Christina Zilko (cmzilko@icloud.com; 440-453-4903)

- Marco's Pizza Night:
- Marco's Pizza BOX Night: Dates and coordinate with Mrs. Glowacki - The only change suggested is instead of having each grade do a night in the same week, have them do a grade each month.
- Box Tops: Comet kids helped out last year sorting, etc., and will do so again this year.
- Coke Rewards:
- Giant Eagle:
- Amazon:

Sarah Crosby will head up the Crayola Marker Recycle initiative in each school. We receive no money for this but it is a way to give back to our community and help our earth.

-We will participate at the Discount Drug Mart customer appreciation hotdog cookout on Saturday Oct 6th from 11am-2pm. All donations will benefit all the Amherst Exempted Village PTO's. Will need 2 more volunteers. Contact Dawn Clappas @ dclappas@gmail.com if you can help. Looking for a Powers PTO member to represent them.

Community Support Initiative: *Jen Denn (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-309-5321) and Christina Zilko(cmzilko@icloud.com; 440-453-4903)*

Going to promote Family First Nights on Nov 14th and March 20th were we will encourage no homework or practices/games so families can spend time together.

Working on a schedule for the year and students who participate will receive Comet Cash.

Homecoming: *Melissa Thompson (mthompson216@yahoo.com; 440-308-7785)* Will be Oct 5th. Will need to come up with a float. The idea was floated around that we incorporate Nord School's motto: "One team, One goal".

Field Day: *Jen Wolf (jlynn6@yahoo.com; 330-687-8205)*

The dates for Field Day are: May 24th. All grades will participate on the same day. Half will go in the morning from 8:30-10:30 and the other half in afternoon from 11:30-1:30. TBD how it will be split.

Hospitality/Staff Appreciation: *Nancy Penano (nancypenano@hotmail.com; 440-787-3958)*

Welcome back breakfast for teachers and staff at Thursdays staff meeting (8/16).

Membership/Birthday Grams: *Ginny Crow (aydrien2017@gmail.com; 440-654-3982)*

See notes above under **Membership for 2018-2019**

Social Media: Sarah Yoder, (nordpto1@gmail.com; 330-698-0244), Jen Denn (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-309-5321), and Erin Kinser (erin_kinser@amherstk12.org)

- Make sure to "Like" and share FB posts
- Make sure to retweet our tweets

Kalahari: Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

- Summer Kalahari Update- We sold about 68 tickets and made \$245

Monsters: Sarah Crosby (srhcrosby@gmail.com; 440-396-8174)

Game will be Jan 6th. More details to follow.

Apparel Sales: Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

Will be online more details to follow..

Reading Club: Sarah Crosby (srhcrosby@gmail.com; 440-396-8174), Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com), and Nancy Penano (nancypenano@hotmail.com; 440-787-3958)

It was discussed in the Budget doing some sort of reward program for each grade level (i.e. AR for 4th and Math for 5th). Sarah Crosby suggested we still do reading club for all grades and to see if a 3rd grade teacher would like to organize another reward program for 3rd graders. Miss. Jiovanazzo said she would bring it up at the faculty meeting.

Walk a thon: Sarah Yoder

- See above

Social Events: Heather Perch (pearch896@gmail.com, 724-312-9704) and Darcie Parsons (darcia16@hotmail.com, 440-667-5202)

March 1st will be the girls' Me and My Special Guy dance; and March 8th will be the boys' Me and My Special Gal dance.

Will be hosted at Nord this year.

Other issues to discuss:

- Opt out Fundraiser?? Discussed this option and decided the Walk a thon is our opt out option, and there is an option on the sign up that you do not wish to volunteer at this time.
- Crayola Marker Recycling Program- Sarah Crosby
- Art Show dates- April 16th at 6.00PM. Set up will be revamped. More info coming soon.

Principal: Miss Jiovanazzo

Miss Jiovanazzo thanked the PTO for all of the support during the difficult time last year. She also thanked them for all the teacher appreciation meals and other support provided over the year. It is very much appreciated. She also discussed other topics already noted above, such as

event dates and Scholastic Book Fair changes. She also discussed open house procedures and how each grade will meet in the gym for a brief introduction from her. The 5th graders will meet in the gym first, and then proceed to their classrooms. The 4th graders will meet with their teachers first, and then proceed to the gym.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05PM

Next meeting will be Sept. 12th at 9:00 AM in cafeteria