

**Nord PTO Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2018 at 6pm
Nord Middle School**

Meeting order: 6:02 p.m

Principal: Miss Jiovanazzo

- ❖ Thank you PTO for the hallway signs. They are all hung up, (except for a couple that needed to be redone or figured out how to hang) and look wonderful.
- ❖ Thank you for the GoPro camera. Staff has used it to show a day in the life of students, the 5th graders at Camp Fitch and took video at the Wizards game.
- ❖ Thank you for providing food for staff members at both nights of conferences. It is much appreciated.
- ❖ We have decided to purchase the book *Shiloh* for the entire school as part of Right to Read week. Scholastic dollars will be used to cover the cost.
- ❖ Very excited with the progress of the Gaga Ball Pit. Several students have used their Comet Cash to win the opportunity to help the JVS students build the pit. We are also looking into adding either King's Court or 9 Square to the playground.
- ❖ We still need volunteers for the Comet Cash Store during lunch periods (10am-1:15pm)

Teacher Report: Miss Wisnor is organizing a field trip for the 3rd graders to see the play, *Amber Brown is not a Crayon*, at the LCCC Stocker Center. The trip will take about 2½ hours with travel time. There will be about 235 people. Would require 5 buses at \$35.60 per hour, per bus, for a total of about \$450. Would come out of the 3rd grade class field trip fund.

BOARD:

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

- ❖ Membership for 2018/19 -no update
- ❖ Tammy Lacey asked for a \$50-\$100 donation for food for the mime MLS theater is hiring. There will be a performance on Jan 19th. It was decided to give \$100.
~Tonya Puhalla made a motion to approve, Traci Patton seconded. Vote: Yes
- ❖ Teacher grant requests:
 - Ms. Wisnor asked for \$26.95 for timers and an expandable ball to help with time management and breathing exercises.
 - Mrs. Kauffman asked for a \$20 Itunes card for music for videos she is making with the GoPro camera.**~Tonya Puhalla made a motion to approve, Traci Patton seconded. Vote: Yes**

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

- ❖ Suggested we advertise who provided food for the conferences.

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

- ❖ Reviewed 2018-2019 Budget
- ❖ Gaga Ball Pit is coming along. JVS has been working on completing it along with a few student helpers. T3 donated the turf, and will be installed soon. We would like to buy the JVS students pizza on the last day they are here.
- ❖ VFW Donation - There will be a Honor Guard Ceremony to dedicate the new flag on either November 7th or 8th. We will give the boy scouts the old flag for proper disposal.

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

- ❖ Please sign in on the attendance sheet
- ❖ **~Ms. Wisnor made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes, Ms. J seconded. Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Drug Mart Fundraiser: The Discount Drug Mart Customer Appreciation hotdog cookout was a success. We collected \$330 in donations. Each PTO will receive \$110.

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS

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

- ❖ Next book fair is October 11th from 3pm-8pm in front lobby. We need a few more sign ups to help. All pre orders are in and books have been restocked.

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

- ❖ Marco's Pizza Box Night- Tonya Puhalla
 - Dates are all set. 3rd grade-Oct 17th; 4th grade-Oct 24th; 5th grade-Nov 7th
- ❖ Amazon Smile: We will now have one account between the three schools and will split three ways.

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

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

May 24th - all grades ½ morning (8:30am - 10:30am) ½ afternoon (11:30am-1:30pm)Class schedule TBD after the first of the year

Hospitality/Staff Appreciation:Dawn Bott and Joan Leibacher (joanleibacher@gmail.com; 440-222-6866)

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

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)
Be sure to "Like" and share FB posts and retweet our tweets

Kalahari: Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

The date will be Nov 9th and the cost will be \$20 per person

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

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

- ❖ We will be teaming up with all three schools for the Holiday apparel sale.

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

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)

The Me and My Special Guy dance for the girls will be March 1st and the Me and My Special Gal dance for the boys will be March 8th. Both dances will be held at Nord.

Other items to discuss:

- ❖ Sarah Yoder shared thank you notes the PTO received.
- ❖ Traci Patton asked if the children will be allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school this year. It was decided that no costumes would be worn and students would have the opportunity to participate in Right to Read Week activities the week of October 29th instead. There will be different spirit activities each day.
- ❖ The apparel online store through Sportshut is up and running. Fliers were sent home. They are offering free shipping for 2 weeks from Oct 12th-26th. It will be open year round.
- ❖ We are working with Zietlows on the design and furniture for the new media center.
- ❖ Traci Patton asked about Amherst's District Report card. Ms. J said there has been district wide discussions about areas that need to be improved. One area the district is proud of is the Value Added score. Amherst's score was good meaning students have grown more than expected.

Meeting adjourned: 6:50pm

Next meeting will be November 14th @ 9:00am