

**Nord PTO Meeting Minutes
February 13th 2019 @ 6pm
Nord Middle School**

Meeting order: 6:06 PM

Principal: Ms. Jiovanazzo

(not in attendance. Mrs. Engle was in attendance and represented her)

- ❖ The 5th graders met with their counselor to schedule classes online for next year. Move up day to visit AJH is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd.
- ❖ Bowling permission slips went home for the 5th graders.
- ❖ Library updates will total around \$84,000. The PTO was asked to donate \$25,000 towards the updates. With the opening of the new Powers school being delayed until January of 2020, the district has decided to postpone our library updates until the summer of 2020. Therefore, Mrs. J asked if the PTO could donate the \$25,000 now, so the shelves and circulation desk could be purchased, hopefully by Spring Break. This would allow more students to enjoy some of the updates while still at Nord. With the success of the Coupon Book fundraiser, there are funds available to be able to approve the donation now.
- ~**Darcie Parsons made a motion to approve, Dawn Clappas seconded. Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Hopefully questions about the new Power's school opening, how they will handle the third grade transition to the new school, and any other question will be answered at the State of the Schools address on April 12th.

Teacher Report: none

BOARD:

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

- ❖ Me and My Guy/Girl Dances
 - 21 of 32 spots filled for volunteers minus the executive board who will all be available to help.
 - There are enough volunteers so the dances will go on as scheduled. Thank you to all the volunteers. Darcie will be working on flyers that will go home with every student with the dance information. There will be two flyers, one for the boys, and one for the girls.
 - Studio Q will be providing photography services. We will add the prices/package information on the flyers going home.
- ❖ KidStuff Coupon Books
 - We are in need of volunteers to sell books at conferences tomorrow night at Nord and Powers (if possible).
 - Homeroom teachers will receive a free coupon book after all orders have been processed. Thank you for your help in making it a HUGE success!
 - Extra recess will be done at a later date when it is warmer outside.

- T Shirts prizes will be submitted after the fundraiser is officially done. I would expect a minimum of 3 weeks after that date due to volume of students who earned them as a prize.

❖ Grants

- Teacher Aides have requested two heavy duty 3 hole punch. I found one Amazon for \$21.99 each with 5 star reviews. So total would \$46.94 with tax.
~Joan Leibacher made a motion to approve, Corrie Engle seconded. Vote: Yes
- Carol Daniels: I have purchased materials and made 8 weighted neck wraps and 2 weighted lap wraps. These items have been shown to help calm students with escalating behaviors and help retain focus during academic activities. Online these items vary in cost from \$20-\$50 each. I have made 10 items for less than \$5 each. Each wrap weighs 2.5 lbs and is made with a soft yet durable cotton fabric. All are filled with hypoallergenic pellets which are securely sewn in the wrap and are machine washable for hygiene safety. Thank you for considering my grant.
 - Total Requested: \$49.71**~Darcie Parsons made a motion to approve, Joan Leibacher seconded. Vote: Yes**

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

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

- ❖ Bank Account Balance: \$ 53,437.29
- ❖ Checkbook Balance: \$ 52,975.48

Transactions since Jan Meeting:

- Deposits: \$12,882.62 (\$12,096 Coupon Books and Donations, \$756.66 Apparel Sale, \$28.88 Marco's)
- Payments : \$885.05 (all within budget/approved at meetings - listed in register attached)
- Coupon Book Sales - we have collected for 597 books/orders and have 150 books still unpaid for and not returned

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

- ❖ Please sign in on the attendance sheet
- ❖ **~Sarah Yoder made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes, Joan Leibacher seconded. Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Please email me any agenda information by the Monday before the PTO meeting.

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS

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

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

- ❖ Marco's Pizza Box Night- Tonya Puhalla
- ❖ 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)

Community Events planned for Jan - April

- flyers sent home/on website/available here

- ❖ We have scheduled 1 event for each month and then 2 specific donation drives.
- ❖ Students earn comet cash when they attend volunteer events.
- ❖ If they choose to volunteer on their own, they can fill out the "[Volunteer on Own](#)" form online to get credit to earn the comet cash.
- ❖ Donations received for prizes will be included in the Comet Cash store.

Nordson Foundation already donated:

- 4 Rock Hall tickets
- 4 Science Center tickets
- Crushers Suite

Neighborhood Alliance -They are in need of Pillows and Sheets, so we have listed a donation drive clearly identifying NEW items or gift cards so we can take them with us the night of the event.

Canned Food Drive - I thought we could limit it to the 1 week and identify a GOAL of 2000 cans! If we reach our goal we can work on a SWEET treat to award on the following Monday. We will hold the canned food drive the 1st week of March.

Field Day: Jen Wolf (jynn6@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)

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

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

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

Walk a thon: *Sarah Yoder*

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

- ❖ Me and My Gal dance for the boys is March 1st and the Me and My Guy dance for the girls is March 8th. Both dances will be held at Nord. We have enough volunteers and will proceed with the dance. See above under President's report for further details.

Meeting adjourned: 7:17 PM

Next meeting will be March 13th at 9:00 am.