

**Nord PTO Meeting Agenda
January 9th, 2019
Nord Middle School**

Meeting order: 9:05 am

Principal: Ms. Jiovanazzo

- ❖ Thank you, PTO, for the Christmas gifts. It was very thoughtful and appreciated.
- ❖ Update on Media Center: In the meeting with Mr. Sayers to talk about the transitions and building assignments for next year when the new Powers building opens up, they discussed maybe keeping the 3rd graders at Nord the whole year instead of having them move in January. Third grade would then move to the new school for the 2020/2021 school year. A "Listening Center" is scheduled for current second grade families on Jan. 30th @ 5:00pm and Jan. 31st @7:00pm to discuss the options for next year's third graders. With the third graders staying at Nord for at least half the year, if not the entire year, we would like to put a hold on all of Nord's improvements, including the media center, until 2020. The total budget of the new media center will be about \$70,000. The PTO was asked if it could donate at least \$25,000 over the course of the project, and the district would cover the rest. However, if the PTO could provide the funds for the new bookshelves soon, we could get those ordered now instead of waiting for them. All other furniture and updates would come later. The total cost for the bookshelves is about \$14,000. \$22,000 including the desk.

Teacher Report:

- ❖ Mrs. Engle
 - The MAAP testing results are coming in, and we're seeing growth.
 - The 5th graders are preparing to go to the turnpike plaza as a reward for meeting certain math requirements. They also toured the High School's CLC

BOARD:

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

- ❖ The PTO would like to provide cookies to the staff at Nord to thank them for their contributions towards earning the Momentum Reward. We couldn't have received it without everyone's dedication to the students. The cost of the cookies is \$1.50 per cookie, for a total of about \$120.

~Miss J. made a motion to approve, Jenn Den seconded. Vote: Yes

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

(not in attendance)

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

- ❖ Bank Account Balance: \$41,303.21
- ❖ Checkbook Balance: \$40,977.91 (\$325.30 outstanding checks)

Transactions since Nov Meeting:

- Deposits: \$1,064.54 (\$643.25 Marco's, \$365.40 Box Tops, \$45 Donations, \$8.81 Amazon Smile, \$0.99 Interest)
 - Payments \$1,003.21 (all within budget/approved at meetings - listed in register attached)
 - ❖ We would like to do a coupon book fundraiser to raise funds for the library updates. The coupon books would cost \$25 each, and the PTO would get \$12.50. Each student would be sent home with a book to sell, and an order form to order more books. If the student doesn't sell the book, they simply return it to the school. There are many rewards for each student to earn, depending on how many books they sell as well as rewards for the school. There is also an app you can download, once you purchase the book, that has coupons as well. It was decided to order 850 books, one for each student and then additional ones would be ordered as needed.
- ~Ms. J made a motion to approve the fundraiser, Mrs. Engle seconded. Vote: Yes**

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

- ❖ Please sign in on the attendance sheet
 - ❖ No minutes last month due to cancelled meeting. But we do need to make a motion to waive the reading of November's meeting minutes.
- ~Mrs. Engle made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, Ms. J 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) and Christina Zilko (cmzilko@icloud.com; 440-453-4903)

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) There was discussion to change the schedule to three, 1½ hour sessions instead of splitting a class. Ms. J and Mr. Stevens will provide a schedule soon. There will be no parent spectators this year. We do need parent volunteers to help with the games. Parents are encouraged to sign up to help, and they will be able to see their student at their station.

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.

Meeting adjourned: 9:50am

Next meeting will be February 13th @ 6:00pm