

**Nord PTO Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2018 at 9am
Nord Middle School**

Meeting order: 9:00am

BOARD

Teacher Report:

- ❖ Breanna Wisnor represented the 3rd grade classes. She inquired about the budget to see if it would be possible for the PTO to sponsor a dance assembly. Spark Theater Co. would come in and put on a show for the entire school; costing \$200 for the day. North Point Ballet Co. would be able to put on either one show, for \$150, for just the 3rd graders, or 3 shows, one for each grade level, for \$300. North Point does a really nice job of getting the kids involved in their shows. The funds would come from the Teacher/class Field Trip Fund. We also discussed the 3rd grade Quiggly Museum field trip. The District will pay for the buses because it follows the 3rd grade curriculum.
- ❖ Erica Kauffman inquired about purchasing a GoPro camera to help highlight school activities and promote the school and PTO. Any teacher/staff member can use it for the entire school. This would come from a teacher gant. Estimated cost: \$200

~Tonya Puhalla made a motion to approve, Heather Hatten seconded. Vote: Yes

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

- ❖ Mrs. Von K will be DJing the school dances and requested an iTunes card to purchase songs. She would start with a \$50 card

~Lauren Price made a motion to approve, Melissa Thompson seconded. Vote: Yes

- ❖ The email from Mr. Sayers regarding the PTO Bylaws was read:
“ I have reviewed and been in communication with our Principals regarding the PTO bylaws. We have decided that we are going to stick with the current set of bylaws (see attached) for at least this school year. Once we move to our PreK-3 and 4-5 configuration, that may be a good time to review and update bylaws in collaboration with the PTO's. As always, thanks so much for your work and support of our schools!!”
- ❖ Membership for 2018/19
 - As of 9/11/18 177 families and 56 staff
 - Total 233
- ❖ Walk a Thon
 - September 14th from 8:30am-11:00am
 - Will need help counting money and awarding prizes afterwards

- Please sign up to walk with your child or work at a water station
- ❖ Nord Open House
 - Thank you Nancy and Michelle for making the “School Supply Cake”. It got lots of compliments and it drew people over to the table. Mrs. Dever won the “Cake”.
 - 69 people signed up that evening
- ❖ Conference Raffles

Would still like to hold a Chinese auction. If anyone has any prize ideas or know anyone or any business that would like to donate items or make up baskets, please let us know.
- ❖ Hallway signs to hang outside teachers’ doors to be purchased from Sign Pro.
 - 68 signs x \$14.50 (we put vinyl on) = \$986.00 + 70 sets of hardware x \$2.40 = \$168.00 = **\$1154.00 total**
 - 68 signs x \$19.50 (they put vinyl on) = \$1326.00 + 70 sets of hardware x \$2.40 = \$168.00 = **\$1494.00 total**

~Melissa Thompson made a motion to approve having them put the vinyl on, Annette Kunakowsky seconded. Vote: Yes

- ❖ Teacher Grant Requests
 - Lauren Lee requested 5 Kid’s Stay-N-Play Children’s Balance Ball with Stay Put Legs including air pump for \$19.98 each = \$99.90 total request

~Tonya Puhalla made a motion to approve, Heather Hatten seconded. Vote: Yes

- ❖ Sarah Herold represented the Recess aids and requested funds to purchase new playground equipment and cart (*see agenda notes) for a rough estimate of \$570.04, not including iPad or crafts. After reviewing the playground budget, it was determined there will be roughly \$1189.08 left after the Gaga Ball pit expenses, although more money may be needed for the pit. The funds for the playground equipment will be available and will be determined at a later date if it will come from the playground account, a teacher grant, or general funds. A \$1,000.00 budget was suggested.

~Tonya Puhalla made a motion to approve, Lauren Price seconded. Vote: Yes

- ❖ Update on Birthday Grams: We decided to supply one for every child. The money would come from the membership fund and the aids are working on completing the rest.

- ❖ Amherst Schools PTO Shirts Order Form- orders are due September 21st

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

*Not in attendance

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

- ❖ Reviewed 2018-2019 Budget
- ❖ Playground update: All materials have been purchased. JVS will start assembling it soon. The turf is being donated by T3.
- ❖ VFW Donation - Maintenance had a new flag for the outside flagpole. They also installed a new light on the front of the school to shine on the flag. The \$1,000 donation by the VFW went towards purchasing a new flag for the gym and hardware for the flag pole outside. There will be a Honor Guard Ceremony to dedicate the new flag on either November 7th or 8th.

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

- ❖ Please sign in on the attendance sheet
- ❖ **~Lauren Price** made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes, **Heather Hatten** seconded. **Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Drug Mart Fundraiser: The Discount Drug Mart Customer Appreciation hotdog cookout will be held on Saturday, Oct 6th from 11am-2pm. All donations will be split between the 3 Amherst Schools PTO's.

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS

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

- ❖ Next book fair is week of fall conferences, October 3rd & 11th from 3pm-8pm in front lobby.
- ❖ The electric pencil sharpeners were ordered for teachers who requested them using the Scholastic Dollars.

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

- ❖ Marco's Pizza Box Night- Need to decide dates and coordinate with Mrs. Glowacki
- ❖ 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)

- ❖ Second Harvest- This year we will be able to choose any day of the week so we will try to pick a few different evenings to hopefully accommodate more families.

Homecoming: *Melissa Thompson* (mthompson216@yahoo.com; 440-308-7785)

We will use Sarah Yoder's truck and Darcie Parson's trailer. We have ordered two 2'x4' banners for each side of the trailer. Mrs. J asked to change the school on the banners to Walter G. Nord School (see agenda pic). The Executive Board previously voted to approve a \$25 budget increase to pay for float decorations and candy. We will meet in the back parking lot at Nord at 3:30 on Oct 5th for final float preparations. Anyone wishing to ride on the float should meet at the Board of Education parking lot at 4:00.

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

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* (srhcrosby@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.
- ❖ Mrs. J is also setting up an online apparel sale through Sportshut. You can go onto Nordspiritware.com and choose from many different styles, colors, and sizes and have it shipped directly to you. She will notify everyone when the site is up and running.

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*

- 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:

- ❖ The Powers PTO is still selling tickets for the Wizards Game on October 9, 2018. All funds raised will go towards upgraded surface for the playground. Please see Darcie Parsons for tickets darcia16@hotmail.com
- ❖ Family First Nights - Working with the other PTO's to find local businesses to participate and offer discounts to help families enjoy time together on these two nights.

Principal: Miss Jiovanazzo

- ❖ Working on setting up a website to make it more convenient to order Amherst apparel. See info above under Apparel Sales.
- ❖ We need volunteers to sign up through Sign Up Genius to run the Comet Store in the cafeteria during lunch periods from 10:15am-1:15pm.
- ❖ Talked about having the next big project for the PTO to fund to be revamping the library learning center. Redesigning the space with new shelving, tables and chairs to create a more updated and useful space for students.

Meeting adjourned: 10:05am

Next meeting will Oct. 10th at 6:00pm