Nord PTO Agenda - November 8, 2017

Welcome/ Attendees: Please sign in.

**Principal’s Report -**

**Increase the reading club activity by asking teachers to promote**

**Media presence positive - if the PTO or others are given the reasoning and information they can help be a positive voice.**

**There was a post re: a weapon at school and transparency is needed. The handbook is followed but the information cannot be shared publicly. Parents involved are called and contacted. The school investigates and handles the situations but they cannot publicize the info. Information cannot be shared publicly so the page mediator removes the post but this is NOT run by the school. The posts are re moved due to privacy. The school is doing assemblies re: bullying. Basketball Jim Jones will be doing an assembly. The school is working on plans for community outreach. Positive outreach in the school. Guidance counselors are on staff. 2 part time. Small group interventions have occurred.**

**Shirts will be ordered for PBIS.**

**Parents who are concerned often vent but do not actually call the school. Miss J tries to respond. Please follow up if she isn't responding.**

**More volunteer opportunities for all parents.**

**Looking at restructuring of the lunch periods/ recess time block to improve the flow and**

**make the school more functional.**

**You can take your child out to lunch during lunch/recess: sign them out and follow prot col**

**They will work on getting the lunch system fixed; so kids get what they order and for the prizes/ rewards will try to stay for the later lunches**

**Playground - some equipment is off limits due to the safety of the kids and the way they are using and abusing them. Sarah Yoder will investigate options to improve the safety and usability.**

**Halloween the staff has a history of costumes being a problem, so the school chose to not allow costumes**

**Swimming for the 4th graders, unable to be done this year due to increased cost. $4000 i n the past and now it would be over $15,000. At this point, swimming is cancelled. Open swim option only. If you have any ideas and are willing to look into it, please contact Miss J.**

**Teacher’s Report - Nothing new**

**President** - Michelle Gilboy

Check sent to Junior High The $4999 have been sent. We will not need to send anymore.

Bylaw revision is needed. To be presented at the next meeting.

President meeting: Social media Please be a supportive and positive source of information   
Shupe and Harris cleared by the end of the month

Shupe retention pond only at this time and keep the land

Technology plan is being held until the principals decide the future plan for the moving and the transition. Fifth grade is lacking one to one technology.

There is a discount available for computers that will be shared (needed from Miss J)

Main Street Amherst- Holiday craft donations. Sarah Yoder motions to approve $600 Chrisitna Z seconds the motion. (**NEED TO VOTE!)**

Not everyone is getting the email blasts, we will look into the solution

**Vice President** - Christina Zilko

**Secretary** - Sarah Crosby

**Treasurer** - Nancy Penano

Account Balance

Thank you for the support and help on a personal note.

Walkathon $15,746.30

The money from Harris is still frozen with the closing of Harris PTO. The PTO has to dissolved. The IRS wants to verify and close the 501C. Discussion of the best solutions

Book Fair no cash profit. $4081.70 is available to spend in Scholastic dollars.

**Community Support** - Jenn Denn

Volunteer Opportunities

Starts next week. Three events available per month

Genesis House, we will sort the supplies and create welcome bags. Date to be worked on. Support the troops drive with cards and care packages to be created 12/13.

Amherst Manor valentine’s crafts 1/28/18.

You can go on your own and submit the sheet. There is a raffle with prizes that were donated for hours submitted.

We are looking for additional ideas and volunteers.

The food bank is full for the first session but there will be other opportunities. Three per month.

**Dine to Donate/ pies** - Michelle Gilroy

Marcos: $581.84. $3400 in sales.

Mamma Joes being extended to Monday. The school profits $2.50 per card. Teachers are being offered the discount.

**Apparel Sales -** Heather Hatten

District wide $10,000 overall with our portion over $4000 in sales.

Volunteers needed at Steele to sort on the 29 and 30 6-8

12/5, 12/6 and 12/7 6-8 for t-shirt pickup

**Hospitality/ Staff Appreciation -** Sarah Herold

**Kalahari** - Heather Hatten

Nov 10 sold 146 tickets. I hope you received them today!

**Box Tops-** Christina Zilko and Traci Hubert

Coke Rewards - until November 17 the rewards are doubled

Apples for Students

Campbells can be submitted until January 1

**Reading Club** - Sarah Crosby/ Heather Hatten

We had approx 275 October Calendars turned in.

November Calendar is out.

**Membership** - Melissa Thompson and Lisa Robinson

Staff forms went out last week, 5 have been turned in.

**Social Media -** Nicole Matthews

**Social Events -** Nancy Penano

Dances will include all 3 grades

Girls 2/23 6:30 -8:30

Boys 3/23 6:30-8:30

$10 per student.

March 29 SkateWorld 6:30 - 8:30 social event during spring break

No SkyZone this year due to changes.

**Book Fair** - Lauren Price

We sold over $8000 in one evening which is equivalent to the typical weekly sales. It was very crowded but we are limited by space.

**Walk a thon** - Sarah Yoder

**Homecoming -** Heather Hatten

**Open Questions/ Concerns**

**Support the school and help guide the community back to the school. The staff has good intentions and our students as their priority.**

**In the future, Veterans Day events for the school that we work with the VFW.**

**Next meetings: December 13 at 8:30am**

**January 10 at 6pm**

**February 14 at 8:30am**

**March 14 at 6pm**

**April 11 at 8:30 am**

**May 9 at 6pm**