

Norwell High School PTO Minutes from the seventh meeting of the 2007-2008 School year.

Date: 04/10/2008

Meeting began at 9:30 a.m. by Joan Ankner.

Dr. Beaudette, school committee member, Kierston Warendorf, parents and Matt Keegan were in attendance.

PTO agenda, treasury report and attendance were passed around.

Only if we have your email address, can we send out the PTO minutes to you. Send email contact info to Linda Daley at poornitely@comcast.net.

Our meetings provide parents with current NHS information, an opportunity to meet and spend time with other parents, and ask questions of Principal Matt Keegan in an informal setting. Meetings are scheduled @ 9:30 a.m. in the NHS library and our next meeting will be Thursday, May 15.

Dr. Beaudette presented and answered questions regarding this year's budget. Kierston Warendorf was able to add to the discussion from the school committees point of view.

Main points:

- . Budget requests have remained between 5-7% each year, but this is not enough to fill our needs . increased enrollment throughout the school system . increased class sizes . Special education budget has gone up . Available funds for textbooks has gone down . Fuel has gone up

Signs that we are watching to indicate not enough funding in the budget are:

- . Decrease test scores
- . Increase class sizes
- . Reduction in ed services
- . User fees
- . Limiting course selection
- . Outdated computers
- . Out of date textbooks

Bottom-line:

A 4.1% increase is needed this year and the Advisory Board supports this.

Please attend the public budget hearing of the School Committee on April 7 to hear and understand this issue.

Also, please attend Town Meeting on May 12.

Thank you Dr, Beaudette and Kierston.

Treasurer's report:

Balance as of 04/10/08: \$20,502.01 less dedicated funds of \$10,786.13, for All Night Grad Party and Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program.

PTO minutes from last meeting were reviewed.

Report on PTO classroom donations:

1. Improbable Players presentation
2. 60 optical mice; a grant to Mr. Schelvan
3. MCAS snacks and beverages

Upcoming and report on previous events:

1. Many thanks to the parents, especially Sue Kauff, that purchased over 600 snacks and beverages for the recent MCAS tests. More snacks will be purchased and distributed for the May and June MCAS. Volunteers needed for this snack purchase, please email Joan Ankner, jpankner@ankner.org.
2. May 6 is our next Teacher appreciation luncheon. Pat Bigger is once again chairing this event. If you can donate a food item (salads and desserts) or help with set-up and/or clean-up, please email Pat, tpbigger@aol.com. Thank you Pat.
3. Graduation is on June 7 at 5:30 p.m. and the all-night grad party will take place after the ceremony at approx. 11:00 p.m. All parents will be receiving info soon, but we must emphasize that no students are allowed to drive themselves to school to board the buses for the party. Parents must drop students off. Details to follow. Linda Erickson is organizing the graduate's balloons that adorn each mailbox and Donna Cunio is chairing all-night grad party event. To contact and be of assistance, please email:
Linda Erickson, linda1erickson@yahoo.com and/or Donna Cunio, Rcunio@comcast.net.
4. Pat Bigger has volunteered to take on the role of PTO president next year (2008-2009 school year) and is looking for a vice president to assist her. Anyone interested should email Pat at tpbigger@aol.com.
5. Please support the Boosters Golf Tournament at Widow's Walk in Scituate on May 8.

Matt Keegan's Principal's report:

1. Many senior events are being planned:
 - . Drive-in movie night
 - . Senior breakfast
 - . Community involvement
 - . Class trip
 - . Senior field day
 - . Internship presentations and finals . Prom . Scholarship Awards
2. A Sports Award night is being planned for May 28. This will be an all inclusive sports event instead of the three season a year past award nights.
3. The next year's NHS budget shows many shortfalls, as discussed previously.
 - Matt is setting up a coffeehouse budget discussion night to inform parents about these budget realities.
 - He will review the Profile and program of study and how the budget affects the NHS curriculum.
 - The date for the coffeehouse meeting is April 29 from 7-8 pm in the Little Theater. Please become informed and bring a friend.

We are extremely appreciative of all those that have stepped forward to chair committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Daley