

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

Date: 10/10/2007

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

In addition to many parents, Matt Keegan and Dr. Beaudette were in attendance.

PTO agenda 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.

What we do:

1. Provide speakers on current topics for students and parents.
2. Provide Teacher Appreciation Luncheons.
3. Finance teacher grants and fulfill wish lists.

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, November 15.

A request was made and adopted to rotate the days the meetings are held on to enable parents with varying schedules to attend. We hope this is hopeful to you! There will not be a meeting scheduled in December and the other meetings dates are T.B.A.

Joan would very much like someone to step forward to be Vice President, by yourself or with a friend! If you are interested, please contact her at jpankner@ankner.org. Your assistance will be so appreciated!

Treasurer, Cindy Barry read the treasurer's report:

Balance as of 10/10/07: \$13,655.00 less dedicated funds of \$7000.00, for All Night Grad Party and Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program.

PTO minutes from last meeting were reviewed Upcoming events:

1. Spirit week was this week. The Homecoming game will be Friday night and the dance will be Saturday night. Gail Conley is chairing the Homecoming event and can especially need your help on Saturday, October 20th with set-up, break down or chaperoning.
2. The High School will observe: "Passionately Pink for a Cure" to celebrate Breast Cancer awareness month.

Students and staff wear “pink” on October 23 and bring in their donation to help fight breast cancer. Last year was our first and very successful event and hope that this year will be equally as successful. Cindy Wright has offered to chair this event, cynwright@comcast.net.

3. Teacher Appreciation luncheons will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 27 (this is an early Release day) Pat Bigger is chairing this event and especially is in need of SOUPS for the luncheon. If you can help, please call her @ 781-659-3464.

4. Marion Reed is on the town-wide committee; “Norwell Reads” and she expressed an interest in working with the students to get them involved with the committee to help choose the next book... A very well received idea.

5. Donna Cunio (rcunio@comcast.net)is chairing all-Night Grad Party again. The party aboard the Mass Bay Lines- Freedom Two is ready to be booked again this year. Event will take place the night of the graduation ceremony, June 7th. The graduates will get on busses at 11:00 pm and cruise around the Boston Harbor for a safe, fun party. Lots of great events are being planned on board and parents will pick up grads at 3:30 am.

6. PTO’s main fundraiser, the very popular Quiz Night, has been booked for the last weekend of January. Sylvia Caira is chairing this event.

Matt Keegan’s Principal’s report:

1. Interim reports were mailed and should be received at home by Monday, October 15.

2. College fairs are wrapping up.

3. Watch channel 22 for monthly programming. The students and staff are working on next months program and should hopefully be ready by Nov 11 to air.

7. Through a Student Leadership Initiative Grant, educators and students went on an Outward Bound type experience over Columbus weekend. Team captains, student government members and National Honor Society members spent the weekend with staff to come together and set goals in order to keep students safe. Student leaders will report back to peers and on going meetings will continue throughout the year.

The weekend was very successful as far as opening the lines of communication. Many questions and ideas were brought forth. This was only the first step of a continual process.

Thank you, Matt.

Dr. Beaudette spoke on the Norwell 20/20 Strategic Plan

Many individuals have come together from the schools and the community to draft a plan for the future of Norwell Schools.

*There is now a working draft available for you to see. Copies may be picked up at each of the school offices or at the superintendent's office.

This working draft contains:

- Mission statement
- Policies
- Objectives
- Strategies
- Action plan

Thank you, Dr. Beaudette.

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

Remember our next PTO meeting on Thursday, November 15 @ 9:30 a.m. in the NHS library.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daley