

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

Date: 11/15/2007

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

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 in January date T.B.A. There will not be a meeting scheduled in December and the other meetings dates are T.B.A.

Treasurer, Cindy Barry read the treasurer's report:
Balance as of 11/15/07: \$17,279.84 less dedicated funds of \$5000.00, for All Night Grad Party and Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program.

PTO minutes from last meeting were reviewed.

Upcoming and report on previous events:

1. Passionately Pink Day for breast cancer was a great success. Students dressed in pink and collected \$535.00. The PTO voted to donate additional funds to make the donation \$1000.00. Thank you Cindy Wright for chairing this endeavor.

2. Teacher appreciation luncheon will be on November 27th, and is being chaired by Pat Bigger. Pat especially needs help with set-up @10:00 am and clean up at 12:15 am. There is also a need for some food items. If you can help please call her @781-659-3464.

3. Welcome back snacks for the teachers will be done in January. If anyone is interested in chairing this event, please notify Linda Daley, poornitely@comcast.net.

4. Quiz Night, on January 26th, chaired by Sylvia Cairra, is already half sold-out. Flyers were sent out with report cards. If you are thinking of purchasing tickets, do not hesitate to do so. She is also interested in volunteers to help with the evening. You can contact Sylvia at; thecairas@aol.com.

5. "Norwell Reads" committee has selected this year's book, "Marley and Me". The PTO has purchased several copies of the book for the NHS library.

Matt Keegan's Principal's report:

1. Report cards were mailed and should be received at home. Parent conferences are November 27.

2. Security is a huge concern and Matt is requesting that ALL parents sign in at the office AND wear a badge when they are at the school.

3. The Powderpuff football game, the senior girls versus the junior girls has been changed to a different day of the week, Monday, November 19 this year. He hopes that the rivalry antics between the girls will be less, and that class time will be taken more serious on game day. Please be aware of how your students are involved in the pre and post game antics. This should be a safe, fun, and positive competition.

4. Through a Student Leadership Initiative Grant, educators and students went on an Outward Bound type experience over Columbus weekend. The event was very eye opening to both educators and students as to the scope and depth of drinking and driving that occurs on a weekly basis. At a recent follow-up meeting, the students and educators revisited the drinking issues and discovered in more detail the intense issues that exist with drinking and driving in Norwell. Many questions and ideas were

brought forth and it is clear that this will be a continual process.

Parents are asked to be more diligent with your children and their plans.

5. The school play has been postponed to December 7, 8, and 9 due to the late arrival of some of the staging. It is installed now and practices can go forward.

6. Teasing and harassment are not allowed at the Norwell High and this policy will be strictly enforced.

7. Students taking AP courses is a very serious consideration. Students and parents need to understand that once these courses are taken, they will need to work at an AP level and accept all academics that come with that level. In a related way, students need to focus on taking responsibility and prepare to grow-up.

Mr. Keegan is contemplating a letter going home to families regarding these important issues and perhaps having alumni coming to the High School to discuss these issues and their experiences with students. PTO is interested in sponsoring these discussions. Thank you, Matt.

We are extremely appreciative of all those that have stepped forward to chair committees. Happy holidays to you and yours!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daley