



NMS PTO Meeting Minutes— November 16, 2017

Attendance is taken via sign in sheet. Sarah, Kelly and Lauren were not here.

Principal's Report ~ Derek Sulc & Janice Mazzola

- 7th grade study night received positive feedback from parents. Many positive and and useful suggestions were offered.
- Calm classroom presentation was very well attended by families. Teachers and students shared the benefits from having calm classroom in school.
- Derek expressed gratitude for flowers that were sent by PTO for his mother-in-law wake.
- First quarter was last Friday. Report cards will be posted on Aspen on Friday.
- First conferences will be held on Nov. 30th. Letter to parents will be emailed with further details.
- Jennifer Whitt, Literacy Specialist asked for a grant for a book challenge. She is organizing March book madness for the students to read 16 books and vote on the best one. She is asking for \$800. Grant was approved.
- Informative parent meetings were held last week to discuss Bournedale and Washington DC trips.
- On December 8th during school hours Nicole Schindler will be presenting a check to Mass General Hospital for cancer research. Students and parents are welcome.

Communications - Karen Driscoll

- Emails with school communications are out.
- Email about the bonfire sponsored by the Boosters next week was sent.

Treasurer's Report

- No updates.

School Events ~ Cara Davis & Kelly Ross

- 7th grade Tailgate party – 135 children attended the event on Friday October 27, 2017. This was the first event of this type and offered slime making, a dj with games, Nona's ice cream truck, pizza, and a Corn Hole/BAGGO tournament. The costs associated with the event are listed below:



- DJ - \$300
- Nona's Ice cream Truck - \$ (pending invoice)
- Misc. Slime Supplies - \$ (pending submissions)
- Revenue for this event was approximately \$675.
- 6th grade fun night Friday - Friday 12/1, 7-9pm (Cara)
- Tickets will be on sale in the back of the cafeteria during lunch.
- Singup genius will be emailed for parents to help and volunteer.

Fundraising ~ Jen Fiorella

- Dinner & Dessert Fundraiser is DONE, netting over \$9,000!! 135 students participated or roughly 25%.
- Janice handled the distribution of the incentive prizes to the top 3 sellers Wednesday.
- Top 3 Sellers:
 - Michael Petraske \$1,198 Retail Grade 7
 - Abigail Greene \$859 Retail Grade 6
 - John Vining \$856 Retail Grade 8
 - In addition, the Prize Mania insert awards those sellers that sold 40+ items \$25 in cash. Janice distributed these Wednesday, as well.
 - Cash Prize Awards:
 - Michael Petraske
 - Abigail Greene
 - John Vining
 - Madeline Schiller
 - Jared Madden
 - Grace Oliver
 - 14 iTunes cards at pick up were distributed and any remaining prizes were included with their boxed products.
 - Pickup went smoothly and everything was picked up by 5:30pm.
 - A huge THANK YOU to Karen Driscoll for her creativity and patience with the email onslaught, Sarah Baker for her enthusiastic push to parents at the Open House, and Janice Mazzola for her daily announcement reminders...all of this fueled the fundraiser's success :)
 - Separately, Box Tops totaling \$307.90 were submitted by 11/1 deadline.
- Norwell Gear (Judy)



- The emails with Norwell Gear description went out 11/2. Due date to complete orders is by 11/15. The delivery date is estimated sometimes before Christmas. Judy did fantastic job promoting the sale on social media as Norwell Social FB page. She was successful securing 10 orders.
- Judy will create Norwell Middle School FB page.

School Community ~ Judy Petraske & Jane Twombly

- Teacher's appreciation lunch will be held on December 13th. Signup Genius will be emailed to families asking for help to donate meals and paper goods.

New Business/Ideas/Questions:

Guest: Jeanne Ivas & Monika Brodsky – Short Presentation and Q&A for Library

Important Dates:

November 21, 2pm	Dodge Ball Tournament
November 22	Turkey Bowl & Early Release
November 23-25	Homework Free Weekend
November 30	Early Release
December 1, 7-9pm	6 th Grade Fun Night
December 4, 7pm	Special Town Meeting (in Middle School)
December 9	Special Town Election
December 13	Teacher Lunch
December 20, 9:15	Next General PTO meeting
December 25-Jan 1	Holiday Break

****Pay dues at NMSPTO.org****

Welcome & President's Update - Sarah Baker

- Sarah welcomed and introduced the Steering Committee.
- Directory - 500 Copies - Student directory was given to the students. Please check backpacks. We raised \$750. Still waiting for an invoice from Image Resolution.
- KL Greer presentation was very informative and successful. t
- Norwell Soccer - Sat, 11/11 - PK Shoot Out \$10/entry. Proceeds will be divided among the district PTO's.
- Thank you to Judy for setting up fruit and snack for teachers last Friday for breakfast.



- Please join us tonight after meeting at Tinker's Son.

Principal's Report ~ Derek Sulc & Janice Mazzola

- KL Greer presentation was very informative and very well attended by parents.
- Gold day was very successful. Presentation by Nicole Shindler and Jen Cross who was the presenter from Wicked Good Cause was very moving. The students were very moved and supportive. The school raised \$1675 and t-shirt sale came to over \$500. Nicole will present one check to Mass General cancer research.
- No home work and technology less weekend. The 8th grade teachers let the 8th grade parents and students to limit the screen time. Next no homework and technology less time is going to be around Thanksgiving.
- The new update on iPads installed some apps that was not approved by the school. The school suggested not to do updates.
- Weird day is on Halloween. Students are encouraged to be dressed up. Students are encouraged to bring donation of can goods for the Norwell Food Pantry.
- MCAST 2.0 official results came in on Monday. Reports will be send out by next week. The State suggests that this test is not to be compared to the previous years.
- Grant from a 6th grade. Student day of Poetry festival at U Mass Boston. The grant was approved of \$50 for the event and \$1600 for buses. To find more information can be found on masspoetry.org.

Communications - Karen Driscoll

- Last dinner and desert email was sent today.
- Sarah will send updates to Karen to email families with PTO fundraising and spending updates.
- Emails from PTO are not being read by families. PTO is looking for suggestions how to draw families to read the PTO emails and pay dues.

Treasurer's Report ~ Lauren Carnes

- Budget Update 2017-2018
- Grants: Big Yellow School Bus, Cultural Council
- Dues update - 83 families/429 families = 19% participation

School Events ~ Cara Davis & Kelly Ross



- 7th grade Tailgate party - Friday, 10/27, 2:30-4:30pm (Kelly) Need any parent volunteer to help to chaperon. Ticket price is \$5. Snacks and drinks
- 6th grade fun night Friday - Friday 12/1, 7-9pm (Cara)

Fundraising ~ Jen Fiorella

- Dinner & Dessert - Shipment to arrive early November. We had raised more than in the past. Mid November delivery. Jen needs help with delivery and distribution.
- Norwell Gear – Judy Petraske will take over this project. She will contact Amy O’Connell to gather information from previous years. Evan Fitzwilliam runs boosters gear. She is another resource to order athletic gear.
- Box Tops - 11/1 First Due Date Please send them via kids.

School Community ~ Judy Petraske & Jane Twombly

- Judy is asking parents to donate papers towels, tissues, plastic cups for teacher lounge.

New Business/Ideas/Questions:

Important Dates:

October 27, 2:30	7th Grade Tail- Gate Party after school
November 1	No School
November 2	Picture Re-take Day
November 4, 5pm	NSAS – Spaghetti Dinner & Jazz at NMS
November 8, 7pm	Calm Classroom Presentation at the High School.
November 9	Quarter Ends
November 10	No School
November 16, 9:15	Next General PTO meeting