



NMS PTO Meeting Minutes— December 20, 2017

Attendance was taken via sign in sheet. Judy, Jenn F and Lauren were not here.

President Welcome & Update:

- Sarah thanked Janice for the resourceful Newsletters that is emailed each week.
- Sarah thanked Judy P and all the volunteers for the teacher's Luncheon and restocking the teacher's Lounge. Parents were very generous with donating food and drinks.
- It was brought to Sarah's attention that currently NMS PTO is not insured for PTO events. Sarah will be contacting other PTO chairs to get information on getting own converge.
- Sarah has been discussing with Lauren the pros and cons for filing and having 501-3C.
- Kelly, Sarah and Beata will work on updating the bylaws since they have not been updated in some time. This process will start in January.
- Decision was made by the PTO member to move the next PTO meeting from 6 PM to 9:15 AM.
- There was a special discussion held by Derek Sulc, and Officer Rick about Vaping/Juule Education in Middle School. Juule is very popular inhaler product that looks like a thumb drive, its sold in different flavors and can be easily used in school and public areas. This product is very easily accessible in local stores and online. The goal is to offer more resources and education to NMS parents about the dangers and current laws. Currently the Students are learning about nicotine and drug addictions in health class. Officer Rick reported existing issues in the high school and school sporting events. He would like to see different forms of consequences implemented to those students who are caught with Juule. Currently, the school policy states that any student caught with Juule has one day suspension. In addition, fears have been expressed that there are different forms of drugs that can be added to Juule. Another concern that was discuss was edible Marjiuana products. Which can be easily mistaken as gummy bears or vitamins and ingested by elementary students. Derek also presented Scituate Facts website and Boston Globe article about the vaping and Juuling dangers.
- Letter will be sent from Guidance and Derek about the problems about the issues with vaping and Juule.

Principal's Report ~ Derek Sulc & Janice Mazzola

- Title I is a Federal program that gives schools money. Main point to support academic achievements to low income families and school with low income families. Those funds are distributed among the schools. NMS receives \$40K. NMS gives



funding to any students who is in need of academic support. Those students are identified through MCAST, academic performances, teachers and parents. Currently we have 2 math and literacy tutors. They offer support in class, during and after school. They also help analyze data to identify students who need support. At times the money is used to access additional resources to help with tutoring. The tutors are paid hourly and they are at school 5 days a week. They are not used for special education purposes. Here is the list and emails to the tutors.

- Celia Downey, Title I Math Tutor, sixth grade, celia.downey@norwellschools.org
- Kara Coughlin, Title I Math Tutor, seventh & eighth grade, kara.coughlin@norwellschools.org
- LeeAnn Arbia, Title I Literacy Tutor, rosalie.arbia@norwellschools.org
- Few scholarships have been requested for DC and Bournedale.
- Grant Requests for \$895 to pay for buses to see the movie Wonder as a whole school in January at the Patriots Hanover Cinema which was voted for and approved.

Communications - Karen Driscoll

- Karen will Holiday Thank you letter to families in January.

Treasurer's Report ~Sarah

- Only 20% families have participated in paying dues.
- Cultural Council Grant Awarded \$750 for Theatre for 7th grade trip for next year.
- Coffee Pond raised \$1900 from school pictures.

School Events ~ Cara Davis & Kelly Ross

- Recap of 6th grade fun night. It was fun evening. The 6th graders had great night.
- The cost of event was \$1600 and the PTO made \$1100.
- Stop and Shop brought in \$374. 109 families have currently registered with the store.
- At the NHS Quiz night will be held on Feb 3rd at the Cushing Center. Tickets can be bought on the www.nhspto.org

Fundraising ~ Sarah

- Box Tops \$300

School Community ~ Sarah

- Reception for Mass General and Nicole Schindler was held last month. She had raised and presented MGH with \$7000 check.

Important Dates:

December 21	7 th Grade Field Trip to Plays in Boston
December 25-Jan 1	Holiday Break
January 11	All School Field Trip to see Wonder - Early Release
January 17	NMS PTO Meeting - 9:15 AM
February 2	Report Cards



February 17-25

February Vacation