



NMS PTO Meeting Minutes— September 28, 2017

All board members are present. Attendance is taken via sign-in sheet.

- Welcome & President's Report ~ Sarah Baker
 - Sarah welcomed and introduced the Steering Committee.
 - Sarah explained the purpose of the 1 page Welcome Back Packet that was available to all parents to take home.
 - School Directory will be ready in October. Families and local business are encouraged to support NMS PTO by buying an Ad.
 - To help with grants, school busses, staff appreciation lunches and school programs NMS PTO suggests that dues of \$30 per child be paid. Payment link is available on NMS PTO website to make payments. Thermometer for participation in paying dues will be posted on the window of the school cafeteria.
 - NMS PTO donated funds to Diane Provenciano the Director of Technology Learning and Technology for First Day of School t-shirts for all teachers and administrative staff with a quote “ I Believe”. Short video is posted on Norwell Public School Website for viewing.

- Principal’s Report ~ Derek Sulc & Janice Mazzola

Mr. Sulc welcomed everyone to today's PTO meeting. He made an announcement that after NMS will host open night for all grades. It has been a great start to a school year. He thanked the NMS PTO for first day faculty appreciation lunch and for plantings in front of the school.

Eileen Corbett and Paula White are the new parent representative for the School Improvement Council. SIC is still in need of a community representative. This role can be filled by any Norwell resident as long as they do not have a child in the middle school.

Ms. Mazzola started the weekly school letter to the parents.

New quiet room has been added for students who choose to stay after school for late night and do their homework.

Columbus Day weekend will be no homework and limited technology weekend.

Teachers will collect school iPads. Letter will be sent to the parents.

NMS has changed the format of an Open House. Mr. Sulc is looking for feedback. The goal for the change is for parents to have the opportunity to meet with their child's team and other school members.



NMS will hold Gold Wicked Day to raise awareness and support for Pediatric Cancer. There will be t-shirts for sale and donations will be collected. Student who is a member of NMS will speak to the school by sharing her own experience with cancer. Mr. Sulc requested few inspirational quotes for the second floor stairwell.

Mr. Sulc also requested couple benches for students to sit on while they are waiting for after school pick up.

Bus grant was requested by the 8th grade English teachers to take the students to see a play of a book that the grade is currently reading, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee in Gloucester.

- Treasurer's Report ~ Lauren Carnes
 - Dues are slowly coming in.
 - Budget 2017-2018 is at a surplus.
 - This is Lauren's last year as NMS treasurer. NMS PTO is looking for a new volunteer to shadow and take over next year

- School Events ~ Cara Williams & Kelly Ross
 - 7th grade Tailgate party - Friday, 10/27, 2:30-4:30pm (Kelly) It will be held in the cafeteria after school. The admission cost will be \$5 plus cost of food. Refreshments will be sold for \$1 such as water, pizza and ice cream. The activities will include a DJ, Baggio Tournament, slime contest, making a Spike Ball and other organized games through the DJ. Kelly is looking for volunteers.
 - 6th grade fun night Friday - Friday 12/1, 7-9pm (Cara)
 - Volunteers are needed for both events. It is suggested that 7th grade parents volunteer for 6th grade event and 6 grade parents volunteer for 7th grade event.

- Fundraising ~ Jen Fiorella
 - Dinner & Dessert Meadow Farms here tonight. Forms Due 10/11. Shipment to arrive early November.
 - Norwell Gear needs a new point person.
 - Box Tops - 11/1 First Due Date
 - This is Jen's last year as the chair for fundraising . Need Volunteer to shadow and take over next year

- School Community ~ Judy Petraske & Jane Twombly



- Teacher Luncheon Dates (Judy)
Winter luncheon Thursday, 12/14/17
Super Bowl luncheon Friday, February 2, 2018
Spring luncheon Friday, May 11, 2018
Judy is looking for volunteers to help with set up, clean up, donating food or gift cards.
- Screenagers viewing in February (Jane). The purpose of this event is to inform and educate the students and families of the impact today's technology has on the brain.
- Upcoming Dates/ Reminders
 - October 4, 9am District PTO Meeting
 - October 11 Dinner & Dessert Form & Money Due
 - October 12, 7pm KL Greer - Anti Bullying Presentation
 - October 18, 6pm General PTO meeting