



NHS PTO Meeting Minutes— September 14, 2017

Meeting convenes at 9:20 am. All board members are present. Attendance is taken via sign-in sheet. Guest speaker Diane Provenzano Director of Technology Learning and Technology and Warren MacCallun Director of Finances, Operations and Technology thanked the PTO for contributing funds for t-shirts for all school staff and administration for Norwell Believes 2017. Short video is posted on Norwell Public Website for viewing of the event.

Howard welcomes and introduces the board members. He recaps last year's contributions: the renovated front lobby room with a special thanks to Ana for coordinating, and a landmark number of grants totaling \$7,063 detailed on budget report.

Budget Report -Jen

Dues are being paid on line via pay pal.

We have about \$9,000 going into 2017-2018.

Motion to accept budget is made, seconded, and approved.

Grant Requests

Grant for \$506 for t-shirts for Norwell Believes need to be still paid out.

Jennifer Greenberg Assistant Principal requested \$500 to purchase 3 year insurance for high end camera that will be used for school purposes.

Motion is made to approve both grants, seconded, and approved.

PTO business

• Goals for this year:

Freshmen orientation was a success. PTO provided 40 pizzas and water.

Directory-Looking for volunteers to proofread and help with directory to make sure there are no duplicates, if students were omitted by accident, and working with a printing company. A new Graphic designer is needed.

Quiz Night is in need of committee chairs. The committee will be responsible for organizing the event by prepping the questions, selling tickets and decorating the Cushing Center. Organizational meeting will be held in the mid October.

Lauren Cairns agreed to help with 501C3. She will be in contact with Howard to discuss the necessary paperwork.

Web Page Content: Janet made improvements to the site where families can pay their dues and purchase tickets for school events.

Home Coming Football game is on October 13th and Home Coming Dance is on October 14th.

Michelle Curtin and Sally Shiller are looking for help with decorating the entrance leading up to the gym. As well the gym.

Howard is open to new ideas or projects that can improve the school.

Principal's Report

Open house is tonight.

Mr. Fish extends a big thank you to the PTO for providing pizzas for freshman orientation. The freshman orientation was a great success. They were greeted by student gov. and peer students. and the many contributions this academic year.

First day assembly school wide meeting was held at the gym. Grace Wenger the president of Student Government had a great message to all the grades.

Mr. Fish discussed the new Calm Classroom program. This program provides relaxation, stretching, meditation and breathing exercises for 2 to 3 minutes to help and teach students how to cope with academic stress. On November 8th there will be school district wide meeting informing families with the research and reasons for adapting Calm Classroom program.

Mr. Fish feels supported by our efforts and appreciates the thorough exchange of ideas towards improvement and the open discussion wherein he gets a sense of what is going on in the community as we work together on the shared interest of our students' well being.

Open Discussion:

Howard is looking for new ideas to help improve the school.

Freshman advisory kickoff day. Outdoor event. In case of rain the event will be moved indoors. The goal is for the freshman to be more comfortable with the school and learn team building skills. There is no homework.

Next PTO meeting is held on October 12th at 9:15 am at the NHS.