



NHS PTO Meeting Minutes—September 13, 2018

First meeting for the school year 2018-2019. All board members are present. Attendance is taken via sign in sheet. We had special guests. Sarah Baker and Geoff Gordon from Gordon Atlantic Insurance Company.

Sarah Baker discussed School and Community project that will be held next week that was approved by the NHS Principal and Vice Principals. This event will take place during the freshman kick off day. The goal for this event is for the NHS students to take ownership and pride in their town by working with different town departments. Each grade will be assigned to a project. Freshman will hold the traditional freshman kick off day. Sophomores will do community service by cleaning up the town and planting shrubs. Juniors will go out to the middle school, Seniors will have an event with the town Seniors from the Council of Aging. Sign up genius will be emailed by 9/21 for volunteer and donations.

Geoff Gordon Atlantic Insurance representative came to discuss safe driving app that he hopes can be introduced to the student drivers and their families. The goal is to help the drivers to adopt healthy habits by avoiding using text apps or speeding.

Road Rewards

Norwell High School safe driving initiative

What is Road Rewards? Road Rewards is an app that resides on a smart phone. It measures Phone use: including texting and other resident apps on the phone. It is designed to make better drivers through positive reinforcement of good driving habits.

Road Rewards measures: Acceleration, Phone and App use, and Location.

- ◆ Acceleration: tires and engine wear
- ◆ Negative acceleration: hard braking
- ◆ Lateral acceleration: hard cornering
- ◆ Phone use measures texting, talking, snap chatting or instagram.
- ◆ Location measures speed.

Primary Benefits:

- Improved awareness of speeding
- Improved awareness of hard braking
- Improved awareness of cornering
- Decreased distracted driving
- Changes habits

Profile can be any choice of user name for anonymity

Email—we do need an email to communicate reports to participants.

Your email record will be deleted at the conclusion of the program.

Longest streaks inspire better habits through continued awareness.

Trips tell you where the car (phone) has been.

Rewards will accrue to most improved team, with gift certificates to Juice Barn, 412 Washington St, Norwell

Program Life: Announce the program: over next 2 weeks

Sign up as many students and parents as possible: begin October 1, 2018 Sign up—get a \$5 gift card (Juice Barn 412 Washington St, Norwell) How: visit web page at

www.gordonatlanticinsurance.com/roadrewards, Indicate student or parent, get a validation code.

Download the app from Google store or Apple store (Road Rewards) Insert the code and you're good to go.

October 1 to 14

Get used to the app.

Establish a baseline average score

Everyone can see their own results and their team results

October 15 to November 15

Contest for most improved driving:

Everyone with over 95 score gets a \$15 gift certificate; Everyone on most improved team gets \$15 gift certificate.

November 15 program ends.

Budget Report- Jenn

- Discussed the amount that was carried over from last year.
- We are 501 © 3 approved any donations are tax deductible.
- Motion to accept the budget was accepted and passed.

Grant Requests

- No requests at this time.

PTO business - Brenda

- The goal is to fill the Quiz Night committee with new members.
- Quiz Night which is one of the biggest fundraising event for the NHS will be held on 1/26/19 at the Cushing Center.
- There was 36% increase in dues since the amount was decreased to \$25.
- For the past 7 years thanks to the dues program PTO is able to support the students and teachers by paying for programs and honoring teachers grants.
- Student directory needs a point volunteer to gather students lists, locate advertisers, send it to the printers, provide the directory to students. The PTO does benefit financially from this program thanks to the advertisement adds placed by parents and local companies.
- Homecoming is on September 29th. Sign up genius will be emailed for volunteers and donations.
- Homework free weekend.

Principal Report - Mr. Fish

- Agendas was given to all the freshman.
- 10 phone caddies were purchased by the PTO last year. They are now in few classrooms. Teachers and students report great success by placing the phones at the begging of the class in the caddy.
- Students were reminded of policies and consequences for using vaping in school bathrooms or on school grounds.
- Spirit Week schedule will be emailed to the parents next in the next few days.

Next PTO meeting is held on October 11 at 9:15 am at the NHS.