



## NHS PTO Meeting Minutes—October 4, 2021

The meeting convened in the NHS Community Room at 6pm with Mary Ellen Wall and Judy Petraske presiding. The new slate of officers was introduced.

Judy Petraske and Mary Ellen Wall - Co-Presidents  
Sarah Baker - Vice President  
Howard Hershoff - Secretary  
Lauren Carnes - Treasurer

The treasury has been successfully transferred to Lauren.

### **Budget Report**

A copy of the current budget was distributed to those in attendance. There is a current balance of approximately \$18,000. The new sound system (\$4500) has yet to be paid for yielding an effective balance of \$14,000. The sound system has arrived. A PTO table was set up at the open house and drew in several families paying dues.

### **Grant Requests**

There are no pending teacher grant requests.

### **New Business**

- **New projects** under consideration include replacing the flags along the entry drive to the school. The flags look faded. The original vendor will be contacted to see if there is any warranty available for repair. Original cost of the flags is around \$100. Additionally, the PTO would like to add outdoor tables to increase available space for students to have lunch as well as provide space for mask breaks and general gathering points. Umbrellas were suggested but there are safety concerns about stability. A subcommittee will be established to investigate options such as the permanent sail structures at Vinal and Cole. This type of structure costs around \$13,000. Project completion expected in the spring or fall of next year. Beautification plans will continue.
- **Prom:** Howard will look into funds budgeted in previous years. The PTO has rented two tents for the Prom processional in the past (~\$2000). Seats along the processional route once again will be available for sale.
- **Norwell Cares:** Very successful event on a beautiful day. First aid kits were available for groups in the fields. We should remind outside volunteers and group leaders to refrain from smoking during student participation.
- **Quiz Night:** This year the event will take place at the Cushing Center in Norwell on November 5 at 7pm. Bar service secured. Various documents for ticket sales and sponsorships have been reviewed and are ready for distribution. Mr. Goniatis has volunteered to help with technical support including game software. TBD: floor layout, linens required, printing needs, and prize baskets, personnel needs.
- **Homecoming:** 20 gift cards available from the distributed Signup Genius.
- **Student of the Term:** Several gift options were discussed. Various members are pursuing

options. The gifts will replace the luncheon with Mr. Bender. There may be up to 20 student recipients per term. Initial order will be 100 units.

**Principal's Report - Marc Bender**

Thanks were offered for the beautiful fall flowers planted around the school. Today was a busy day. There was a faculty meeting, a PTO meeting, a school committee meeting and a student awards ceremony. Norwell Cares celebrated reinvigorating traditions at the high school, building connections, and a sense of belonging. Even the faculty engaged in the bonding experience as they were encouraged to show their authentic selves.

Two student gatherings were well attended. The co curricular fair and the college fair allowed students to experience things beyond the school day. Comments about the career fair being too short were acknowledged. The fair is short out of necessity since the vendors need to travel to other venues in the afternoon.

Late busses are back.

**Open Discussion:**

It has come to our attention that some PTO families are not receiving emails sent by the PTO. We will look into the mailing lists and systems used.

**Next PTO meeting is in person at NHS Community Room on November 4 at 7pm**