



NHS PTO Meeting Minutes—November 10, 2021

The meeting convened on ZOOM at 7pm with Mary Ellen Wall and Judy Petraske presiding. A quorum of officers and Mr. Bender were present.

Budget Report

The sound system has been paid for. No new dues have been received.

Grant Requests

There are no pending teacher grant requests.

New Business

- **Senior Activities:** Mr. Marani will be consulted regarding the Senior Breakfast. Previous Prom expenses were discussed as well as the increasing costs for the senior balloons.
- **Quiz Night:** The event has been postponed to late January. The search for a new venue has begun. Under consideration are the River Club as well as South Shore Country Club. Once a venue has been secured, activities will ramp up starting with a “save the date” card mailed to the PTO mail list. Kim is working with Mr. Gonaitis on the game format. Mary Ellen has invited Middle School faculty and will purchase their tickets. When the time comes, we will develop a sign up genius to assign some additional responsibilities.
- **District PTO:** Mary Ellen and Judy presented at the District PTO meeting in October. The School Committee has authorized a sub-committee to study beautification. This sub-committee will help define who is responsible for individual areas of the grounds. In addition, the School Committee has placed the installation of a larger high school sign at the South Street entrance similar to that for the library on their docket.
- **Beautification:** Cara is considering a fall clean up around Thanksgiving.
- **Teacher Conferences:** 11/17 A luncheon is scheduled for the teachers including a potato bar, beverages, and dessert. Gift Card giveaway?
- **Holiday Spirit:** Under discussion.

Principal's Report - Marc Bender

Mr. Bender reviewed masking status and current policies surrounding Covid; indicating that all Covid policies have presented unique challenges. The vaccinated population of the school continues to increase.

The recent Nor'easter required that term one be extended to allow both students and teachers more time to complete and report assignments. Report Cards will be available November 16 and Teacher

Conferences will be November 17. This year both in-person and on-line conferences times are available. Teachers each have 24 time slots available. If you are unable to secure one of the scheduled slots, please contact your student's teacher for alternate accommodations.

Norwell High School Athletics has had a very successful season with several teams moving on to State competition. Three members of Girls Soccer have committed to college teams for next year.

NHS sponsored travel returns this spring with language class trips scheduled to Italy and Spain.

Next PTO meeting is in person in the NHS Community Room on January 13, 2022

Enjoy the Holiday Season!