



TOWN OF NORTON

Norton Middle School SITE Council

(Committee)

MINUTES

Date: January 10, 2012 Time: 6:00 PM

Location: NMS Administrative Conference Room

Members & Staff Present: Virginia Murray, Mary Valentine, Sharon Gauvin, Cindy Reardon, Ron Goldstein, Donna Smith

Members Not Present: Michael O'Rourke

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 PM

Minutes from the November 2011 Meeting were reviewed and Approved with NO adjustments.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Vote to approve minutes from November, 2011 meeting.

Decision/Action: Approved unanimously 6-0

Mathapalooza/- Discussion ensued about upcoming plans for Mathapalooza. Mr. Goldstein announced that Eric Beard would not be able to spearhead this year's plans, so NMS will need more support from other teachers, SITE Council, and Parent Board members. Parent Board members agreed to discuss Mathapalooza at their meeting as well as offered to manage many of the financial responsibilities of cash flow for fundraising efforts. "Mathapalooza" will be broader, to include ELA this year. Mr. Goldstein presented a list of "jobs" needing coverage for the event. Parents were willing to step up and involve others in the community.

Highlights of discussion:

- Event needs a new name- "Learnapalooza"
- New musical group/activity
- Seed donations- food
- Possible wrestling match
- ? Horace Mann donation
- ? Raffle- Ipods, other items

Criteria for participation:

- Practice MCAS exams (Math, ELA, all subjects)
- Not to be failing 3rd term and ½ of 4th term

Mr. Goldstein mentioned January 24th at 6:30 PM- Linda Pacheco from the Sheriff's office will be here at NMS to address parents regarding bullying issues. January 25th will be the date for in-school assemblies regarding bullying issues.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- Positions needed for "Learnapalooza"

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM until the next meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Norton Middle School Administrative Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: March 13, 2012
(Date)

Signatures:

(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(committee)

Positions Needed for Mathapalooza 2

TWO (2) In-House Fundraising Specialists – Responsible for district-wide “Dress Down Day” fundraisers, school dance fundraisers, “Turkey Shoot-style” basketball fundraiser (right before December and February vacations), car washes next April/May, stuffed animal (and similar prize) raffles, dunk tank raffles, etc. Perhaps Kim Spence is one of those people. 7th Grader Grace Newfield is Student Council Fundraising Specialist and she is excited to be part of “in-house” fundraising for MATHAPALOOZA. *Kim Spence / let her choose*

Treasurer – All the money raised needs to be given to this person (Eric, with Ronnie’s supervision). Need to get a DBA “MATHAPALOOZA” so money can be deposited directed into a certain account and parents/businesses can write checks directly to “MATHAPALOOZA” (or whatever we decide to call it.) *talk with Nelson*

Community Organizational Fundraising Director – Someone to garner money from organizations such as the Lions Club. (Pat Kalicki) *Kalicki*

Corporate and Local Business Fundraising Director – Someone to garner money and other donations (food, amusements, etc.) from corporations (Targert, Roche Bros., CVS, etc.) and area businesses (Tom’s Barber Shoppe, Pizza Tyme, Personal Best Karate, Let’s Party, etc.) *Parents → PB*

Corporate and Local Business Fundraising Assistant Director – Someone to assist with the garnering of money and other donations (food, amusements, etc.) from corporations (Targert, Roche Bros., CVS, etc.) and area businesses (Tom’s Barber Shoppe, Pizza Tyme, Personal Best Karate, Let’s Party, etc.) *Parents → PB*

Grounds and Service Director – I need Manny to basically do all the awesome work he did leading up to and on MATHAPALOOZA Day last year. *Manny*

Parent Volunteer/Fundraising Director – Someone to solicit and collect donations (both monetary and otherwise) from parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. This person is also responsible for scheduling and coordinating parents who want to volunteer their time on MATHAPALOOZA Day. (Christina Paone has agreed to do this again.) *Paone*

Parent Volunteer/Fundraising Assistant Director – Someone to help Christina Paone solicit and collect donations (both monetary and otherwise) from parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. This person is also responsible for helping with scheduling and coordinating parents who want to volunteer their time on MATHAPALOOZA Day. (Nikki Nado can do this.)

Nikki

Mathapalooza Executive and Creative Director – Eric Beard plans the entire party next June. Eric is also the face of MATHAPALOOZA Day.

Beard

TWO (2) Assistants to the Mathapalooza Executive and Creative Director – Two people to help Eric Beard out leading up to and on MATHAPALOOZA Day. Responsible for getting bi-weekly score updates from all the team leaders and updating scoreboard(s) in the rotunda. These assistants need to get “facilities/grounds” paperwork filled out and also the correct documentation from Norton Board of Health. (Jessica Meier and Jayme Hamann)

Meier / Hamann → Beard will ask them about this

Final Mathapalooza Score Director – This person receives the final scores from team leaders and Special Education people and gives to Mike O'Rourke and/or Ronnie Goldstein next June. Once scores are submitted, no changes can be made and students are NOT allowed to make up work during the days leading up to MATHAPALOOZA Day. (Mike O'Rourke and/or Ronnie Goldstein should do this.)

NMS Green Team – Last year, we had to scramble on the day of the MATHAPALOOZA party to have plastic bottles pulled from trash barrels and put into recycling bags. Even after these bottles were collected, I am pretty sure they ended up in the Dumpster with the rest of the trash. Knowing that we will have over 2500 plastic beverage bottles and aluminum cans, it would be great if the “NMS Green Team” could somehow make posters to be displayed outside on MATHAPALOOZA Day indicating where empty bottles and cans should go. This team should also be in charge of making sure that we have appropriate recycling bins/barrels outside for these items. This NMS Green Team should also recycle the 100+ cardboard Papa Gino's pizza boxes as well. (I'm not sure who the NMS staff member is who runs the NMS Green Team.)

Kendra W. / See Affinity → Comm. Service Club

Mathapalooza Day Teacher Talent Show Coordinator – Amanda Banks planning the “Teacher Talent Show/Dance” portion (45 to 50 minutes in length) of MATHAPALOOZA Day.

Banks

Mathapalooza Day Teacher Talent Show Assistant Coordinator – Heather Treannie helping Amanda Banks plan the “Teacher Talent Show/Dance” portion (45 to 50 minutes in length) of MATHAPALOOZA Day.

Treannie

Mathapalooza Day Sports Coordinator – Mike Brito organizing/executing a “sports-themed” portion of the entertainment on MATHAPALOOZA Day (45 to 50 minutes in length).

Brito

*Putrich for event
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THREE (3) Practice MCAS Coordinators – These three people are fully responsible for writing, copying, distributing, and scoring the grade-specific practice MCAS exams the week before April vacation. These tests will cover ALL subject areas.

Math/ELA/Arts/Science Correct each test

Mathapalooza Day Non-Qualifying Student Coordinator – This person is responsible for getting work together (from team leaders) for all the students who do not qualify for the MATHAPALOOZA Day celebration and have to stay in the library to do work. This person is also responsible for working with Mike O'Rourke to ensure that the library is properly staffed this day (at least two substitute teachers) and for working with Mike O'Rourke and Christine (from the cafeteria) to make certain that every student has lunch.

Sue Segulo

Beverage Director – Responsible for garnering the donation of 1500 bottles of water as well as any additional food items such as candy. (Eric will be responsible for getting pizza, hot dogs, buns, ice, chips, and ice cream. Ronnie has spoken with the Switch salesperson who has agreed to “donate enough Switch for every student at MATHAPALOOZA.”) This person will also be responsible for ensuring that the cafeteria staff knows that they do not have to work on MATHAPALOOZA Day, except for Christine, who helped out on MATHAPALOOZA Day last year too. (Sue Souza)

Sue Souza

Post MATHAPALOOZA Appreciation Director – Eric will send out emails to every parent, business, organization, vendor, entertainment group, and corporation as money and supplies are sent in to confirm receipt and to thank them for their support. However, this person is responsible for sending out hand-written notes to all of these people/companies after MATHAPALOOZA to thank them. Hand-drawn/written thank you notes from students should be included to each recipient.

Team Leaders – NMS Team Leaders need to be reminded of the importance of the MATHAPALOOZA academic incentive program. They will be required to collect current homework completion scores AND current quiz/test scores from every academic teacher on their team and submit these scores (twice every month from January through the end of the school year) to one of the Assistants to the Mathapalooza Executive and Creative Director (Eric's assistants). In addition, next June, the team leaders will be responsible for putting together “work packets” for students who do not qualify for the MATHAPALOOZA Day celebration. This is a big commitment and without the help of the team leaders, this MATHAPALOOZA program will not work.