

## Northview PTO Minutes

Oct. 13, 2014 - Northview Media Center

**In Attendance** **Northview Staff Members:** Kerri Town, Karen Buresh, Mary Pat Kurt, Trina Fifield, Katie Anderson and Joel Rogness

**NVPTO Board Members:** Sara Moran (Vice President), Heather Bronwell (Treasurer), Heather Thaller (Co-Secretary) and Colleen Frank (Co-Secretary)

**NVPTO Members:** Christina Ainza, Jessica Wesley, Kevin Teat, Melissa Lamkin, Carmen McShane Raniela Larson, Matthew Larson, and Brigette King

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sara Moran at 6:30 pm.

**Introductions** Sara Moran welcomed everyone and began introductions. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

**Meeting Minutes** Sara Moran made a motion to approve the September Minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

### School Report

#### Kerri Town Principal's Report:

1. **Communications:** Mrs. Town clarified that the school listserv is different from the PTO Newsletters and emails. She is working on staffing for a monthly Principal's Newsletter that would be looking to the month ahead. A survey was sent home about whether families preferred electronic or paper communications from the school. If anyone would like to make a change they should let Gaby or Karen in the office know.
2. **Site Council:** NV Site Council meets five times per year. Their most recent meeting was providing feedback to the Elementary Facilities Task Force, discussing safety and security, technology, elementary and early learning, stem magnet and equity. The next meeting in November will be about literacy. Site Council Members and meeting dates are located on the NV web site.
3. **Family Events:** Northview would like to host more family events after a successful playground night in September. They are looking at possible dates in November, January and April. Look for more information to come soon.
4. **After School Spanish Program:** Thanks for your response to our survey. Northview in partnership with the Concordia Language Village program will host a parent information night on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This program will start in January of 2015 if we have enough interest.
5. **Specialists:** This year we are offering full day Art, PE and Music classes. We were also able to add a Technology teacher. Please contact the school if you would like further information.
6. **Recess/Lunch:** All students go to recess first followed by lunch. In September, students reviewed cafeteria expectations and building capacity to be responsible for themselves and their needs in the lunchroom. A state mandate provides all Kindergartners with free breakfast if they choose.

7. **Parent drop off/pick up:** NV staff now wear safety vests and are supervising the car and bus line. We will continue to watch the safety of our parking lot and make changes as necessary. A facilities task force is currently looking at district facilities which may impact some future changes.
8. **Emergency Plan:** We are required to conduct five fire drills, five lockdown drills and one tornado drill each school year. We want students and staff to know a variety of exit routes throughout the building so that they are prepared for an emergency. It is very important that all visitors sign in at the office and wear a badge. The safety team is reviewing practices and will continue to make future recommendations.
9. **Treasure Box:** Students suggested they wanted better prizes for the treasure box. Trina Fifield collected ideas from students for prizes that were more meaningful. Some of those have already been implemented!
10. **Celebrations.** Mrs. Town reiterated there will not be a Halloween Parade or school wide Halloween parties this year Stay tuned for communication from your child's teacher on classroom festivities.
11. **Literacy Collaborative:** ISD 196 is focused on learning, collaboration and is results oriented. There will be a Literacy Collaborative information night coming for parents to learn more about literacy at Northview. Watch for the Principal's Newsletter for further information.

#### **PTO Officer's Report**

Heather Bronwell (Treasurer): Heather stated that Chip Shoppe sales are currently way down from last year. Currently there is \$500 in sales on apparel. There will be a Barns and Nobel book fair on Sat. December 6<sup>th</sup>. Staff will read and wrap books. Online ordering is an option as well. The fall family playground night was a success. PTO would like more information on funding the Deep Portage bussing in the future. The budget was approved by Sara Moran and seconded by Heather Thaller. There will be no more spending until the final Chip Shoppe sales are in.

#### Colleen Frank (Co-Secretary)

There was a communications meeting last month where it was discussed to look into a new email system. PTO will be sending home a survey to see how parents like to receive communication from the PTO