

9/15 Northview PTO Minutes-Northview Media Center In Attendance

Northview Staff Members: Kerri Town (Principal), Kelly Schlagel, Mary Pat Kurt, Becky Hansen, Amy Elsen, Tori Holtz, Diane Clouch, Jodi Wedum

NVPTO Board Members: Colleen Frank, Heather Lorentz, Sara Moran, Heather Bronwell

NVPTO Members: Traci Schmitt, Lynn Stein, Heather Nelson, Devan Madsen, Sarah Wall, Kate Risk, Megan Sturm, Jill Wohlman, Maribel Anellam, Jessica Wesley, Chris Krogh, Sue Groskreutz, Kim Turner, Krysta Larson, Lynn Iverson-Eyestone, Anitha Narayanasamy, Sally Carins, Lisa Martin, Brigitte King, Christina Ainza, Heather Thaller

Called to Order

6:29 the meeting was called to order by President, Heather Lorentz

Introductions

PTO Officer's Report

1. PTO Purpose reviewed/shared
2. Volunteer Opportunities/Fundraising covered by PTO President, Heather Lorentz (handout provided):

Scholastic Book Fair

Discussion of what is involved in volunteering-set-up, running book fair, a lot of money is made from this and Mrs. Holtz volunteered to be the staff point person to direct parent/volunteers

Staff Appreciation-usually the first week in May (looking at 5th-9th)

Volunteers needed to form committee to arrange a way to appreciate the staff

Walk 4 Northview

A walk at Northview to raise money, music plays, coordinate with principal when testing is not happening, and it is during Specialist time, on a Friday. The Walk is about 30 minutes. Parents are invited. There is almost no cost to coordinate

5th Grade Send Off

Saying Goodbye to 5th graders leaving

Last year was first year and it was a nice way for students to recount their years at Northview

You do not need to be a 5th grade parent to volunteer

Northview Gardens

Caring for gardens in fall and spring-volunteers needed

Carnival-May 29th

Sara discussed the evening of carnival-takes the entire year to plan, meetings start in October. There are many opportunities for mini-coordinators of specific areas of carnival. Many volunteers are needed to organize and run this carnival.

Art Adventure

Lynn Stein and Chris Krogh organize this and would like volunteers to guide the art discussion within the classroom. Minimal commitment, however you are able to be in the classroom and enjoy students learning. This is k-5. As a volunteer, you learn about 8 pieces of art, and then coordinate with the classroom teacher to educate students. Parent will present in classroom on SMART Board, for two half hour sessions within the classroom.

At the end of the meeting, all parents interested in volunteering will be able to list their name and number and someone will be in-touch with them.

Chip Shoppe

Help is needed for pick-up day, if interested contact Kim Turner

New Business

PTO Board Member to be voted in, Heather Thaller, as Co-Secretary. All were in agreement for Heather to be added to the board as Co-Secretary.

Heather Bronwell, NVPTO Treasurer -The budget was discussed-and a handout was dispersed stating current and proposed budget. Food Perspectives Program was discussed as per parent questions.

PTO purchased SMART Boards over the past 6-7 years, final SMART Boards were purchased last year. Eight of the projectors are in need of replacement. Parent asked if this is something that needs to be built into the budget yearly. Heather Lorentz, NV President, discussed adding a maintenance section to the budget permanently. Kerri Town, NV Principal stated that she is wondering if there needs to be a long-term plan to support the technology with support stemming from the district. Video camera was discussed as per the budget request. Parent discussed possibly having a "connection" that may assist with lowering the cost.

PTO Scholarship

This is given to former students through the Eagan Foundation. Former students write an essay discussing their volunteering, must have at least B average, etc.

Budget

Total Proposed Income and beginning PTO cash balance were discussed...the difference is 1,203.18. Balance doesn't include \$5000 that is to be left in PTO's bank account at all times.

Scholarships for Families in need were discussed-covers field trips, planners, classroom money, Carnival tickets, etc. There are criteria that would go through the office; this would be confidential, the PTO Board would not know which families would've applied.

Deep Portage was discussed and the bus fee that PTO was asked to contribute.

Thank You Gifts to Staff-a voucher is given to each instructional staff members since they tend to spend so much money on their own. The staff members were given gift cards to cover some of their own expense.

Coke Rewards-someone to coordinate the Coke Rewards-another sponsor is needed.

Box Tops were discussed-contests were discussed to get students to bring them in. A parent asked if we should do it more than two times per year-apparently it didn't go well when done more than twice in previous years.

Sally Cairns-Site Council Member was present tonight- There is a Site Council Meeting on September 23rd at 7:30am-this is a person that you may contact regarding school concerns/issues.

Facebook was discussed as well as other social media options.

Kerri Town discussed "All Star Tweets" which is on Twitter @townnv. She discussed different things that will be posted.

Heather Lorentz stated that the sign up sheet is available for volunteer sign ups.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30