



# NVPTO

Northview Elementary Parent Teacher Organization



## Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

**Date:** 9/24/2020

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Attendees:** Vicki Drasher, NVPTO Chair | Theresa Sjerven, NVPTO Vice Chair | Rebecca Williams, NVPTO Treasurer | Stephanie Monroe, NVPTO Secretary | Kerri Town, Northview Principal | Karen Buresh, Northview Secretary Principal | Melissa Griffin, Assistant Principal | Tanya Galland, Media Specialist | Michele Link-Valenstein, Parent | Tori Holtz, Northview Teacher – Distance Academy | Katie Robertson, Parent | Melissa Block, Parent | Paula Breimhurst, Parent |

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| 7:00 | <b>Welcome/Introductions</b>  | Vicki Drasher |
| 7:07 | <p><b>Principal's Report</b></p> <p>It has been a good start to the school year despite all the changes. Many new teachers and a successful start for them. There has been attention to helping new teachers acclimate. Northview Nurse Sue Hannisch has been a great leader with COVID-19 guidelines and response from the school. Ryan Hanning in IT has developed the use of the parent pick-up application.</p>                           | Kerri Town    |
| 7:15 | <p><b>PTO Budget Review and Approval</b></p> <p>Not holding the fall Apex Fun Run</p> <p>The 2020 Spring Carnival did not occur. Due to the amount of time required to plan and prepare for Spring Carnival, a decision about whether or not to hold the Carnival will need to be made by January or so.</p> <p>General Mills has changed the process for BoxTops and now requires scanning receipts versus submitting physical box tops.</p> | Vicki Drasher |



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|      | <p>Scholastic Book Fairs (Typically 2 per school year) TBD the format and whether these will be hosted.</p> <p>Reviewed updates to school software and supplies budget.</p> <p>Deep Portage trip is canceled for 2020-2021 and funding was removed.</p> <p>Would there be possibility for funding for a science-oriented, alternative field trip experience for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to replace Deep Portage. This is not expected to be the same dollar amount as Deep Portage (Kerri Town). The PTO wants to support and Kerri Town will provide more details when known.</p> <p>Other events removed due to not being expected to be held: Popcorn Party, Fall Open House, Fall Playground Night, Residency Program.</p> <p>No money was requested or designated for Orchestra Field Trip.</p> <p>Events TBD to occur or not: Fall Conference Meal, Winter Conference Meal.</p> <p>Patrol Camp clarification: summer (usually August) training, likely did not occur Summer 2020. (Kerri Town)</p> <p>Scholarships for Need clarification: typically has been used towards field trips funding. (Karen Buresh)</p> <p>Art Adventure will be offered in a Zoom format. (Kerri Town)</p> <p>Playground Equipment Repair fund is for fixing equipment when something is wrong. Balls and other equipment are purchased through Phys.Ed. funds. (Kerri Town)</p> <p>Questions? Concerns? None raised.</p> |       |

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|      | <p>Approving the budget was put to a vote. Budget was approved with 4 Yes and 0 No</p> <p>Northview is utilizing electronic newsletters and receives feedback about what content is being accessed. (Kerri Town)</p>   |               |
| 7:20 | <p><b>Fundraising Activities</b> (Discussed in tandem with PTO Budget Review)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Donation Campaign</b></li><li>• <b>Be You T-Shirt Sales</b></li><li>• <b>Papa Murphy's Pizza – Wed. 10/14 All Day</b></li><li>• <b>Amazon Smile "Northview Elementary PTO"</b></li></ul>  | Vicki Drasher |
| 7:44 | <p><b>New School Year Insights from Parents</b></p> <p>Virtual meet and greet for parents to meet the teachers?</p> <p>Northview teachers will be reaching out to do this. Expectations of consistency are being communicated at the school. (Kerri Town)</p> <p>Virtual Tour?</p> <p>Possibly. Kindergarten parents were given the opportunity to see the classroom but not the remainder of the school. (Kerri Town)</p> <p>As a kindergartner parent, my 3-year old was not allowed back so I wonder if other parents have had similar experiences not knowing. (Stephanie)</p> <p>Seesaw class assignments are not posted until 9am or 9:30am. Could the assignments be posted earlier?</p> <p>For consistency between distance learning and hybrid learning, the district has asked that the content stays consistent with the school start times. (Kerri Town)</p> <p>Could there be a syllabus or list of what the learning is going to look like for the coursework projected out further? Some schools provide assignments for longer periods (week or more) at a time to be worked on. (Katie Roberts)</p> |               |



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|      | <p>Request for flexibility with the start time for distance days/distance learning due to parent constraints and schedules, work. (Vicki Drasher, Theresa Sjerven)</p> <p>Hybrid is not having as much direct interaction with their teacher. (Theresa Sjerven)</p> <p>Full distance learning has regular contact with the students. (Tori Holtz)</p> <p>Difficulty with the live class times and keeping kids on time. Are there ideas, strategies for parents? (Vicki Drasher)</p> <p>The distance learning content is being created as they go and is responsive to the student needs. (Tori Holtz, Kerri Town)</p> |               |
| 7:59 | <b>Volunteer Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Scholastic Book Fairs</b></li><li>• <b>Conference Meals</b></li><li>• <b>Carnival</b></li><li>• <b>Staff Appreciation</b></li></ul>  | Vicki Drasher |
| 8:00 | <b>Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00PM , Location TBD</b>   |               |
| 8:01 | <b>Adjournment</b>   |               |

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Monroe, Secretary – NVPTO Board.