**In Attendance** **Northview Staff Members**: Kerri Town, Becky Hanson, Caley Jorgensen, Mary Pat Kurt, and Amy Elsen

**NVPTO Board Members:** Brigitte King, Pete Keller, Sue Groskreutz and Shannon Valiga

**General Members**: Carmen McShane, Heather Lorentz, Chris Krogh, Heather Nelson, Megan Sturm, Jennifer Keller, Lynn Stein, Dan Valiga, Lisa Winter, Josie Hurka, Lisa Eisele, Julie Dahl, Brian Dahl, Megan Blake, Marian Johnson, Suzanne Rysavy, Carrie Waldrop, Shannon Waldrop, Kraig Finwall, Lindsay McNally, Cheryl Vitek, Teri Bumpers, and Heidi S.

**Call to Order** 7:00 pm the meeting was called to order by co-President King. Keller objected to the meeting proceeding without a quorum present. The membership requested that Keller explain his concerns as to why the meeting should not move forward. Keller stated that according to information that he had researched NVPTO is not in compliance with MN State Statute for Non-profits. The membership asked him to provide additional details. Valiga informed the membership that the board is aware of this and has been working on correcting this concern, but it takes time and research. Groskreutz mentioned that the proposed edits to the bylaws is one of the attempts to bring these meetings in line with MN State Statute for Non-profits. The membership requested that King proceed with the meeting, thus allowing the proposed budget and bylaws to be reviewed, discussed and voted on.

**Agenda** King requested that the meeting agenda be as follows: Introductions, proposed 2015-2016 Budget-review and vote, Review of proposed bylaw changes and vote, Principal’s report, Report from Superintendent’s Parent Leader Committee Member Carmen McShane, Volunteer opportunities, Report on Fundraising, Report on School Spirit, and Adjournment. This request is being made to insure time can be spent on the budget and stated that this month’s meeting would be in a different order to insure quality time is spent on the most urgent concerns – the budget and bylaw changes.

Keller objected to the meeting proceeding. The membership asked him to explain. Keller referenced not having a quorum present. After a brief discussion the general membership moved and seconded accepting the meeting agenda as presented by King with the addition of voting on the previous general member meeting minutes, motion carried, Keller objected. Keller asked who would be taking meeting minutes. King announced to the membership that Sturm had resigned. The membership had a brief discussion expressing concern about not having a Secretary, as this is the second time that this has happened in this school year. The membership requested that King continue with the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes** Upon hearing of the discrepancies noted in the general meeting minutes of Sept. 28, 2015 Keller was asked by the membership to read his typed copy of the Sept. 28, 2015 general member meeting minutes

Keller requested a motion to approve the minutes as written, no motion was made

Groskreutz explained that she had amended the copy of the meeting minutes that had been provided to the general membership. She provided written copies to those in attendance and explained the edits/revisions that she had made to Keller’s copy to clear up the errors and discrepancies. The membership moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as edited by Groskreutz, motion carried, Keller objected

**2015-2016 Proposed Budget** Valiga provided written copies of the budget and provided an overview. Keller objected to the membership discussing the proposed budget without a quorum present. The membership asked Keller to explain his objections. He stated that NVPTO is not in compliance with MN State Statute due to not having a quorum of the membership. The members present requested an exact number of those that would need to be in attendance for a quorum. Keller stated 80+ members would need to attend the meeting. The members asked if historically NVPTO has had the many members in attendance. With current and previous NVPTO board members present, the last 5+ years were noted as having a historical attendance of 5 to 8 members present at general membership meetings. Those in attendance felt confident that the meeting dates and times have been communicated in a variety of ways that if a member wished to attend the meeting, they would know when and where to go to have their voice heard. Several members expressed concern that they took the time to attend the meeting tonight, and that their time was being wasted by not discussing the business at hand and instead getting hung up on areas that would not be easily resolved at tonight’s meeting. Keller brought up the issue that was presented to King, Groskreutz and Valiga via email and written copy to Keller by a parent requesting a complete mailing list of all persons eligible to vote at a NVPTO general meeting. The members asked Keller to disclose who the parent was, and he didn’t feel that that was necessary. (For complete transparency in governance: the parent that emailed King, Groskreutz, and Valiga was Jennifer Keller, the spouse of Keller). Valiga stated that the Board is concerned with the issues of complying with current privacy laws that would be in effect in regards to such a mailing list and legal counsel will be sought out to insure that members rights are not be encroached on. (Mrs. Keller was informed via email that the NVPTO Board would reply to her after seeking general counsel on the matter). The members mentioned the school directory and using that as. Towne stated that the school directory is something that parents/guardians need to Opt In to be a part of it. As well, the school directory is NOT to be used for marketing purposes (of which direct solicitation for NVPTO meetings would fall into that category). The members stated that with the variety of notifications that are currently available to parents/guardians, people can find out when the meetings are being held. Keller also expressed the concern that there was not a quorum at the May meeting of the NVPTO membership when the current board was voted into office. The members asked Keller if (in his opinion) this meant that the current board had no authority. When Keller didn’t answer the members, Groskreutz stated that if you are using the guidelines outlined by Keller the current board was not voted in by a quorum of the membership. The membership expressed their confidence in the current NVPTO Board members to proceed in an ethical manner to conduct the business needed to move the current and future fundraising for NV.

The members requested that Valiga discuss the proposed 2015-2016 budget. The membership asked her to explain why the budget is showing items that do not have current funding. She explained due to a change to fundraising in 2015-2016 there is no guarantee that the items included in the proposed budget will be funded. By voting in favor of the budget, this would allow the Board to move forward with presenting funds to the school to pay for items within the budget without having to call a membership meeting to receive approval on the expenditure. She also explained that if the fundraising dollars are not there, the funds would not be paid out. She stated that at the general membership meeting in January 2016, there will be updated presented so members know where the 2015-2016 budget stands. The membership motioned and seconded to approve the proposed budget as presented, carried, Keller objected.

**Proposed Bylaw Edits/Revisions** Keller objected to the membership discussing the proposed changes as there is not a quorum present. The membership requested that Groskreutz proceed with the discussion. She stated that the edits to the bylaws were being done with the intent to correct areas that were lacking based on concerns raised by Keller (i.e. establishing a quorum of 8 members in attendance at a meeting so that we are complying with MN State Statute for Non-Profits). After a discussion of the members present, they motioned and seconded to approve the bylaws, carried, Keller objected.

**Adjourned**  The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

See attached for the written report on the Superintendent’s Parent Leader Committee submitted by Carmen McShane.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Groskreutz, Vice President-NVPTO Board in the absence of a Secretary.