

## Northrop PTA Meeting

January 11, 2018

11 attendees

Officers present:

Kjessia Johnson Karol, Vice President, Patrick Jackson, Treasurer, Jill Carlton, Secretary  
Patrick ran the meeting in place of Stacy Delzer Martin, President, who was unable to attend

The meeting began with an explanation of MyON, the new online reading program PTA was able to purchase with funds raised through Give to the Max Day. Mr Elsbernd and Mr D came to discuss the program and how to utilize it.

At this point, ALL students at Northrop have access to this system. If you do not know your log in information, please ask your teacher. ALL children have access at this time. In order to access:

1. Visit the Clever website - Clever.com
2. Click on Log in as student
3. Enter our School Name - Northrop Community
4. Click on Log in With AActive Directory” or if you have a Clever Badge, click that
5. Without a badge, you will need to enter a username and password. Example - veri2701
6. Your child now has access to MyON, DreamBox, and other student resources.

We were able to look through the system and see many of the book options. At the end of each book, students are given a quiz on the story. Teachers are able to track progress.

Mr Elsbernd and Mr. D did do their teacher feature and introduced themselves to the group. As always with teacher feature, you can list needs for the class. At this time, Mr Elsbernd would benefit from thinking putty and similar items students can use at their seat. Mr. D could use Rubik’s cubes as well as board games (example - Connect 4).

### **Financials:**

There have been no significant changes with the budget. The biggest update is that Patrick has done extensive research and is preparing to purchase the snow shoe sets with the proceeds from the Walk a thon. These will be class sets that will allow staff to access them and utilize them on the local trails.

We continue to hold \$1000 in gift cards for families in need from last years discretionary funds. A reminder to staff that these are still available and many have not been used.

Challenge 100 - this has been budgeted \$5000 in revenue but no plan as of yet.

### **Volunteer opportunities:**

We continue to need volunteers for the Northrop Night Out event – date coming for this spring. At this point possible for dates of April 19<sup>th</sup> or April 26<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned!

Also, we continue to need a Chair for Rally Around Northrop. Please email us as interested!

### **Updates from Principal Amy**

Parents had questions on the following issues:

- One parent asked about Mr B and what was happening with his room. Amy stated that he was on a personal leave and she could not give any more details. He plans to return the first week of April. His student teacher was able to transition smoothly into taking over at this time, and Amy spends much time in the room ensuring students are handling things well. There will be a possible kindergarten curriculum night as well as extra conferences offered for those in Mr. B's room.
  
- Another parent had questions regarding reports they had heard about the EBD class rooms and concerns for student safety. Amy discussed how she had just hired a new teacher over winter break to take the place in the EBD classroom. She felt that the lack of a consistent adult was certainly an issue and she felt positive that the new teacher would be able to provide the warmth the students had been lacking. She discussed as well that they have 2 SEA positions open and posted, but they have been unable to fill these.