

**April PTA Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017 6:30 pm, Media Center**  
26 attendees

**- Northrop's Construction Plans**

We were fortunate to have Kent Dirks, MPS Construction coordinator and Jenny Tuttle, LSC architect come to discuss the upcoming Northrop Renovation. Here are some highlights from the exciting discussion about the changes. This project originated as a kitchen cafeteria renovation, with the goal of healthier fresh food and cooking ability on site (and a salad bar). The projected budget was 4.2 million dollars, with an upcoming bid for exact budget to be set. Funding came through the State Appropriation money 2017, through Building and Maintenance.

- Construction will begin after school gets out this June, to allow for safe demolition without children around.
- It's a 4 phase schedule, with phase 1 starting June 19th and going through June 26th. This will be demolition and hazardous material.
- The new kitchen is anticipated to be unveiled when students come back from Winter Break, January 2018. At that time, the new art and music rooms would be the focus, with those being ready around the return of students from Spring Break 2018.
- Minneapolis Kids will not be impacted, as they can stay in the gym and stage area when they cannot use the cafeteria. Drop offs will remain in the same door.
- Construction teams will of course try to minimize noise and disruption for kids during their school day. They are considering allowing some tours for kids with hard hats, so they can feel included at times.
- All of the construction is intended to use material to match the 1916 original look.
- The new courtyard will be about 5,000 square feet, and will have room for at least 2 classrooms to be out there for lunch or outside learning/seating. It will be a walkout area from the new cafeteria.
- There will still be the same gardening areas - this will not change.
- There will be a pipe infiltration system to manage and store the storm water, as the district is working with the Watershed District on this.
- The new art room will have a kiln!

Sketches of the anticipated construction are on [questcdn.com](http://questcdn.com).

**- PTA Welcome and Miscellaneous Info:**

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- Financials: No major changes at this time. At the next PTA meeting, there will be a vote for the upcoming budget. However, this will just be preliminary as the budget does not end until June 30th.
- Grant Requests: We voted and approved a request for Northrop Families for Equity and Justice to supply staff and teachers with "All Welcome Here" buttons, in a variety of languages. This was for \$50.
- Grant Request #2: We also voted and approved \$250 to go towards Phys Ed teacher Chuck Erlandson for Field Day Awards.

**- Northrop Night Out**

Northrop Night Out - Thursday April 27th at Du Nord Craft Spirits from 6-9pm. This is a 21 and older event with many silent auction items, appetizers, and fun for staff and families.

**- Rally Around Northrop**

Planning is in progress, and we need more help! This is all set at the school on Saturday, June 3rd from 10 am to 1:00 pm. We will have a bouncy house, food trucks, music, kids fun run, and more!! Please email us at [northroppta@yahoo.com](mailto:northroppta@yahoo.com) if you would like to be involved in the planning!

**-Additional Upcoming Events:**

- Parkway Pizza Night - Tues April 25th
- Northrop Night at the Cardinal - May 11th from 4-10 pm (10 % of proceeds will go to Northrop)

**Please join us for our final PTA meeting of the school year - May 18th!!**

**This will meeting will be in the cafeteria at 6:00 pm, as it is a potluck! Please come, bring a dish to share, and spend some time socializing before we close out with the final meeting of the school year!**