



PTA Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017

Introduction of Officers

- Stacy Delzer-Martin, President
- Kjessia Johnson Karol, Vice President
- Patrick Jackson, Treasurer
- Jill Carlton, Secretary

Give to the Max Day Success

- Over \$3,000 was raised on Give to the Max day, all which went to the purchase of MyOn Software. MyOn will allow both students and staff to have access to numerous books online at school and at home. Training on how to use MyOn will happen at the January PTA meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities within PTA

- Ongoing need for Yearbook photos. If you have any photos please send them to northropeyearbook@gmail.com.
- **Rally Around Northrop** - Still in need of a chair
- **Snapology Night** - We are in need of someone to help set up a Snapology family night. A Northrop parent owns Snapology and is offering to having a fundraiser there. Please let us know if interested.
- **Northrop Night Out** - We have two co-chairs. Now we need volunteers! The location will be at Du Nord again. Please look for a planning email and help us out.
- **Chinook** - Books and mobile app still available.
 - \$22 for book and app, \$15 for app only

Grant Request

- We had a grant request for Lindsey Wagner, Licensed School Psychologist. The request was for \$214 (plus shipping and handling) for 4 Motivaiders. These are devices that can be set to vibrate to assist in behavior interventions for students in need of increased self-management. It assists in behaviors such as social skills, focus, and work completion. After much discussion, this request was approved. An idea was to have Lindsey return to a meeting to discuss how they are working and tell the PTA more about them.

2017-18 Financials Update (as of 12/13/17)

- **Revenue**
 - Budgeted: \$37,569
 - Actual: \$9,871
- **Expenses**
 - Budgeted: \$37,569
 - Actual: \$3,838
- **Net Income:** \$6,034
- **Cash Accounts**
 - Operating: \$9,027
 - Family Emergency Fund: \$1,500
 - Reserve: \$6,087
 - Excess: \$22,315
- **Other Updates**
 - Taiko Drumming performed on November 10 and was a huge success among teachers and kids! Paid for by the PTA
 - Bike Fix-It Station was installed and looks great. Paid for by the PTA
 - Snowshoe sets to be purchased by PTA in time for winter use from the Walk-a-Thon proceeds
 - Holding \$1000 in gift cards
 - Challenge 100 - Budgeted \$5000 in revenue. Still need plan for this.

Updates from Principal Amy

- **Construction Update**
 - Amy gave us an overview of where things are at with Construction at this time.
 - The construction is about 5 weeks behind schedule.
 - At the time of the meeting, the floors and freezers for new cafeteria were in process.
 - Phase 2 was in process, which will soon include the Teachers Lounge.
 - They are hoping by mid-March to have cooking take place on school grounds - that's the goal.
 - Lunch will remain 30 minutes and there will be 5 different lunch times.
 - Lunch time was discussed as the 30 minute time frame seemed a bit long for some, but just right for other students. Staff had been working on positive reinforcements for lunch clean up and providing some games/activities for those done early.
 - One exciting part was the acoustic tiles they plan to hang in the new cafeteria.

- **Site Council**
 - Amy gave an overview of Site Council, which can be found through the Minneapolis Public Schools page, http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/site_councils.
 - At Northrop, there are 11 members. Recently, there were 3 positions open and there were 17 applicants. The Site Council members voted to keep 2 in their positions, and they added 1 new member in the 3rd position.
 - Amy finds that the Northrop's site council main role truly is to provide input and feedback to principal.
 - Currently they are updating bylaws and working on ensuring minutes are available for all to see.
 - Anyone is welcome to Site Council meetings and Amy is encouraging more to become involved.
- **Media Updates**
 - Laura Schwartz is an AE who has taken over as the lead for the Media Center.
 - Currently, students are coming and checking out books.
 - There are times that music and art have to be held in the space due to construction. They are making sure it is only being used for that about 50 % of the time to ensure it is getting Media use as well.
- **Other Items**
 - "Northrop News" is in need of an Editor - contact Amy if interested.
 - The "push in teachers" have been on board this school year to provide extra help in reading, particularly to the 4th and 1st grade larger classes. They have been helping provide additional support and staff have found this helpful. While more help is always needed, this appears to be a good start.

Upcoming Events

- Winter Break - Friday, December 22 thru Friday, January 5
 - Classes resume Monday, January 8
- Parkway Pizza Night - Tuesday, December 26
- Northrop Night at the Cardinal - Thursday, January 4 (with the focus on 1st grade families)
- Martin Luther King Day - No school Monday, January 15

Next Meeting

- Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
 - MyOn training will take place
 - Child Care always provided!

Contact Us!

- **Email:** Northroppta@yahoo.com
- **Facebook:** [Northrop Urban Environmental PTA](#)
- Send us a note with your student to school, attn: PTA (for our mailbox), or send us some good old fashioned mail to the Northrop address! (Northrop PTA, 4315 31st Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55406)