

PTA Meeting March, 16, 2017

- PTA Welcome, Stacy Delzer-Martin, President
- Teacher Feature: Carolyn Serrano, 3rd Grade; We enjoyed hearing about Ms Serrano's time at Northrop, and her many wonderful years of teaching at our school. She discussed her upcoming retirement and how this is her last year as a teacher at Northrop (but possibly may return as a sub, after some travels!)
- Financials: Summary of current budget was provided. PTA officers will vote on a new school year budget at the May meeting, knowing that we will need to revisit in September. At this time, we are still at only 34% of classroom stipends claimed and 44% of all bus stipends - hoping more teachers cash in on their stipends soon! (Deadline is June 5th). Cameras have been decided on for each classroom and will be purchased soon. It was highlighted that becoming an official PTA member is not only helpful, but we recently learned that to officially be able to vote, you must be a member. Membership sign ups are always available, with a suggested donation of \$10.
- Grant Requests: We officially voted in favor of the only 2 grant requests submitted. One request was for a 1st grade presentation on electricity, while the other was to assist financially with a 4th/5th grade St Paul Saints outing. \$1400 has been budgeted for grant requests, and these are the first ones we have received (total for both was \$420).
- Northrop Night Out - Thursday, April 27th, 6-9 pm at Du Nord Craft Spirits. The committee is currently working on additional silent auction items, although many have already been donated! The tickets will include food and a tour of the distillery. The outing is for Northrop family members, teachers, and staff, all 21 and older.
- Rally Around Northrop - Planning underway for this event as well. This event will be June 3rd from 10 am - 1pm. We would LOVE your help for these 2 events - next meeting is March 21st at 6:30 at Du Nord.
- PTA Want Ads: We Need a volunteer for help look over the books, as a yearly audit is required. Please let us know if you are interested - should take an hour or 2 of time, so if you have financial/accounting experience, let us know! ALSO, if you know of an older child looking for service hours, please us know, as we can help utilize them at our upcoming activities.
- Upcoming Events: Movie Day at Riverview for 5th grade camping trip (Saturday March 25th), Parkway Pizza Night (Tuesday, March 28th), Northrop Night at the Cardinal (4/13 from 4-10pm), and Northrop's Night Out (Thursday April 27th, 6-9pm), and Rally Around Northrop (June 3rd). Our recent Box Top Month Challenge brought in \$775!

- School Budget: Principal Amy presented budget information again, reviewing some potential plans to deal with the \$200,000 deficit that Northrop will be facing for the next school year. Amy provided PTA members with much time for question/answer period, as she openly discussed current challenges and plans for next year. Please see Amy's email to families for budget information, or contact her directly, as she continues to be open to taking time to listen/communicate with families regarding next school year's budget.