

October 27 2016 PTA Meeting --Minutes

PTA Introductions and Overview

- Officer & Principal Introductions
- Membership-Please fill out a membership form (suggested donation\$10) Forms available on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria
- Email List –be sure to sign up! We are using a new email service and need all emails. Email northropPTA@yahoo.com and we will get you added!

Teacher Feature

- Teacher- Ms. Vetter-Art
- <http://northrop.mpls.k12.mn.us/art>

Ms. Vetter has been teaching for 31 years, loves art and loves the kids, she is focusing on collaboration with the classroom teachers this year, learning a lot from the classroom teachers, hopes for corrugated metal signage for the front of the building with the Northrop name, hopes for support of the classroom set of cameras with the Walk a Thon funds, donations of digital cameras would be accepted.

- Teacher- Ms. Matsumoto 5th Grade <http://northrop.mpls.k12.mn.us/Matsumoto>
Brought examples of photography her student have produced, worked with professional photographer parents in the past and she is hoping to get a set of cameras and some **bright card stock**—the 5th grade will start their school store in November—hoping to buy a few new tents for their camping trip.
- Wood Duck Wishes- Each teacher featured has 2 Wood Duck wishes of something that they need for their classroom. If you are interested in making a Wood Duck Wish come true; take the duck, purchase the item (or donate) and return to the PTA Mailbox, PTA will see that the teacher gets it! Thanks!

Vote November 8th SCHOOL REFERENDUM

- Nelson Inz-School Board Director Nelson is a history teacher at Great River Montessori in St. Paul, he lives in Regina neighborhood, twin 4 year old boys
 - <http://www.yesformplskids.org/>
 - <http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016>
- Educate your friends and neighbors!

The MPS referendum is a voter approved property tax levy, represents a renewal of the current referendum, 13% of the operating budget of the district, \$800K for Northrop, per pupil without ref is 1.5 million, fair chunk of the budget here at Northrop. BC of the increase in the tax base in Mpls the amount we are asking for will be less than previously given, there would be a drop in that portion of your property tax, there is a board approved capital levy that goes up q year,
-Nelson spoke to class sizes and how that has been down overall throughout the city, despite the higher enrollment at Northrop and south Mpls as a whole. Because we are a Community School, we have said we won't turn away those in boundaries, we do get extra funds with each student we get. This allows for Northrop to spend on EA's, etc. They do see higher rates of achievement at schools with lower class sizes, they have lowered admin costs by 15% at the district level last year. This referendum goes for 9 years, to allow for more flexibility with renewal of the referendum. This will adjust for inflation over the life of the referendum.

What is an operating referendum?

- It comes from local property taxes
- Nearly all school districts receive referendum revenue to fund the operations of the district

- If approved by voters, taxes are not projected to increase as a result of this referendum because it is a renewal of an existing commitment
- For MPS, the expiring amount is \$1,604.31 per pupil

Why is it needed?

- The funding we receive from the state has not kept up with inflation or the rising costs of doing business
- In order to provide high-quality educational services and support students' learning, school districts need funding from other sources, such as the referendum, grants and federal sources.

How would funds from the referendum renewal be used?

- Manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities to students
- In 2016-2017 school year budget, the total referendum revenue provides funding for more than 750 educator positions
- At Northrop, it equals \$818,907 allocation and \$47,064 in academic specialists.

What happens if the referendum fails?

- MPS will have to make difficult decisions about how to operate the district without a substantial portion of the budget
- Class sizes and current services and opportunities may be significantly impacted

For detailed tax information, school budgets, FAQs and other information, visit:

www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016

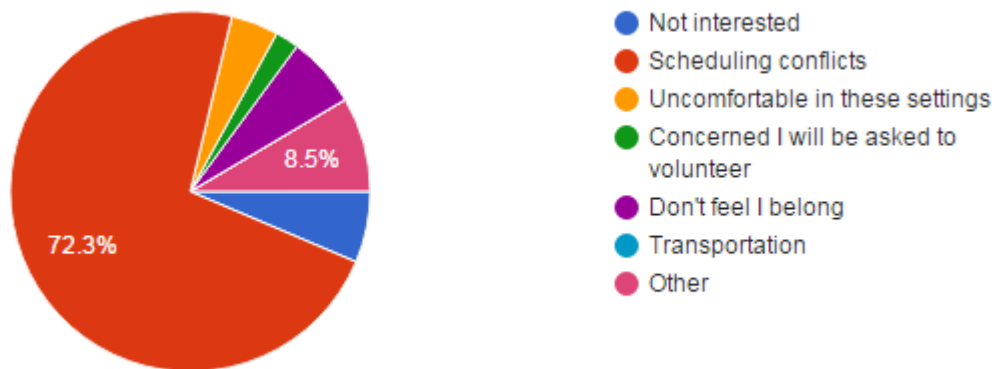
Northrop PTA 2016-2017 Survey: Results

67 total responses 8-26 to 10-24

Event Participation (64 responses)

- Back to School Open House (87.5% indicated they participated)
- Meetings (54.7 %)
- Fall Dinner (site council event) (50%)
- Rally around Northrop (46.9%)
- Family Craft Night (28.1%)
- Open Eye Figure Theater Summer Show (28.1%)

Boundaries to Participation (47 responses)



Interest in Future Events (65 responses)

- Service Project (72.3% interested in attending)
- Family Game Night (61.5%)
- Family Movie Night (60%)
- Guest Speakers (52.3%)

Service Project Ideas

- Playground Lake or Creek Cleanup
- Food or Clothing Drive
- Meals on Wheels (<https://meals-on-wheels.com/>)
- Second Harvest Heartland (<http://www.2harvest.org/>)
- Storm Drain stenciling (<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/stormwater/stenciling>)
- Helping the elderly with their homes
- Serving dinner at the Simpson Services shelter (<https://www.simpsonhousing.org/>)
- Feed my Starving Children (<https://www.fmssc.org/>)
- Sandwich making night (<http://www.thesandwichprojectmn.org/>)
- Make winter kits for the homeless
- Second Stork (<http://secondstork.org/>)

Ideas for Speakers

- Racial & Social Justice
- Anti-bullying & cyberbullying
- District speakers on Education Policy, culinary & wellness services
- Meet & greet with Superintendent Ed Graff
- Conflict resolution
- Advanced learners
- Parenting topics
- Jacob Wetterling Foundation speaker (there is an event 11/4 at Minnehaha Academy open to the public (<http://info.minnehahaacademy.net/speaker-series-2016-alison-feigh>))
- 5th Grade transition
- Northrop teachers on best practices for parents, teachers, and PTA to support students and classrooms

Event Ideas and Feedback

- Incorporate service project into Craft Night
- Outdoor games and family events "Field Day" style
- Restorative Justice for bullying and other school-based offenses
- Music and Storytelling night
- Family Science night
- Multicultural theme nights
- More of an environmental focus

Fundraising Participation

Past Participation (61 responses)

- Walk a Thon (67.2%)
- Corporate Programs (65.6 %)
- Plant Sale (60.7 %)
- Challenge 100 (54.1%)
- Parkway Pizza (52.5%)
- Give to the Max (29.5%)
- Other (6.6%)

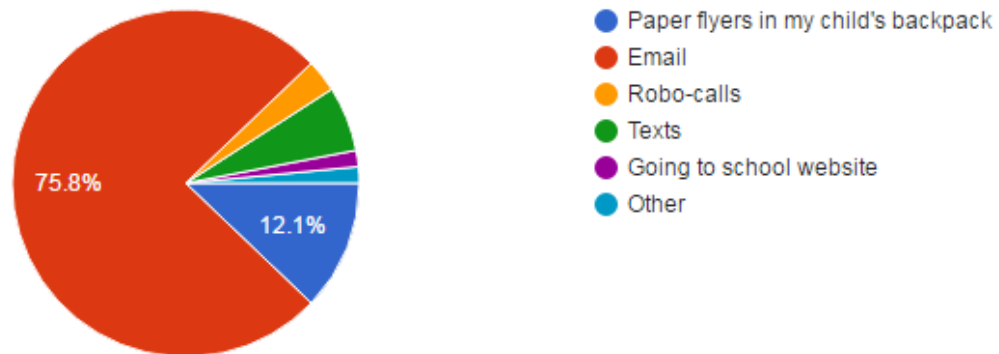
Plan to Participate (66 responses)

- Plant Sale (68.2%)
- Parkway Pizza (68.2%)
- Corporate Programs (63.6%)
- Challenge 100 (54.5%)
- Walk a Thon (51.5%)
- Give to the Max (30.3%)
- Other (3%)

Fundraising Ideas

- Vendor night or Holiday shopping event
- Grant writing
- <http://wildones.org/seedmony.html>
- <http://www.americainbloom.org/resources/grant-opportunities.aspx>
- <http://www.nature.org/>
- “Round up” option on field trips
- Sell flower pots painted by kids
- Arrange a fundraising night with a “pay to play” location
- Halloween walk
- More clothing options
- Community event like corn feed, pancake breakfast, car wash, rummage sale

Communications (66 responses)



Swag Bag Winners!

Thanks for your feedback!

1. Hannah Baines
2. DeeAnn Raue-Beaver
3. Brad Barrows

Walk a Thon

- We raised \$5954 total
 - \$555 towards 5th grade Camping Trip
 - \$387 towards 4th grade trip to YMCA Camp Widjiwagan in Ely, MN
- \$5012 remains
- Where should the money go?
 - Art supplies (\$300 GC to art supply company)
 - Class Set of Shareable Technology (price varies, up to \$10K)
 - Class Set of Cameras (30 @ \$100/piece=\$3000)
 - Outdoor Classroom activities (Bug nets, etc) (dry-30 @\$12 each= \$360; Wet-30@\$10 each=\$300)

- Project Starfall \$270, app for use in the building to increase reading and math abilities, focuses on K-2 but is usable by upper grades
 - Principal Amy stated that the building is looking a couple of app licenses that they could use and hopes this money could be generalized to a license that is decided on by staff

Sonja Isaacson moved to vote for a classroom set of cameras, \$300 art supplies gift card, outdoor classroom activities, and a subscription to a reading app. Motion was seconded and passed. The teachers thanked the PTA for the donation.

2016-2017 Budget

| Northrop Urban Environmental PTA | | | | | | | | | |
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| Budget (2016-17 FY) | | | | | | | | | |
| July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 | | | | | | | | | |
| REVENUE | 2015-16 Actual | 2016-17 Budget | 2016-17 Actual | Notes | EXPENSES | 2015-16 Actual | 2016-17 Budget | 2016-17 Actual | Notes |
| Celebrate 100 | \$ 5,930.41 | \$ 7,500.00 | | | 2016-17 Classroom | \$ 7,359.10 | \$ 7,250.00 | | 15-16 Includes Bus Stipend |
| Celebrate 100 Party | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | | | 5th Grade Graduation | \$ - | \$ 250.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| Cash Donations | \$ 54.06 | \$ 500.00 | | | Art Adventures | \$ 114.00 | \$ 115.00 | | Check with Jen Ruby |
| Give to the Max Day | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data | Bus Stipend | \$ - | \$ 1,050.00 | | Not broken out in 15-16 |
| PTA Membership | \$ - | \$ 250.00 | | | Celebrate 100 Party | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | | Not a 15-16 Item |
| Rally Around Northrop | \$ 3,691.12 | \$ 4,000.00 | | | Community Events | \$ 475.37 | \$ 550.00 | | Puppet Show |
| Spirit Gear | \$ 58.35 | \$ 2,000.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data | Family Craft Night | \$ 236.67 | \$ 250.00 | | February |
| Spring Plant Sale | \$ 10,405.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | | | Family Emergency Fund | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | | Unused in 15-16 or incomplete data |
| Walk-A-Thon | \$ 6,590.07 | \$ 5,000.00 | | | Field Trip Fund for | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | | Unused in 15-16 or incomplete data |
| Yearbook | \$ 2,560.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | | | Grants | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | | Unused in 15-16 or incomplete data |
| Corporate Programs | \$ 2,682.39 | \$ 2,500.00 | | | Ice Cream Social | \$ 18.26 | \$ 230.00 | | August |
| Amazon Smile | \$ - | \$ - | | | Insurance | \$ 180.00 | \$ 180.00 | \$ 180.00 | |
| Box Tops | \$ - | \$ - | | | Kindergarten Graduation | \$ 192.82 | \$ 250.00 | | |
| Chris & Rob's | \$ - | \$ - | | | Literacy Night | \$ - | \$ 150.00 | | Volunteer dinner in Feb (??) |
| Holy Land Hummus | \$ - | \$ - | | | MCA Testing Snacks and | \$ 102.40 | \$ 250.00 | | April |
| Loaves for Learning | \$ - | \$ - | | | Plant Sale | \$ 6,792.53 | \$ 5,000.00 | | |
| Other Restaurants | \$ - | \$ - | | | PTA - State/National Dues | \$ - | \$ 300.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| Parkway Pizza | \$ - | \$ - | | | PTA - Office | \$ - | \$ - | | |
| Razoo Foundation | \$ - | \$ - | | | Supplies/Postage/Printing | \$ 55.00 | \$ 250.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| The K Foundation | \$ - | \$ - | | | PTA - Return Check Fees | \$ 50.00 | \$ 150.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | PTA Meetings - Childcare | \$ 300.00 | \$ 675.00 | | 9 x \$75 |
| Fall Dinner | \$ 2,096.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | | | PTA Meetings -First Meeting | \$ 242.60 | \$ 500.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| Kid's Night Out | \$ 1,130.00 | \$ 750.00 | | | Rally Around Northrop | \$ 3,271.17 | \$ 4,000.00 | | |
| Bank Interest (Checking) | \$ 4.00 | \$ - | | | Spirit Gear | \$ - | \$ 1,200.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| Bank Interest (Money Market) | \$ - | \$ - | | | Walk-A-Thon - 4th Grade Camping Trip | \$ 952.57 | \$ 400.00 | | |
| Bank Interest (Savings) | \$ - | \$ - | | | Walk-A-Thon - 5th Grade Camping Trip | \$ 544.00 | \$ 300.00 | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 35,201.40 | \$36,000.00 | \$ - | | Walk-A-Thon - Refreshments | \$ 333.17 | \$ 325.00 | \$ 314.61 | |
| | | | | | Yearbook | \$ 533.40 | \$ 750.00 | | |
| | | | | | Staff Appreciation | | | | |
| | | | | | Back-to-School Breakfast | \$ 62.81 | \$ 200.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| | | | | | Conferences Dinner | \$ - | \$ - | | Adequate Supplies |
| | | | | | End of the Year Breakfast | \$ - | \$ 200.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| | | | | | Holiday Luncheon | \$ - | \$ 350.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| | | | | | Teacher Appreciation Day | \$ 633.30 | \$ 1,250.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| | | | | | Engineer Overtime | | | | |
| | | | | | Craft Night | \$ 87.50 | \$ 87.50 | | |
| | | | | | Fall Dinner | \$ 87.50 | \$ 87.50 | | |
| | | | | | Literacy Night | \$ 87.50 | \$ 90.00 | | |
| | | | | | Miscellaneous | \$ 152.50 | \$ 200.00 | | |
| | | | | | PTA Meetings | \$ 600.00 | \$ 665.00 | | \$87.50 x 2 + \$70 x 7 |
| | | | | | Rally Around Northrop | \$ - | \$ 245.00 | | Incomplete 15-16 data |
| | | | | | Miscellaneous | | | | |
| | | | | | Fall Dinner | \$ 2,467.18 | \$ 2,000.00 | | |
| | | | | | Kid's Night Out | \$ 605.50 | \$ 750.00 | | |
| | | | | | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 26,536.85 | \$ 36,000.00 | \$ 494.61 | |

There was a motion to approve the budget that was seconded and the motion passed.

Patrick is continuing to familiarize himself with the role of treasurer and is working to set up a user friendly excel spreadsheet that will allow himself and future treasurers to input figures that will automatically be translated to a balance sheet and budget. He thanked everyone for their patience. The PTA has a healthy balance in the checkbook and will discuss appropriate expenditures at a future meeting once we ensure all credits and liabilities are taken care of.

Ericsson's 100th Birthday—

- Form a committee to organize a celebration this year
- <http://mpshistory.mpls.k12.mn.us/Ericsson.html>
- Lots of great ideas discussed, including wrapping the celebration into the 2016-17 school year, a family dance, a program with former graduates of Ericsson school, and/or a yearlong celebration culminating in the spring
- The PTA will send out a notice for a meeting of interested people to start a planning committee—keep an eye out for a meeting date

Open Forum

- What is on your mind? Ideas for projects or speakers?
- Please try to limit speaking to 3 minutes
- Northrop BLM Parents Group

Scott Donnelly spoke about the group. There is an open meeting scheduled with Principal Amy 11/15 at 5:15 in the media center (before November's PTA meeting)

All are welcome and encouraged to attend the discussion of racial and social justice. Scott spoke about wanting to bring our best and brightest to our kids. Maureen Hunt went to the Twin Cities Social Justice Education Fair and attended the session on "How to politicize your PTO." There was a request for age appropriate resources for the media center and parents to read with their kids and information on how to raise kids to be allies for people of color.

Volunteer Opportunities!

Contact the PTA if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities!

- 100th Birthday Party (keep an eye out for an organizational meeting) (MH & LS)
- Art Adventures (18+ volunteers needed, including a coordinator, yearlong commitment with training provided at MIA) <http://new.artsmia.org/discover/art-adventure/>
- Fall/Winter Service Project
- Spring Service Project
- Grant Writing (CL)
- Bumper Sticker Design (RS)
- Pieology Pizza fundraiser night <http://www.pieology.com/pieology-gives-back/> (JD)
- Menchie's fundraiser night <http://www.menchies.com/frozen-yogurt-shops/frozen-yogurtcleveland-avenue-mn> (JD)
- Chipotle fundraiser night <https://chipotle.com/fundraisers>
- Boss' Pizza and Chicken Fundraiser <http://www.bosspizzaandchicken.com/>
- Chinook Book sales <http://fundraisechinook.com/#home> (HC)
- Organize Vendor night (Norwex, Usborne, etc.)

Thanks for coming!

- Next Meeting is TUESDAY, November 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the media center. Childcare available in the gym!
- Book Fair is November 15-18 on the Northrop Stage
- Fall Dinner is November 17 (more info to come from Site Council)

Ways to get in touch with the PTA:

- Email: Northroppta@yahoo.com
- Send us an email to join the mailing list!
- Twitter: @Northrop PTA
- Facebook: Northrop Urban Environmental PTA
- Send us a note with your student to our attn. (for our office mailbox)
- Mail: Northrop PTA, 4315 31st Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406