

November 9, 2017 PTA meeting minutes

### **Teacher Feature**

Ms. Krogh, 2nd grade teacher joined us. Ms. Krogh is also a Northrop parent and has been teaching at Northrop since before the program moved to the Ericsson building. Ms. Krogh shared that they are finishing the first quarter of the new literacy curriculum. One unique feature of the new curriculum is that all grade levels are studying the same topics at the same time, although at different levels.

Discussion of the Dreambox program for math programs, allowing kids to continue as they are able. This program is different than the ST math used last year. This conversation morphed into a discussion about a possible online reading program myOn. It was decided to review further and possibly use the upcoming Give to the Max day as a fundraiser to purchase this program for the rest of the year.

### **Volunteer Opportunities with PTA**

- Ongoing, Please continue to take and provide photos for the yearbook when you are in school and on field trips. Include the classroom and activity in the subject line and email to [northropeyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:northropeyearbook@gmail.com)
- Snapology Fundraiser  
Snapology is opening the Discovery Center in Uptown and has offered a fundraising night from 5-8 on a weeknight. This is a one time volunteer commitment, arranging a date and coordinating publicity. Email us for more info or to volunteer. Snapology's Mpls franchise is owned by a Northrop parent!
- February 2018, Craft and Literacy Night  
PTA will work with teachers to plan the craft activities and snacks for literacy night, They will support the theme of literacy night. Keep an eye out for more information in January.
- Rally Around Northrop  
Our spring Fun Run and Community Festival needs a chair or co-chairs. This is a fun event for all families and community members held in late spring, we usually have food trucks, community tables, entertainment. Please let [northropPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:northropPTA@yahoo.com) know if you are interested, you will have lots of support from the PTA board.
- Northrop Night Out  
This is Northrop's second run at a silent auction/adult only event. Last year's inaugural event was held at DuNord Distillery and was enjoyed by staff and parents alike, raising over \$5K to support Northrop programs. This event has secured 3 co-chairs for this year, but still needs plenty of volunteers to be a success. Keep your eyes open for a meeting soon and let us know if you have a donation of an auction item or know of a business that would like to participate.

**Other news:**

- PTA will be having a food drive for the Sheridan Story during the first week or so of December, we will be collecting canned fruit (under 16 oz size) to support the organization. Learn more here [www.thesheridanstory.org](http://www.thesheridanstory.org)
- The Taiko drummers are coming 11.10 and will perform 3 shows in the gym. This was a parent initiated idea, sponsored by the PTA, voted on in May 2017.
- A bike fix it station will be installed on 11.14, another parent initiated idea voted on in May 2017.
- Construction seems to be right on schedule. See Amy's email from 11/6 for more detailed information. <http://facilities.mpls.k12.mn.us/northrop>
- The tire mulch removal from the playground may be tied in with our construction project. MPS is still researching options and evaluating the removal from each of the unique sites.
- A Northrop family is seeking assistance with rides to school for their 4th Grader. If you are able to help with a ride from near 47th and Oakland, please contact the PTA and let us know, we will put you in touch. The single parent does not drive due to a disability and would appreciate any help that can be provided!
- Give to the Max Day is November 16, 2017, please donate to support the PTA's work. <https://givemn.org/organization/Northropurbanenviromentalpta>
- Fall Dinner is November 16 as well. This event is organized by Northrop's Site Council.
- The Northrop Green team has been working with the DNR Conservation Corps to evaluate Northrop's grounds. Northrop is a designated school forest. There is a need for fencing around the rain garden to prevent people walking through it. This may be brought to PTA for funding.

### **Financial update:**

15% of the classroom stipends and 28% of the bus stipends have been claimed. Walkathon raised \$5,226 which will be used to purchase two classroom sets of snowshoes and leveled reading for classrooms.

Next meeting is December 14, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the media center. Tabled for next month, Site Council, who they are and what they do.