

May 18, 2017 - Final PTA Meeting of the School Year

22 members present, and Principal Amy
6:00 pm - Potluck and celebration of a great year!
6:30 - Meeting began

Stacy Delzer Martin, PTA President, welcomed everyone and thanked all for help for a great school year. Introduced officer present - Kjessia Johnson Karol (VP), Patrick Jackson (Treasurer), Jill Carlton (Secretary)

Teacher Appreciation Week: We celebrated our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with \$10 gift cards to DQ for all of them, a catered lunch by Fat Lorenzo, and a supportive message to all staff sincerely thanking for them for their hard work at Northrop

Financials: Patrick walked the members present for through the current budget and each member received a complete and detailed preliminary budget for next year. The highlights included an excess of funds, \$5797, that potentially could be used this fiscal year (which ends June 30th). There still remains a large amount of excess funds, over \$20,000, which will remain in discussion. Continued ideas and discussions around that money will start again in the fall.

- There were questions surrounding the new change in the school budget for the engineering position being switched to “custodial position.” Since this is not a PTA issue, Principal Amy answered this question. She discussed how we went from 2-3 engineers this year, with 2 during the day and 1 at night. This will stay the same for Northrop next year. The position name is being changed to custodian as a certain certification is not needed anymore to be in the position, leading to the name change. It should not cause any major differences for Northrop.
- There were also questions related to the “Discretionary” money. Patrick explained how these are known revenues that allow us to save money (around \$3200) to figure out what to use for a later time.
- About half of all classroom stipends and bus room stipends have been used at this time. The deadline to submit receipts for teachers is June 7th. Patrick I has actively been reminding staff of their remaining stipends and how to access this.

There was a move to pass the budget for 2017/2018, and this was approved. All are able to access the budget as it is for public view.

Grant Requests: All of the grant requests were approved. They included:

- \$123 for the crossing guard field trip to MOA, to assist with public transportation for 70 students.
- \$120 for Jen Rubey to purchase Adam Rubin autographed books for the media center, as kids loved his recent visit and reading

New Business

Several PTA members presented ideas on how to spend some of this years' excess funds. (Additional PTA rollover funds will be addressed next school year)

These included:

- Sarah O'Connor - Sarah spoke with the social worker, and learned that families at Northrop are often in needs of gift cards to Cub or Target, for groceries, winter gear, etc. She also learned that several of the families at Northrop are behind on cafeteria payments, and presented the idea that the PTA pay their bills. After much discussion, it was decided to take that last idea off the table, as Minneapolis Public Schools does wipe these bills out at the end of the school year. So the final idea presented by Sarah was \$1500 worth of Cub and/or Target gift cards.
- Molly Rolfsmeier - representing the Northrop Families for Equity and Justice - presented the idea of cultural performances by Theater Mu for next school year. They are an Asian group that uses drumming to teach students about different cultural experiences. For 3 performances, cost would be about \$1400.
- Tom Hudson proposed the idea of a bike repair station on the side of Northrop where the bike racks currently are located. He looked into a company that would install a pump and retractable tools for bike repair, and do installation for free. The total cost would be \$1100. This would allow students and staff who bike to school to fix their bikes as problems arise, and would teach students about bike repair.

ALL of these ideas were approved! They were voted on and the total fall within the accepted amount of excess funds to use at this time.

Northrop Night Out-

This was a huge success!! A fun night with about 100 people. We had over 125 items donated and raised \$5500! All staff were able to come without cost, and staff feedback on the event was positive. We are happy to take feedback for next year! We are SO grateful for all the volunteers that helped make it happen.

Rally Around Northrop:

It's COMING!! Saturday, June 3rd from 10 am-1:00 pm. We still need lots of volunteers! We have secured bounce houses, bands, food trucks, vendors and more! Cost is \$3 per person, \$12 will include a t-shirt, and we have lots of scholarship money available. Families can talk to social worker Dena if they are in need of a scholarship.

Upcoming Events:

Parkway Pizza night! Tuesday, May 30th.

The Cardinal nights! 10 % of proceeds will go to our PTA on June 8th, July 13th, and August 10th.

The Rally! June 3rd 10-1

Open Eye Theater - Sunday, July 30th, at 4:00 pm. This event is free, including popcorn and lemonade. Bring a blanket and a friend!

Enjoy your summer!

We will see you at the Open House in August, and back to PTA Meetings in September. Please stay in touch!

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THANK YOU!!!