

PTA Meeting - April 12, 2018
32 people present

- Meeting began with Teacher Feature: Anna Whiting, STEM, teacher discussed what she was currently doing with her students. She is having fun with her students focusing on everything from chain reactions, solar ovens, and windmills. She had a very successful STEM night in March where kids learned about science through popular stories

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- Upcoming Events

- MCA testing next week: PTA paid for mints and cheese sticks (3000 mints & 1000 cheese sticks)
- April 16th: Return of Minnehaha Walking Mondays
- Parkway Pizza Night - April 24th
- Northrop Night Out -April 26th

Northrop Night Out

Thursday, April 26th, 6-9 pm! Du Nord Craft Spirits! Silent Auction, Food, and Fun! Tickets are now available to purchase online. Adult only - food donated by Al Vento and other local establishments. Scholarships available for families who cannot afford and staff can come for free. When parents buy tickets, they can buy additional tickets for staff or families in need.

Please let us know if you have an idea for a donation!

Financials

- Primarily no major changes - highlights include that snowshoes were less than budgeted. Yearbooks were spot on in pricing. The “no sell” fundraiser has raised \$5100! (Goal was \$7000)
- Ideas were discussed of how to spend additional money at this point - ideas included T-shirt’s for all students to promote school spirit and continued idea for art mural.
- Any PTA members can bring detailed ideas and costs to the next PTA meeting to be voted on.
- \$450 was voted on and approved for Open Eye Theater to perform a show in July (possible July 22). They typically perform annually in the summer on the Northrop playground - very successful and fun community event. A hat gets passed around to collect money.

Elections

PTA members voted on the PTA board members for the next 2 school years. The following were elected: President: Gina Brusseau, Vice President: Jill Carlton, Treasurer: Patrick Jackson & Secretary: Emily Jerve

Behavior Discussion/Current School Climate Conversation

Due to parent requests, we spent much time discussing the current climate at Northrop as well as concerns around new behavior from students that has been noted this year. Parents had a space to voice concerns to principal Amy Kettunen Jahnke and Minneapolis Public Schools Consultant, Dr. Anne Gearity, LICSW.