

PTA Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2016

Attendance: 16 parents and Northrop Principal Amy Kettunen Jahnke

PTA Overview and Introductions

- All present

Financial Update

PTA Treasurer Patrick Jackson provided detailed information on current budget. A few changes have been made since last presented, and all of this was explained and new approvals voted on. It was noted that in the original budget presented this fiscal year, \$4,230 had not been accounted for, and was now factored in. The original budget was for \$36,000 but now it is for \$39,239. So there is now that amount extra in spending at this time. The following approvals were voted on:

- Motion to approve this amended budget was approved.
- A motion was made to approve the funds from LAST year's Kids Night Out to go towards the 5th grade camping trip, as this never happened. This is especially important to help this year as there is a 3rd 5th grade class. This motion was approved and \$1165 from 2015 Kids Night Out will go towards the spring camping trip.
- Another motion was approved to provide Ms. Serrano with her \$250 stipend from the 2015-2016 school year. She requested this appropriately in May 2015, but never received the funds. Motion was approved that she would receive that \$250 in addition to THIS school years stipend of \$250.

At this point, the budget has around \$20,000 in surplus and the PTA will need to determine a way to spend this. Patrick has consulted with MN PTA, and it was determined that spending was the best course of action. The PTA members discussed a variety of ideas, including a "Buddy Bench" for recess and some sort of mural/large art idea that would be an ongoing part of the school. PTA members and staff will continue to brainstorm and determine best use of these funds that will provide something lasting and long term for the school. It was discussed as well that possibly looking at long term goals and themes for where the school is headed could be incorporated into this decision as well.

Current Fundraising

Each month, the classrooms have a "Box Top Challenge." This past month 595 box tops were collected, with Mr Elsbernd's class as the monthly winner. This will continue throughout the school year. Menchie's Day was Friday, December 9th, and Northrop received 15% of all sales that mentioned the school. Parkway Pizza night is Dec 27th, and the Chinook Books closed out sales on Dec 15th. PTA looking into Pieology and Chipotle. Stickers are in for sale! Northrop logo stickers, designed by Ryan Sturtz, available at \$4!

100th year Birthday Celebrations!

Meeting was held November 30th. Sub committees are forming for the following ideas:

- School Dance/Birthday Party! (end of January)
- In-school assembly
- Parent's Night out! We are looking into a social activity for parents/staff, possibly in April, and it would include a silent auction.

We are in need of volunteers for all of the 100th birthday celebration ideas, so please let us know if interested! We will be meeting in early January - standby for the date!

Open Forum

Time was presented if anyone had ideas/feedback.

Next Meeting

January 19, 6:30 p.m., 2017

- During this meeting, we will have a presentation regarding talking with kids about safety, from the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center and Northrop parent Naomi Hupton. We look forward to hearing her valuable information!

As always, please email us at NorthropPTA@yahoo.com, place a note in our office mailbox, see us on Facebook or Twitter (@Northrop PTA), or mail us any questions/feedback/info at Northrop PTA, 4315 31st Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406. We love to hear from you!