

Northpoint Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 2011

Introductions – Julie Jeppson, President

Starting at 6:30, Ms. Jeppson began the meeting by introducing the PTO Board Members (Marla Sciara, Jill Bangs, Nita Hodney, Tanya Brazones) and Staff Liasons (Lorrie Murdy and Hope Rahn). Following the Introductions, everyone in attendance introduced themselves, named their children and whose class they were in at Northpoint or elsewhere.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes from the May 2011 meeting were presented, so there were no minutes to be approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Bangs, PTO Treasurer, briefly outlined the budget for the 2011-2012 school year. Questions were asked if we had any preferred vendors and why the carnival budget money is lower than last year. Jill explained that we did not use preferred vendors. She also explained that the carnival budget was adjusted based on last year's expenses.

Presentations

1. Colleen Vranish- School Board Liason
 - Colleen explained the upcoming levy.
 - Colleen shared that during the month of October Kids First will report.
 - Jill Bangs asked how the 6 period day is going at the High School. Colleen stated that there was not much difference other than the periods being longer.
2. Panther Foundation- Mark Boser
 - Mark explained that the Panther Foundation is separate from the school district. It is a 501C non-profit. He shared how in the past the Panther Foundation has provided the school district with Smart Boards. There were 50+ rooms that received Smart Boards last year.
 - Mark encouraged participation in the 5K Family Fun Run.
 - Mark shared that the money raised by the Panther Foundation comes from its members, events and the annual Panther Foundation Gala. The Gala is the biggest fundraiser held in February at the TPC.
3. Mr Callahan- Northpoint Elementary Principal
 - Mr. Callahan started his presentation by giving a big "thank you" to all the volunteers who helped make the beginning of the school year a smooth one.
 - Mr. Callahan continued his presentation by discussing the enrollment numbers. Total enrollment is currently 750 students, up from last year's 685.

5= K+ sections	6= 2 nd grade sections
4= ½ day Kindergarten	6= 3 rd grade sections
7= 1 st grade sections	

-Mr. Callahan explained how they took an intentional look at the needs of students and trends over the year. They looked at the growth of students – their needs, how to best help them.

- Mr. Callahan said that they put Lead Teachers in place. The use of the ELL teachers and Basic Skills teachers helped to ensure that all students' needs are being met regardless of class size. Co-teaching/ Support Teachers allow a team approach to meeting kids needs.

-Mr. Callahan shared how kids are being grouped according to their educational level which allows catering to their needs in the areas of math and reading.

Activities Update

Northpoint Apparel- Nita Hodney shared that the apparel will be here in time for the Fun Run.

Conference Meals- October 17th and 18th are the dates for the Conference Meals. The menu has been decided. Signup sheets are being passed around to how you can help.

School Supply Kits- Marla shared that we had about 90 kits purchased for this school year. This means that less than 10% of students take part in this service. Marla also shared that the kits are pretty labor intensive and that the teachers need to make decisions very early on what school supplies they will need. The decision was made to discontinue the School Supply Kits for the 2012 school year.

Event Chair Outline- Marla shared that she would like to start a binder of information for future event chairs. The binder would include things that you did, when you did it and where you purchased things etc.. She feels that collecting this information will help in the future planning of events.

Box Tops- It was discussed how Northpoint Elementary really benefits from the collection of Box Tops, Milk Tops and Labels.

Book Fair- Heidi Sass shared how this year we will once again be having a Scholastic Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences. The set up will take place on October 14th.

Fun Run- Amy Wheaton and Pam Wellen shared how this is a pledge based fundraiser. They are encouraging \$10 from 5 families. They will be sharing the information about the run with students on Thursday. Each child will receive a packet for collection and 2 Panther Paw sill bands as part of the kickoff. The packet will need to be returned by October 5th with the run taking place on October 7th.

Northpoint Spring Carnival- Abby Harklau shared the need for help with this event. If you are interested in being part of the planning team there was a sign up being passed around.

Open Microphone

Julie Jeppson opened it up for questions and comments. The comment was made that in the future it would be nice if the Family Fun Run would not take place on the same weekend as the TC Marathon. It was shared that there might be more participation if they were on different weekends.

Adjournment-

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00p.m.

Next Meeting-

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30p.m., October 10th in the Media Center.