

**Northpoint Elementary School
PTO Board Meeting
September 1, 2009**

*	Aatifa Ahmed		Julie Heinold	*	Kate Rodriguez
*	Laurie Beyer	*	Julie Heller	*	Denise Schuster
	Lisa Brinkman	*	Susan Kullman	*	Bobby Scott
*	Patty Brown		Zianne Lemke	*	Sonya Shoemaker
*	Kirsten Bruso	*	Jennifer Lowrance	*	Shelley Sohn
*	Kristin Chuko	*	Karen Maher	*	Cara Stephan
*	Carrie Currie		Joely McCaw	*	Corrina Stewart
*	Kris Eidson	*	Amy Moser		Julie Sturm
	Melissa Engel		Diane Newcomer		Bruce Weldy
	Kim Hayak	*	Lydia Pinto		
	Carol Heideman		Kristen Rink		

* - Indicates board member present

Guests: We had a lot of guests, including Jackie Beyer, Julie Bosch, Carrie Baumann, Amber Meyers, Kiersten Douglass, Angie Bossard

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Secretary (Kris Eidson) Motioned to approve August meeting minutes: Kate Rodriguez, second the motion: Denise Schuster.

Treasurer Report (Denise Schuster): Current balance is \$33,555.59.

Proposed budget for the year was handed out, which included a change to update the teacher room donation amount based on the new number of teachers (\$200 for full-time, 100 part-time). Motion to approve the 2009-10 budget was made by Carrier Currie, and seconded by Cara Stephen. All were in favor, no opposed. Anyone needing a reimbursement needs to fill out a reimbursement form that is located in the treasurer's file, and return the form to the same file. The file is checked and checks cut once a week.

Spirit Wear (Corinna Stewart, Kristin Chuko): Order forms are due Friday. We have close to 100 orders so far. The clothes will hopefully be delivered to the students in time for them to wear them on orange/black day for Normal Homecoming.

Fundraising (Amy Moser): We have received \$1500 in PTO dues and around \$11,000 for the Unraiser so far. There are more checks to add in.

Karnival Knight (Kristin Chuko, Shelley Sohn): Karnival Knight will be held on April 9th from 5 – 8pm.

School Kits (Jennifer Lowrance, Sonya Shoemaker): The school kit process went well – very well organized. Thanks to Kirsten Bruso and the volunteers who manned the distribution.

Red Ribbon Week (Kristen Rink): No report.

Teacher Representative (Bobby Scott): The teachers really appreciate everything the PTO does for them!

Birthday Books/School Directory (Julie Heinold): No report.

Birthday Bulletin Board (Lisa Brinkman, Corrina Stewart, Amber Meyers): No report.

Book Fair (Carrie Currie, Julie Sturm, Susan Kullman): The book fair will be September 21 – 23 in the gym. This will be the regular book fair – if it works out in the gym, we may try a “custom” book fair next year with additional book options. There will be only 1 family night. Request for volunteers is going out next week. Other elementary schools were kind enough to lend us cash registers. We are trying the “One for Books” challenge, which includes collecting change for a week, with Scholastic matching our collection. Scholastic will donate their part of the donation to three charities of their choice, and we get to choose the recipient of our part. We talked through some options, and agreed on giving our portion to the new elementary school Benjamin, which a lot of our Northpoint kids will be attending next year.

Box tops (Karen Maher):

Finally received the money we were owed for last year. We have \$1800 for 2008-09, and we have banked \$511 so far for 2009-10. Please get box tops in by the third week of October, because our next deadline is October 31st. Welcome kits were ordered for new families – we haven’t received them yet.

Volunteer/Hospitality:

- Teacher Luncheons –Diane Newcomer, Kim Hayak – No report.
- Teacher Appreciation – Lisa Brinkman – No report.
- Field Day – Laurie Beyer – No report.
- Attendance Popcorn – Carol Heideman – No report.
- Special Events – Lydia Pinto – No report.

Library Coordinator (Joely McCaw): No report.

Market Day (Patty Brown, Zianne Lemke): Would like a shadow this year who can be a co-chair next year. First sale is September 11th. First reminder has been sent to the volunteers. Samples were brought in to kindergarten registration.

New Family Welcome (Shelley Sohn): Will start contacting any new families from this point on.

Northpoint Book Club (Aatifa Ahmed): Starting on September 16th or 23rd. It will be bi-weekly for first and second graders, 3:15 – 4:00 on Wednesdays. Both the Normal and Bloomington libraries will help. Information for sign-up will go out next week. We will try to limit it to 30 students.

Newsletter (Melissa Engel): No report.

Room Parent Coordinators (Cara Stephan, Julie Heller): Good participation for sign-ups. Still need additional help for the following classes: Woodard & Boucher (K), Kerber, Miyat & Cunningham (1st), Nourie & Rapp (4th). Room parent letters will be going out soon. The orientation meeting will be September 22nd. Teacher birthday cards were designed by Keepsake Elements again this year. They will include a \$5 gift card to Panera.

Volunteer Coordinator (Kate Rodriguez): Let Kate know if you need volunteers for any of your events.

Principal Items (Bruce Weldy): Gym rental reservations will be taken September 18th – 9:00 for Northpoint families, and 10:00 for those outside of Northpoint. DIBELS week (K – 5 reading fluency testing) will take place next week (September 8 – 11). SAT 10 Testing will take place September 21 – 25. Memorial for Dave Nelson (Northpoint family) will be at Calvary Methodist on September 8th at 6:00 pm. Halloween activities will be October 30th (2:00 parade, 2:15 party). Traffic flow for drop-off and pick-up has been outstanding, although we will be adding a speed bump to slow it down a little. We will have a new security system by spring, which will include more than 30 cameras inside & out, with internet based phones in each classroom. Benjamin Elementary will start section planning this fall. The principal of that school will attend one of our PTO meetings this fall.

One wish list item so far – heart monitor watches for the PE classrooms. Looking at purchasing one classroom set (30 watches), which will be used by grades 3 – 5. The cost will run around \$2000. Bruce is checking into how they are powered (batteries?).

President (Kirsten Brusio): Asked for comments on heart monitors - Jennifer Lowrance motioned to approve the \$2000 purchase. Kate Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor, no opposed.

Please make sure you check your folders for mail items. Meetings should never last longer than an hour. A new list of board members was handed out. We are still looking for helpers for Teacher Appreciation, Market Day and Red Ribbon Week.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.