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**Northpoint Elementary PTO Minutes**  
**Media Center**  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

**Introductions**

We had 20 in attendance this evening.

**Review of February Minutes**

The February Minutes were approved without changes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kelly Rademacher gave a brief report of our current profits and losses.

**Presentations**

Jerelyne Nemanich, Assessment/Instructional Technology Coordinator

Jerelyne discussed technology skills which develop children's knowledge and are necessary for their future. There are approximately 61 cohort members (those teachers with Smart Boards, etc.) which are spread throughout K-12 in the district. These teachers receive additional training to have Smart Boards, maintain a blog every other week with other cohorts, visit one another's classrooms and complete pre/post assessments regarding the technology they are using. Teachers feel that Smart Boards are beneficial to their students because it keeps students engaged and can keep the work that the class has been working on. Northpoint has ceiling projectors in classrooms and has made Sound Enhancement Systems available to teachers.

Mr. Callahan, Northpoint Principal

Mr. Callahan thanked those that were involved with Reading Night which was a huge success.

Mr. Callahan discussed Northpoint's upcoming inservice and professional development days which staff will focus on improving student learning. Teachers will be addressing Growth, Transition and Change. Mr. Callahan will be facilitating discussion on what children need to be more successful; putting the child at the center.

There are 9 Smart Boards at Northpoint; 7 in classrooms, 1 in music and 1 on wheels.

John Stroebel, School Board Member

John discussed the budget modification which continues to be ongoing. Proposals will be introduced next month. John briefly discussed possible language immersion at Northpoint. The details of this endeavor have not been decided.

**Activities Update**

Spring Carnival – April 24<sup>th</sup>

Please mark your calendars for this fun filled family event.

Outdoor Movie Night

This spring we hope to host another movie night for the family. The event will be outside on the lawn. Keep posted for more information.

PTO Board Nominations

We currently have individuals interested in board positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

President: Amy Hennen

Vice-President: Kelly Arnold

Treasurer: Kelly Rademacher

Volunteer Coordinator: Jessica Friedman

Secretary: Pam Wellen

We will be voting at our next PTO meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> and encourage you to contact anyone of us if interested in a board position for the next school year.

**Open Microphone**

Shaun Olson inquired about the total donation for our 5 for 5 fundraiser. Amy Hennen explained that we have currently raised \$17,200 and hope to get \$500 from the Panther Foundation.

Our next PTO meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.