

# Northpoint Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

## Media Center

### September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

#### **Introductions**

We had a great turn out; there were 45 in attendance.

Molly Sheedlo, PTO president, discussed PTA vs. PTO. We are a PTO at Northpoint. Northpoint PTO has no dues for its members and all having voting privileges because we have children here or are staff.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Tracy Potratz, PTO treasurer, explained line by line our 2008-2009 budget. Our budget is available on Northpoint's website [www.springlakeparkschools.org](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org). The budget was approved by those in attendance.

#### **Presentations**

##### Amy Hennen, PTO Vice President

Amy spoke briefly about our nonprofit status. We have an official binder of legal documents that is kept in the PTO room. It contains our 501©9 status, Articles of Incorporation, Panther grant filing fees, and PTO bylaws. This binder will be available for future PTO board members to know what has been completed for this '08-'09 school year and what needs to be updated annually.

##### Caroline King, Northpoint Media Center Specialist

Caroline and Jenny are the Media Center Specialists here at Northpoint. They both have graduate work in Library services. Caroline stated that they would love some help from parents in the Media Center. There are 26 sections of children that will go through the Media Center during the week; 6-7 classes per day. Caroline stated they need help to make the Media Center an inviting place for students to learn; plants, posters and tidying (shelving books). If parents desire to help out they can contact our Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Dempsey [Dempsey@attglobal.net](mailto:Dempsey@attglobal.net).

##### John Stroebel, School Board Member

John is our Board Liaison. John spoke about the enrollment at Northpoint. Enrollment is more than expected here at Northpoint and throughout the district. 200 more students rode buses throughout the district this year than last. There will be an election next fall with 4 seats up for election. There will also be a bond/levy that will come up next fall. Expect more info/plans regarding this in the near future.

### Mike Callahan, Northpoint Principal

Mr. Callahan gave a big thank you to all of those at the PTO meeting; almost 50 of us. Mr. Callahan also gave a thank you to parent's that have helped out thus far. This has allowed the staff to focus on the kids. Staff was anxious to be here at Northpoint and started getting ready for the school year back in July. Thank you to the teachers, staff and custodial staff that have made this year off to a successful start.

Mike discussed challenges that seem to come with the start of the new school year; lunch lines, pin #s, and busing. Mike stated parents have been helpful understanding these challenges and making the start of the year a smooth one. Parent Information Night is coming up on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

This is for 1-3 graders with their parents. It is to provide parents with an idea of what goes on day to day at school. There are two sessions; 6:30-7:10 or 7:20-8:00, families can attend either. This is a good time to ask questions on how to support your child's education.

The week of September 15-19 is safety week.

The staff is planning an All School Dedication in October for students to attend in the Gym. This will be approximately 20-30 minutes.

### **Activities Update**

#### Northpoint Apparel Sales

Order forms are due September 16<sup>th</sup>. PTO receives \$4 per shirt that is sold.

Order forms will come out again in November, just in time for Christmas.

#### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities – Michelle Dempsey, Volunteer Coordinator

Michelle reminded parents to continue to fill out the gold volunteer forms.

Wednesday Volunteers have started. We will have 2 times available for parents to help; 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Parents can drop in anytime. We meet in the PTO room which is located on the second level. Please check in at the office. There is a locker available for jackets/purses if needed. Please feel free to bring younger siblings, as there are toys and videos in the PTO room.

#### Box Tops, Labels, etc.

Amy Meilstrup and Ann Corrigan have already started collecting labels. We will be collecting Campbell's, Kemps, Land O' Lakes, and Tyson labels/box tops.

Students can bring in labels and drop them off with their teacher or in the office.

#### Fundraiser Info

The Chip Shoppe kick off is Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Packets will go out with students and need to be returned by October 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be our only fundraiser of the year. There is an option to make a direct donation; contact our treasurer, Tracy Potratz, if interested.

### Book Fair

Scholastic – Who’s on Safari? is the theme this year. They will have books to coordinate. The first book fair will be October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to work the register. Safari art/craft assistance might be needed to decorate for the theme. Rachele Hart is coordinating these efforts, if interested please contact her at [rachelehart@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelehart@hotmail.com).

### Conference Meals

This is to provide teachers a meal during their busy conference time with parents. Conferences will be coming up on October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Open Microphone**

Becky Ehret asked if Kids Club could have a transition period similar to K-Start? She felt that children had a hard time adjusting to Kid’s Club the first few days of school.

### **Adjournment**

Minutes will always be posted online. Northpoint’s website has the PTO bylaws posted, if anyone is interested.

Our next PTO meeting is Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center.

Molly Sheedlo encouraged families to indicate Northpoint on your Target Red card (can be done at the kiosk), a portion will be donated to the school. Verizon will donate \$25 to Northpoint if a person signs on with them.