

Northpoint Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2010

Welcome and Introductions

Amy Hennen, PTO President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those in attendance approved the February meeting minutes.

Presentations

Annette Winrick, School Board Member

Annette reported that a leadership meeting was held. Some members of the school board will be going to the capitol this week and will have an opportunity to speak to some of the legislators.

A work session will be held next week.

Budget modifications for the 2010-2011 school year will be finalized by May. Some things being considered to reduce costs in the district are turning off computers in all schools at night, and having a new bus company.

Alesha Blom, PTO Staff Liason

Alesha reported that the reading day events at school were appreciated and the hats were a good motivator for the kids.

Second Grade Teachers

The Northpoint second grade teachers gave a presentation on discussions in math groups. Discussions often take place in reading, but teachers are also working with students to get them comfortable talking with each other and having discussions to work on math problems. This is a district-wide initiative, and the goal is to improve student's ability to discuss, influence each other's thinking and learn from other's ideas.

The type of conversation that teachers are working with students on is called substantive conversation. Substantive conversation involves:

- conversation without teacher added prompts
- multiple interchanges with peers
- students agreeing and disagreeing with others and learning from others ideas

Teachers will use discussion groups in each math unit and will create common language and expectations.

Treasurer's Report

Kelly Rademacher, PTO Treasurer, reviewed the budget and reported that the book fair was successful. Over \$2000 was made for the library. Ms. King will use this money to purchase books for the library.

Less money was spent on reading night than was budgeted.

Official Business

The following nominations have been made for the 2010-2011 Northpoint PTO board:

President: Molly Sheedlo

Vice President: Whitney Woodford

Treasurer: Jeanne Calabrese

Secretary: Julie Jeppson

Volunteer Coordinator: Hattie Hillukka

Nominations will remain open until March 23. Please contact Amy Hennen if you are interested in a board position. Voting will take place at the April 6 PTO meeting.

Activities Update

Chair Appreciation

Pam Wellen, PTO Secretary, thanked Amy Wheaton and Whitney Woodford for their hard work on the February reading events.

Reading Night/Reading Challenge

Amy Wheaton reported that the students really enjoyed the all school meeting and crazy hair that they earned by meeting their reading goal!

Parents reported that the reading incentive was a great motivator to get their children to read.

Non-traditional volunteer opportunities

Jen Edlund, PTO Vice President, reported that although there was interest expressed in this program, there was low attendance at the first volunteer opportunity. There will not be an additional meeting this year, but please contact your child's teacher to find out about specific classroom volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Activities

MCA's

Third grade MCA testing will take place on April 13, 14, 20 and 21. Please contact Amy Hennen if you are interested in helping monitor the halls during testing.

Spring Carnival

The carnival committee has been meeting, and plans are under way. Laura Dickinson will soon be sending an e-mail to those who have expressed interest in volunteering at the carnival.

School Supply Kits

Laura Dickinson, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, reported that she will be contacting teachers to get a list of the school supplies they would like students to have next year. She will then contact the school supply kit company to get order forms. Order forms will be sent home in the late April/early May timeframe.

A school supply kit will be on display and order forms will be available for kindergarten school kits at Kindergarten round-up, scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 18.

May movie night

Amy Hennen reported that the PTO board is considering a movie night in May. If you are interested in chairing this event, please contact Amy.

Mother's Day flowers

Amy Hennen reported that Rachelle Hart will contact Noble Landscaping to begin working on this event.

Open Microphone

It was asked if PTO is in charge of mileage club. PTO does not run this program, but contact Jodie Super in the office if you are interested in helping out with mileage club.

****REMINDER - NEXT PTO MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6 AT 6:30****