

# Northpoint Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

## May 4, 2010

### **Welcome and Introductions**

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

### **Presentations**

#### Special Education Teachers

The Northpoint Elementary special education teachers gave a presentation on video self-monitoring. This is using carefully planned and edited positive self-images of adaptive-only behavior. The teachers video tape the children and edit the videos so that they are left with a video of only positive behavior. The children watch the video of them modeling this positive behavior and the children love it! This was just started this year.

The special education teachers work with children falling into 13 categories of service. They use evaluations to determine eligibility for services. There is a great deal of co-teaching and co-planning that goes on between the special education teachers and the classroom teachers.

#### Jodi Ruch, School Board Member

Jodi Ruch reported that the school board members are currently going through the budget cut/modification process. Between this school year and the next school year, 10% of the district's budget will be cut. The kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms will be seeing the least amount of change. If you have questions about the budget cuts please talk to Mr. Callahan.

#### Mr. Callahan, Northpoint Principal

Mr. Callahan reported that the carnival was a big hit! Thank you to Kate Chapman and everyone who helped make this event such a great success.

This week is teacher and staff appreciation week. Lunch will be provided on Friday for all staff members thanks to the PTO. Food will be delivered from Acapulco.

Student teachers were at Northpoint observing the teachers and classrooms, and talking to the students. This was a very positive experience for the teachers, students and student teachers!

#### Jean Nolby, PTO Staff Liaison

Jean Nolby, Northpoint 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, thanked everyone who volunteered to help with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MCA testing. She reported that on June 1 the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be going to Westwood Intermediate School for a visit.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Kelly Rademacher, Northpoint PTO Treasurer reported that although the carnival is not a fundraiser, approximately \$1750 was made. Currently there is a \$10,430 balance in the PTO budget. There is still approximately \$3000 more to be paid out this school year, so this is not the final balance for the school year.

### **Official Business**

Those in attendance voted Jill Bangs as the PTO Treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year. Thank you for volunteering for this position, Jill!

### **Thank Yous**

Pam Wellen, Northpoint PTO Secretary thanked the following individuals for their hard work:

- Kate Chapman – Carnival
- Kieu Stueve – Carnival
- Rachelle Hart – Scholastic spring event
- Whitney Woodford – Wednesday volunteers
- Michelle Dempsey – Wednesday volunteers
- Ann Corrigan – Wednesday volunteers
- Amy Meilstrup – Wednesday volunteers

### **Activities Update**

#### May Staff Appreciation

Amy Hennen reported that the PTO will provide lunch from Acapulco on Friday, May 7 for all of the Northpoint staff to show our appreciation.

#### Spring Carnival

Kelly Rademacher reported that all of the volunteers scheduled to help at the carnival were there! Thank you to all of the teachers and staff who helped at the carnival.

Some suggestions were made for next year's carnival. One is to entertain people waiting in the lines, and the other is to have maps available to show where the different activities are located.

#### School Supply Kits

Amy Hennen reported that school kit forms are due back the week before school is out. The kits will be at meet your teacher night.

#### Scholastic BOGO event

Rachelle Hart reported that the Scholastic buy one get one free event will take place on Thursday, May 27 at Northpoint from 4:00 until 7:00. Dads will be grilling hot dogs, so come and have dinner and purchase some books for summer reading! If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Jeanne Calabrese at [jeanneandryan@comcast.net](mailto:jeanneandryan@comcast.net).

Wednesday Volunteers

Amy Hennen reported that the last day for Wednesday volunteers will be on June 2. Spread the word to teachers that there is still plenty of time for the volunteers to get projects done!

**\*\* THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE PTO THIS YEAR, AND  
HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER! \*\***