# Northpoint Elementary PTO – February 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

#### Welcome

by Andy Kuempel and Kim Porter (PTO co-presidents) at 6:35 in Media Center. PTO Meeting Agenda Handout and January meeting minutes handout available.

#### Introductions

Principal Judi Kahoun, Teacher liaisons Tammy Saladis and Katie Storlie, PTO board members, and approximately 6 other parents.

- Open Gym available during PTO meetings! We are looking for supervising volunteers for Open Gym during the April and May PTO meetings! Idea suggested for possibly National Honor Society students?
- Check out last month's minutes handout and online! https://www.springlakeparkschools.org/Page/198

#### Presentations

## **Principal Judi Kahoun**

(As always, check out twitter and weekly Flipgrid post for updates and successes!)

- https://flipgrid.com/5255e1
- https://twitter.com/judikahoun
- https://twitter.com/slp\_schools/lists/northpoint-elementary

#### February Fun!

- Power hour This year we have 2 rounds with 3 sessions each, with parent volunteers. The second round there will be similar choices, with students encouraged to pick something different. Hopefully this second round will also include a showcase of learning and parents coming in.
- Reading month DEAR! (drop everything and read) 4 times first bring stuffed animal, then beach towel, next flashlight, and finally moustache (provided).
- Olympic fun day last Friday (Instead of all school field trip this year) It was teacher planned. On Thursday there were opening ceremonies, and teachers dressed up as Olympians, while kids got a medal. On Friday, kids painted a flag, and a STEM activity – make a foil/popsicle stick skier and do trial runs skiing with it. There were also outdoor activities like saucers, sleds, stompers/snowshoes and an Olympic torch snack. Power hour was during that time too.

# Learner Profiles update

- Handout of blank example (SEE BELOW for copy of handout). The child gets to know themselves including their interests and how they learn best. Judi asked teachers to reference this at conferences, so parents can be in the loop and give input.
- How teachers use it Tammy Saladis says she adds to it. She often has lunch bunches, where she gets to talk and find out about them. Some

- teachers share with student and students can add to it. Katie Storlie -says she is introducing to kindergarten kids. Their free play time shows interests that she can add to the profile.
- The goal is for *the child* to know themselves, be able to describe themselves, and how they learn.
- Leading indicators This is competency-based learning. It is a continuum for teachers to fill in with dates of when the child meets targets and has particular skills. This has been rolled out in the last month. Teachers will be adding to it as students meet benchmarks.

# Katie Storlie and Tammy Saladis (teacher liaisons)

They often address technology questions from parents. One example of how technology is used is through flipped technology lessons created by the teachers. Katie has an example for us! Parents in attendance used iPads and an example lesson from Katie to make an origami heart bookmark! This use of technology gives more guided practice for content already presented to students. Students learn to pause, back up, and fix a mistake.

#### Jenny Depoint (PTO treasurer)

Budget Handout (SEE BELOW for copy of handout). There are payments every trimester, and matching funds came in from the fall fundraiser, as well as listening conferences food funds. Movie night broke even – success!

### PTO Business and Upcoming!

- Movie night was great!
- Conference meals coming up! We could use more food volunteers.
- Usborne book fair needs volunteers as well
- Spring Carnival! Marla Sciara will be chairing the carnival and it will require lots of parent volunteers! Keep an eye out for volunteer sign-up!
- Every Wednesday morning volunteer opportunity to help teachers with materials and other jobs. Drop in anytime, can bring kids!
- Positions available for next year's PTO board! Let Andy or Kim know if you're interested!
- Looking for presentation ideas during PTO meetings. Let us know what you'd like to hear about!
- Sign-up to be in the know and on our volunteer list! <a href="https://bit.ly/2017-18npvolunteers">https://bit.ly/2017-18npvolunteers</a>

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Allie Owen, co-secretary



# Spring Lake Park Learner Profile Learner's Name:

Learner's Name: Grade: All learning is personal. In order to tap each learner's potential and actively engage them in the process of learning, we need to know our learners, and they need to know themselves. When developed and owned by and for each student, a learner's profile helps move the system from a teaching platform to a learning platform, where each student co-designs learning experiences related to their interests, passions, and future post-secondary goals.

# Entering information:

- The learner's profile is a living document that may be updated at any time
- We encourage all additions to the learner's profile to be a collaborative experience between adults and the learner. Before adding, learners should be aware of or ask for additions, and add their voice to it
- Concise, high impact notes are suggested

	Strengths/Preferences	Needs/Challenges
How do I learn best?		
How do I stay engaged or motivated?		
How do I like to show or demonstrate what I learned?		
My dreams and aspirations		
My life outside of school		
My interests, passions and talents		
Other important information about me		

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