

Northpoint Elementary PTO- May 14,2018

Welcome

By Andy Kuempel and Kim Porter (PTO co-presidents) at 6:40pm in the Media Center. PTO meeting agenda handout, March meeting minutes, and updated budget were available to view. Check them out here-

<https://www.springlakeparkschools.org/Page/198>

Introductions

Principal Judi Kahoun, Teacher Liaisons Tammy Saladis and Katie Storlie, PTO board members, and approximately 4-6 other parents.

Presentations

Judi Kahoun

Updated on staffing for next year, with the opening of Centerview Elementary. Presented current projected teacher placements for Northpoint- what teachers are staying, what teachers are moving grades, and what teachers are moving schools. Due to continued internal and external hires that are taking place in the district, staffing has not been finalized and therefore a detailed staff list is was not available at the PTO meeting for review. Continue to check the Northpoint Newsletters and Spring Lake Park School district for the most up-to-date information

Highlights from staffing: Principal Judi Kahoun and the front office team will all be returning to Northpoint. There will be one center-based ASD/EBT class. The district has hired a STEM specialist for each school. Grades will no longer be divided between east and west pods. Kindergarten will continue to be split up and there will be one preschool class at Northpoint. Again, continue to check back for the most up-to-date information.

Question presented by parent: Will class sizes changes or stay the same? Per Principal Kahoun, class sizes will stay about the same/ within district guidelines. However, finalization of classroom lists for next year will be occurring over the next few weeks.

Always check out Twitter and weekly Flipgrid posts for updates and successes!

<http://flipgrid.com/5255e1>

<http://twitter.com/judikahoun>

https://twitter.com/slp_schools/lists/northpoint-elementary

Teacher Liaisons

Tammy Saladis: Discussed how teachers and students are winding down for the school year. She will be a liaison again next year.

Katie Storlie: Discussed how teachers work really hard to stay present throughout the end of the year by creating a lot of fun activities for the kids. States she is very excited about the upcoming school year, as are all the other teachers, so it is helpful to have the creative learning experiences for the kids (and teachers) to keep them mindful of the present moment throughout the end of the school year.

Both teacher liaisons expressed appreciation for all the work for mileage club and that they liked the new approach to the event.

PTO Business

- Budget update provided by Jenny DePoint (Northpoint Treasurer). Spring Carnival was the biggest update to the budget, where the even broke even, even with budgeting for less. The PTO will be talking over the summer how to spend down the surplus.

- Minutes Review: April Minutes were approved prior to today's meeting. Copies were available for review

- Amended by-laws that were presented at the April 9 PTO meeting were approved by vote. These amendments were related to changes in Board position descriptions.

- Northpoint Elementary PTO Board for the 2018-2019 school year was presented.

Jamie Peterson- president

Jenny DePoint and Lisa Partyka- co- vice presidents

Allie Owen and Maggie Vertalino- co- secretary

Teri Oswald- treasurer

Jessica Nelson and Sarah Krump- co- volunteer coordinators

Upcoming Events

May 15: MAP Reading, grade 3

May 16: MAP Reading, grade 2

May 22: MAP Math, grade 3

May 23: MAP Math, grade 2

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (CHANGE)- Wednesday June 6, 2018- Join your student(s) for an end of the year school picnic during their lunch period.

Interested in helping the PTO over the summer? There are plenty of opportunities to help prep for the next school year. Contact the Northpoint PTO president at nppto.president@gmail.com

For Volunteer Opportunities and Information, check out:

<http://bit.ly/2017-18npvolunteers>

Thank you to all Northpoint Families for making the 2017-2018 school year a success. We hope to see you all back next year!

Meeting Adjourn: 7:25pm

Minutes Submitted by Maggie Vertalino, co-secretary