

# Northpoint Elementary PTO – October 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

## Welcome

by Andy Kuempel (PTO Co-President) at 6:35 in Media Center.  
PTO Meeting Agenda handout, Budget handout & grab a cookie!

## Introductions

PTO Board introductions  
School Board Rep Amy Hennen  
Principal Judi Kahoun, Teacher liaison Tammy Saladis, Teacher liaison Kari Walton,  
approximately 10 other parents  
(Kevin Koch unable to be here, but will give STEM presentation next month Nov. 12)

## Presentations

- **School Board Representative Amy Hennen**
  - New and updated facilities have been the major thing for the school district
  - Plans to replace track at SLPHS, as well as new bathrooms and concession stand
  - Check school board presentations online for more school district information
- **Teacher Liaison Tammy Saladis**
  - All School Assembly – Marvin and Jesse curriculum addressing issues of friendship, bullying, etc and aligns with Northpoint CARES
- **Teacher Liaison Kari Walton**
  - Conferences next week, which includes some more fall testing and goal-setting, and updating of learner profiles. Older students can make changes themselves to their profiles.
- **Principal Kahoun**
  - Adding to Kari Walton's comments, a reminder that learner profiles are for, with and by the learner.
  - Second Step social/emotional curriculum for behavior management and Zones of Regulation instruction help students better understand their feelings, focus, and ability to learn. Students learn the zones and what strategies and tools help them get back into a good zone for learning
  - Kevin Koch (STEM/Gifted & Talented) - request forms for **donations for STEM** learning and projects (**SEE HANDOUT BELOW** if you are interested in donating for STEM learning!)
  - Math – more at conferences! And next PTO meeting.
  - Close Reading (Power Point Presentation)
    - Dr. Doug Fisher – expert on close reading and base of Northpoint's model
    - Less complex text builds stamina, and more complex text builds strength
    - Simply assigning hard book will not ensure reading at high levels!
    - KEY: 3 levels of questioning, often 3 times reading through text
      - 1<sup>st</sup> time- What happened (literal)
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> time- Structure of text, how organized, vocabulary, purpose, genre

- 3<sup>rd</sup> time- making opinions, inferences, connections to other texts, leading to discussion with their students, asking questions, and Socratic seminar

#### PTO Updates

- **Fun Run Update** – couldn't go on field, so we went around the school instead with obstacle course and dance party to conclude
  - 12,000 dollars+ raised! Thank you!!
  - Thank you to Mieka and Christie for coordinating the successful Fun Run!!
  - Principal Kahoun seconds a successful Fun Run!
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
  - Book Fair – set up this Thursday Oct. 11, and volunteers needed during conference times – see email sign-up link or email PTO
  - Conference meals sign up for sides, drinks and utensils
  - Fall Party Nov. 2 – will have a DJ, pizza, more info to come later this week

Question – clothing drive at fall party? Not currently planning one, but something to look into.

\*\*Next PTO Meeting is November 12th – new math curriculum presentation AND Mr. Koch's STEM presentation

Adjourn 7:20pm

Check out twitter! #SLPPantherProud #NPPride

<https://twitter.com/judikahoun>

[https://twitter.com/slp\\_schools/lists/northpoint-elementary](https://twitter.com/slp_schools/lists/northpoint-elementary)

Minutes submitted by Allie Owen, co-secretary and posted online at  
<https://www.springlakeparkschools.org/Page/198>



## Northpoint Elementary

**SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS**

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Northpoint Families.

Over the summer, spaces throughout the district were renovated or refurbished to be used as makerspaces for STEM learning and other projects. Makerspaces support students as thinkers, tinkerers, artisans and hackers and we are excited to see these spaces come to life.

In order to make these spaces a valuable learning tool for students, we are collecting the following supplies to stock our makerspaces. There is no need to purchase these items, but if you have any to donate, please send them with your student or find the donation drop boxes at Northpoint.

We are searching for the following **clean** and **gently used** items:

- Gently used LEGOs
- Cardboard tubes (toilet paper, paper towel and wrapping paper)
- Egg cartons
- Fabric
- Yarn
- String
- Felt
- Clean plastic containers of different sizes
- Lids from plastic containers of different sizes
- Sandpaper of varying grits
- Tag board
- Wood
- Cardboard including small packing boxes, cereal, etc.
- Packaging materials such as bubble wrap
- Wire

Please note, donated items will be dispersed throughout the makerspaces. Items donated at one school may be used in a different school's makerspace based on need.

If you have questions about other items not listed that wish to you may want to donate, please contact our Gifted & Talented/STEM Specialist, Kevin Koch at [kkoch@district16.org](mailto:kkoch@district16.org).

Thank you.