

PTO General Meeting 1/9/23

Welcome and introductions.

Budget update

- Pizza party for teachers at the end of November
- Money from Fun Run was successfully transferred from the donation platform

Winter event – need a chair or it will not happen

Update from Judi Kahoun

- All school field trip for all of Northpoint, priority for all to go together: Science Museum
 - Reserved for Wed April 12, back by 2pm due to bus schedule
 - Might do Omni theater, on wait list, priority is $\frac{3}{4}$ then $\frac{1}{2}$ then kindergarten
 - There will be a student fee, PTO assists with bus costs
 - Lunches will be eaten there
 - Teachers will assist in choosing the chaperones
- Northpoint Got's Talent finals will take place at the high school in the Fine Arts Center
 - use Principal special project budget (\$1,000) on bus cost which is ~\$1,400
 - February 3rd
 - High School groups will perform for audience while students rehearse and while votes are tallied.
- Can parents come visit for lunch yet? Not in cafeteria, no room, data-privacy, food safety
 - Can eat with child in conference room
- How is multi-age going this year?
 - Feedback is positive.
 - Different levels of exposure are not dependent on grade.
 - Tailoring reading modules to multi-age lesson plans.

Guest Speaker – Sam Villella from School Board

- Impressed by the knowledge and competency of district leadership
- Former member of school board appointed until fall, when special election will be held to formally fill Michael Kreun's position (He was elected to MN Legislature)
- District has gone through massive growth phase, but it should be done, still room at Middle and High School capacity-wise.
 - Largest 548 Freshman
 - Smallest 394 5th graders
- School lunch program
 - Lunches are based on what the kids are choosing
 - What guidelines need to be followed?
 - No longer restrictions from Covid: 2 fruits/vegetables, more choices instead of the whole meal in a bag.
- Who decides school is in session when it serves as a polling location?
 - Board will take recommendations whether school will stay in session or be closed that day. Voters only have access to gym through outside door and election judges monitored internal doors.
 - Can Blaine plan polling locations before board plans school year closures? Or close on discretion?

Comment – Can there be a balance between no homework and small amount of homework so parents can see their learning ability and where the student might need extra assistance?

A-look on Schoology/Seesaw to see the work. Teachers should be communicating if there is concern. Improve parent knowledge of how to see work.

Drawing for Popcorn Party-Saladis' class

The next meeting will be February 6, 2023