

## PTO General Meeting Agenda 9/11/23

Welcome and introductions were made

PTO overview and myths

- do not need to join like PTA
- volunteer for events as able and inclined
- events including fun run, picture day, fall festival, meals for teachers
- No required time commitment
- Joining PTO does not mean you are joining the board
- Active parents correlated to better grades for kids
- Try to have special speaker at every meeting
- Have a voice and be informed

Budget was approved

- new line item for coin competition
- Lovelace book purchase
- Artventure for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
- Mileage club
- Popcorn party incentives

Colleen Pedersen, Panther Foundation

- Director of Community Ed. In district
- Panther Foundation exists to take experiences of schools to district level
- In 2004 gave grants to classrooms, today larger/more district wide projects
- Goes through an evaluation of requests for extra opportunities
- Have awarded 2.1 million dollars since 2004
  - Panther pantry (created by Panther Foundation)
  - Backpacks for kids in need
  - STEM makerspace equipment
  - etc.

How to get involved?

**[www.PantherFoundation.org](http://www.PantherFoundation.org)**

- Panthers for a Purpose week of giving and party in February
- Panther sweepstakes Homecoming week Spirit Week of Panther colors and gear
- Online silent auction
- This year's party will feature Dueling Pianos
- Start Your Engines event with food trucks
- Bikes for Kids donations
- Panther Sweepstakes with daily trivia questions
- Golf Fundraiser to support athletics (raised \$14,000 this year)
- Walking indoors at High School over the winter

\*Sign up for community ed at least a week in advance or it might cancel

Live on 65 begins in October

Donations from Lions keeping the ticket prices down

How do ideas go to the Foundation?

- Start with Principal and see if allowed and if in budget
- Can it be funded by district?

Go to foundation if it is outside district ability  
Panther suit, bike rack, other ideas

Amy Hennen, SLP Board Rep, on board for 12 years

Was on first PTO board at Northpoint  
Working on district operating planning  
2 meetings/month

Q: Northpoint as polling place again. How do we ensure safety at the school or close for elections? Teacher work day or EFL in other districts. Northpoint used 3 times this presidential election.

Principal Tyler Nelson

Started as Dean of Students 11-12 years ago at Northpoint  
First week has gone well, buses are running on schedule now  
Check the Newsletter each week for items that need parent/guardian attention  
New district app: Possip for feedback and celebrate things that are going well  
New/different:  
Teams now include academic specialist assigned to each team  
Team also includes para-educator or apprentice teacher to provide general and sub support  
Luke Jenson will be half-time social worker at NP (Halftime SEB at Westwood)  
4 specialists on weekly rotation/60 mins each session  
Visual arts, music/performing arts, gym, science (Katrina Davis)  
WIN (What I Need) Time for whole school near end of day  
Speaker next month: Michael Wojtalewicz– competency based learning

Fun Run Update – Mieka Tokle and Melissa Knock

September 29  
One and only fundraiser  
Stapling 520 flyers/envelopes on Tuesday, Sep 12

Upcoming events:

Picture day, Fall Festival, Winter Event, Spring Carnival, Tuesday morning helpers  
Emails from Sign up genius using email list from Meet the Teacher  
PTO info included in Principal Newsletter at the bottom

Next Meeting October 2