

PTO General Meeting Minutes 9-8-25

1. Introductions were performed
2. Operating Levy Referendum
 - a. Dr. Jeff Ronneberg, Superintendent of Spring Lake Park Schools
 - b. Colleen Pederson, Director of Community Education at SLP
 - c. Background:
 - i. 3 communities: Blaine, Fridley, and SLP
 - ii. 13 years of the personalized learning for students (including learner profiles)
 - iii. 96% of families happy with SLP experience
 - iv. All students begin their day with a morning meeting
 - v. 3 career and college pathways
 - vi. 51 courses offer college credit opportunities
 - vii. 92% of graduates took pathways course
 - viii. 85% of HS students participate in athletics and activities
 - ix. 200+ community and industry partners
 - d. Approach to fiscal management
 - i. 5 year view
 - ii. ongoing, continuous review
 - iii. historically had growth which covered expenses, now enrollment is leveling off
 - iv. 14 years with structurally balanced budget
 - v. \$13.4 million returned to taxpayers since 2010 through bond refinancing
 - vi. No new levy since 2002
 - vii. State funding not kept up to inflation, ~\$1300/student gap
 - viii. levies are learning, bonds are for buildings
 - ix. 4/2025 phone survey of residents- take aways to support schools, increase taxes up to \$310/home, maintain academics, teachers and staff, etc.
 - x. Lowest in voter-approved levy compared to surrounding districts
 - xi. 2 steps in the ballot question: 2026 \$550/student and then in 2029 another bond expires, but the funds would then go to levy (no net increase per household in 2029) and equal increase of \$930/student
 - xii. Vote is on November 4th, we need 2300 YES votes
 - xiii. Kids First will go out canvassing

3. School Update – Principal Tyler Nelson
 - a. First week gone well
 - b. Building routines
 - c. >90% of families attended open household
 - d. New furniture, adds flexibility to classes
 - e. First year looping with teachers for 2nd and 4th graders
 - f. Bussing is still working out kinks
 - g. 0 new home room or academic specialists
 - h. New faces- 3 resident and 1 apprentice teacher, 5 student teachers from St. Thomas
 - i. Thank you to the PTO for the grab baskets, open house supper, bus volunteers
4. Health Update – Danielle Nygaard, RN, School Nurse
 - a. Reminder to bring in student meds
 - b. Reviewing student immunization records
 - c. Vaccine clinic is coming up
5. New Northpoint PTO Hub
 - a. My.cheddarup.com
 - b. Involvement opportunities and meetings
 - c. Join our email list
6. Upcoming PTO Events
 - a. Fundraiser kick-off is September 15, 2025
 - b. Picture Day on September 24th
 - c. Fun Run on September 26th
 - d. Fall Festival on November 7th
 - e. Wednesday Morning Teacher Project group at 9:30
7. Fun Run Update -Kieran, co-chair
 - a. First/major fundraiser
 - b. Money goes to events, supporting teachers and staff with meals, extra buses to events, power hour, all the things the PTO does
 - c. Goal of \$20,000
 - d. Schedule for Fun Run will be on the Hub
 - e. D.J. (Coach) Downs will host the dance party at the end
8. Budget Review for Approval
 - a. Proposed vs budget report
 - b. Income: Fun Run, Coin Competition, Book Fair, events
 - c. Outgoing: student support and learning, parties
 - d. Current bank account: \$12,945

- e. Note: budgeted expenses are higher than budgeted income for the year
- 9. Gift Card giveaway to Crisp and Green – Kari is the winner