

**Call to Order:** Vice President Amber called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Present:** Brandi Sonneson (Board President), Amber Estabrook (Vice President), Calli Scheller (Treasurer), Shonda Mertz (Principal), Jesse Bennet, Alyx Matthews, Josh Silbernagel, Kiersten Small, Olivia Borchers, Justin Weichel, Trish Dietrich, Jackie Casey, and Sarah Buxton

### **Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes:** Brandi Sonneson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2025, seconded by Kiersten Small. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

### **Reports:**

1. **Principal's Report:** Currently Northridge has 445 students enrolled, which is an increase from last year. Ms. Mertz held the Schoolwide Title 1 Annual Meeting presenting schoolwide components, goals, and family engagement opportunities. This information will be presented at the Back-to-School Bash as well. Parents can expect to see the MPS Handbook, which explains practices and procedures, come home within the next few weeks. Students can participate in CHS spirit week to celebrate homecoming week. Picture day is on Wednesday, September 17. School Store fundraiser begins next week. No school on Monday, September 22 due to Staff Development Day.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$23,218.79 - \$7,000 of that balance is allocated to previous commitments leaving \$16,218.79 available. Calli explained that the store used to purchase Northridge gear has not been reliable in sending the percentage earned back to the PTO. The check is due the end of September. If the check does not arrive, it is recommended that the PTO find a new store to purchase from.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Open House:** There was positive feedback for the open house. The event had great attendance, and the PTO table did a good job standing out.

2. **Back to School Staff Breakfast:** PTO sponsored breakfast burritos for all staff on their Staff Development Day. Thank you to all those who made donations to assist. The staff was very appreciative.

### **New Business:**

**1. Teacher Allocations:** It was discussed that last year, allocations were reduced to provide a bigger staff appreciation week. Allocation come directly from the Raffle Ticket Fundraiser, which has been losing income consistently the past few years. It was recommended by the Board to wait to sell raffle tickets until March and allocations in April. Teachers are encouraged to request any needed supplies prior to allocations. Other fundraising options were discussed such as coin wars.

**2. Back to School Bash:** PTO missed the donation deadline for Cloverdale. They will donate \$75.00 for the purchase of hotdogs, which will cover about half. Signup Genius was sent out for rest of supplies. Activities will include chalk, bubbles, story walk, book walk, and a teepee.

Amber moved to make a motion to allocate \$200.00 to purchase additional supplies for the Back-to-School Bash seconded by Brandi. It was announced that Northridge secretaries should resend the sign-up sheet. Unanimous approval.

**3. Calendar Raffle:** This topic was discussed during Teacher Allocations. It was discussed waiting until after winter vacation to begin the process.

**4. Northridge Schoolwide Title 1 Annual Meeting:** This was presented during the Principal's report.

**5. Event Calendar:** Discussed upcoming events such as Trunk or Treat, 3rd-5th Grade Dance, and the Spirit Week with a Friday Family Movie Night.

**6. Conference Meal:** October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. PTO will sponsor the Tuesday, October 14 meal of pasta, breadsticks, drinks, and desserts. No money was allocated at this meeting for the conference meal.

Due to conferences occurring on the same day as the PTO meeting, it was decided to move the next PTO meeting to October 7, 2025, at 6:45pm instead.

**7. Dine and Donate:** Options for Dine and Donates include 5 guys, Pancheros, and Bearscat Bakehouse. Dine and Donate will be planned for either October or November.

**8. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade T-shirts:** It was discussed to begin the process of pricing out shirts. Debated if graduation year is required. Split opinions. Will come back to next meeting.

**9. Staff Appreciation Budget Request:** You are O-Fishally the Best! PTO explained that they are already in the process of preparing for Staff Appreciation Week. Brandi made a motion to allocate \$500.00 to fund supplies needed for the event. It was seconded by Kiersten. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

There being no further items for discussion, Brandi adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm in the Northridge Cafeteria.**

**President: Brandi Sonneson, VP: Amber Estabrook, Secretary: Amanda Godfread,  
Treasurer: Calli Scheller**