

## General PTO Meeting November 3, 2025

Welcome and Introductions were performed

Guest Speaker: Colleen Pederson, Director of Community Education at SLP Schools

- \$2.4 mil awarded by Panther Foundation in last 20 years (PantherFoundation.org)
  - Tower Days Parade books
  - funded the NP playground
  - Gave the seed money to start NP PTO 503c status
  - board positions are all volunteer and 3-year terms
  - Fund A Dream each year at annual party
  - Angel Fund to support families in need (fire or tragedy at home)
  - Panther Pantry and Weekend packs to feed students-interests
  - Backpack project – school supplies
- Raise money from annual sponsorships and fundraisers
  - Golf tournament for athletics and activities
  - Start your Engines is community gathering event
  - Panther Pride Sweepstakes
  - Silent Auction, Dine to Donate, Panther Pride Wear Days

Principal's Report: Principal Tyler Nelson

- Fall Festival on Friday
- Full weeks of learning until Thanksgiving
- Curriculum Days are coming up, will have Webex option
- Wrapping up conferences – 99% attendance
- Last month Possip feedback was happy or mostly happy
  - If possible, do not comment anonymously so they can follow up
- End of Tri is November 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Report cards will be out in December, and nothing should be surprising
- Gopher football players to come visit NP – in talks of dates and details
  - Partnership with True Stone Financial
- Get out and vote tomorrow!

Treasurer's Report: Maria O'Reilly

- Online platform charges a fee before disbursement online, but had ~\$11,000 online
- Large expenditures: fall conference meals, fall festival, insurance policy, Gaga Ball pit

Vice President's Report: Susan Grefsheim

- Fall Conference meal was Zupas – it was a hit
- Books and Bagels Scholastic Preview on Friday morning for teachers
- Fall Festival and Book Fair 6-8
  - idea for baskets or signs with teacher names to assist families
  - food in cafeteria with meal deal pricing
  - Culver's selling scoops of ice cream
  - Donation Drive for the Panther Weekend Pack Program
- Fun Run Feedback

- ~\$19,700
- 10% more student participation than last year
- New route around the field with fewer injuries
- Water bottle waste in past years led to large jug this year

Involvement Opportunities: Volunteer Coordinators, Emily Gartner and Tonya Wells

- Need a few more for the second shift at Fall Festival
- Feed My Starving Children volunteer opportunity (Dec 5 (5-6:30) and 6 (12-1:45))
- Glow Party January 30<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Conference Meals – Feb 9<sup>th</sup> **looking for a chair**

Vote Tomorrow 7am-8pm

- Blaine residents: National Sports Center-student
- Fridley and SLP Grace Evangelical Church

Crumb drawing - Veronica