North Park PTA Meeting
February, 17, 2015

Present
18 adults  10 children/students

Michael Waldron, President; Melissa Hale, Treasurer; Tanya Chanter, Corresponding Secretary; Amy Barto, Recording Secretary; Robin Sorge, Principal

Jen Hall, Randy Bartley, Jenine Bartley, Jen Tift, Romeyne Cloud, Sarah Belcher, Jackie Selleck, Kevin Wilson, Leyla Flores, Marie-Claire Camp, Shawn McDermed, Leah Walton

Call to Order: 6:20 pm

General Introductions

General Business

Communications: Kevin Wilson

- branching into online orders for spirit gear; please let us know how/if it is working!
- initial steps this year have included online sign up for Gala (April 25) and some online ordering for the pie sale
- staff is considering using Go Sign Up for conferences in the future as well
- We are working to get more things online so parents have access to notes other than student backpacks
- for things to be added to Digital Backpack or website, they can be submitted to webpost@northparkschools.org (Scott and crew have been great!)
  - question: can we subscribe to Digital Backpack to know when new things have been posted? - Kevin will look into this

Other Communications - News to Know: Tanya Chanter

- on front does usually include who to contact for needs from the PTA, i.e. name and email addresses for communications or fundraising, etc..
- is posted on the website in Digital Backpack
- school is working hard to get all communications in digital form
  - question: is there a list-serve - there is not, but Marissa is working to create one way to communicate with all as a mass email

Volunteers - no one present

Nominating Committee - Jen Hall

- Shawn McDermed will join Jen Hall on the Nominating Committee
o motion to make the nominating committee official - motion to accept Jen Hall and Shawn McDermed as the members and designees for Nominating Committee made by Robin Sorge, 2nd Kevin Wilson. Yes - 14, No, 0. Motion Approved.

- Current positions - all but 1 (corresponding secretary) have term limits expiring at the end of this school year
- Slates proposed at April meetings and voting at May meeting
- Open positions for committees
  - bylaws
  - succession - is an infrastructure for streamlining succession board positions and committees

**Treasurer's Report - Melissa Hale, Treasurer**
- Dec, Jan and Feb will be reviewed at the March meeting

**PALS (Parent Action Leaders in GRPS) - Melissa Hale, NPM PAL**
- at this time they are encouraging Parent University website courses and becoming a Power Parent
  - this is one metric GRPS can use with funding agencies to represent parent engagement in the district so it is very helpful if we all complete that process
- Strive for Five is the district’s initiative for attendance; one challenge has been the very hard flu and cold season this winter
- there is Parent University class at NPM tonight related to Recognizing Signs and Talking to Teens about Drugs. April there is a Cooking Demo class at NPM.

**Events**
- Gala is April 25
  - because this is the first year, we have not put in any GRPS communications
  - but we do want to encourage attendance for folks who are not NPM families, so please invite guests, feel free to share, etc….
  - we are at the donation stage right now - thank you to all who have helped and if you have any other ideas, etc.. please bring them in
  - Sarah Belcher and Mike Waldron will coordinate a site visit for the committee for final space planning
  - Robin will send invites to the GRPS Board and Executive Committee

**Pie Sale**
- Kick-off in planning
- order forms will go home with students this week
- Goals: income to PTA general fund which directly supports classroom activities
- The committee has suggested incentives (pie in the face fro Mrs. Sorge :) ) with goal
levels to the PTA Board. We are reviewing to ensure feasibility. Main goal for the incentives is to avoid “trinket based” or unhealthy incentives.

- Discussion has already including some suggestions for next year including asking teachers to create classroom based targets for their students

New Business

Spirit Gear - Sarah Belcher & Tanya Chanter

- Samples at this meeting to be able to see size examples (not color).
- Spirit Gear can be worn to school on Fridays
- there are black or navy yoga pants available and will be acceptable as uniform pants
- We need a minimum of 50 pieces to place an order so there will be more than one order placed throughout the school year. Orders will be due at PTA Meetings and, if we have met the minimum, orders will be placed that week. Any online orders will be included at the next PTA meeting.
- this is not a “for profit” project; there is some profit margin which goes to offset the fees for imprinting/screen setup
- We would like to have some Cash & Carry items at Board Meetings
  - suggestions: car clings, lanyards and perhaps small grocery totes
  - these must be pre-purchased and turnaround is approx 2-3 weeks
  - Tanya proposing to approve expenditure to have items on hand
  - Motion to approve expense up to $600 for spirit gear cash & carry items as proposed by Tanya made by Robin. Randy Bartley 2nd.
    - Discussion: what about travel mugs? - these have a minimum order of 100 so we would need to offer these maybe once per year with orders ahead rather than cash & carry.
      - Yes, 16, No, 0. Motion Approved.

Motion to Adjourn: Amy Barto; Tanya Chanter, 2nd. 11 Yes, 0 Opposed.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:14 pm

Special Topic: North Park Montessori Enrollment Growth, Ms. Sorge

When North Park Montessori Schools was redesigned to house only NPM, there was some question about whether or not enrollment would expand quickly enough to keep the building open based on district standards.

Ms. Sorge shared current year enrollment with 10 year projections based on the enrollment added in Children’s House this year. NPM enrollment is already reaching the full capacity of our current building. This year, NPM has 392 students; next year’s projected enrollment is an increase of 48 students to 440. We are already seeing very limited openings which could
create a significant change for students who attend any of the specialty 6th grade schools and plan to re-enroll at NPM for 7th grade. There is also discussion at the administrative level regarding physical expansion which would be needed in the near future to accommodate just our “regular” growth (vs. new families at elementary or middle school).

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Barto, Recording Secretary