

**Northgate Parent Faculty Club
Minutes
Thursday February 18, 2010**

7:03 PM – Meeting called to order by Monica Fitzgerald.

Present: Monica Fitzgerald, Kathy Frattini, Jenny Crosthwaite, Ann Sussman, Margot Chafetz, Jon Campopiano, Linda Middleton, Lisa Stackpole, Patty Proctor, Jane Erdiakoff, and Donna Warnken-Brill.

Guests: Ruth Carver, Cindy Perryman, David Wood and Vikki Bearman

Approval of Minutes: Monica Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2010. The motion passed.

Campus Clean-Up – Donna Warnken-Brill

- Donna reported Campus Clean-Up is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, March 27th. They are hoping for the same type of commitment as in the past (approximately 500 people). There are multiple landscaping projects and painting projects. The remaining column that has not been painted as well as some additional ramps are targeted.
- There is a dumping problem near the trash compactor area. It appears as if the source of the dumping is off campus activity. The issue of who will pay for a clean-up is being worked on. There is some additional furniture (from the school) that needs to be dealt with as well.
- Landscaping reported on their plans for the front garden bed—they would like remove the shrubbery and replace with crepe myrtles and evergreens. Plans include a pathway and a stone bench memorial for Dot Schmidt (Dot is an administrator who died in 2001—had an enormous impact on Northgate). Landscaping is giving a presentation of their plans next week for funding.

Student Leadership Report – Jenny

- Jenny reported the ASB Leadership is working on “Healthy Eating Week” March 22 -26. This will include an assembly on Friday, March 26th. The students would like to ask for parent contributions for 1 day during the wee before school (similar to Finals Fuels). Monica requested that Jenny prepare an email with specifics for Enews distribution. .

Career Day – Patty Proctor

- The first ever Career Day for Northgate is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010. There is a link to the Career Day web page from the PFC home page. The site http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/career_day.html has all the information for presenters to sign up. We are looking for approximately 85 presenters in order to host enough sessions for each student to hear 3 different speakers. At this point, we have approximately 30 speakers who have volunteered. The Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce should also assist with some leads. Dr. Lawrence, the new Superintendent will speak in the Welcoming Remarks.
- We are meeting with our Leadership committee for Marketing and Publicity in order to get the students interested and excited about Career Day.
- Parent volunteers are also needed. If interested in helping please contact Patty Proctor or Ann Sussman.

Spring for Education – Margot Chafetz

- The Spring for Education Auction and Cocktail Party is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th at the Walnut Creek Marriott. Tickets are \$30 per person. The Jazz Band will be performing as well as the Madrigals and String Quartet.
- Ticket sales are brisk and donations are coming in. All arrangements have been set with the Marriott. Some Parent Volunteer Awards will be given as well as an award for Outstanding Business Partner. **Everyone is encouraged to come to the event to enjoy a wonderful evening and raise academic funds for Northgate.**

Principal's Report--Mr. Campopiano

- Mr. Campopiano spoke of how important it is for all the Northgate groups to work together to spend money wisely.
- Mr. Campopiano is also in charge of work orders, so if there are items to be dealt with, be sure to email him with the details. His focus on campus is Athletics, Activities and Facilities.
- The new dance floor is installed—it is great! Dr. Lawrence will be on campus tomorrow for a presentation on Focus on Learning (FOL).
- The budget situation at the District is dire; cuts presented thus far include but are not limited to counseling, VP jobs, clerical, and landscaping services.
- Mr. Wood spoke about Senior Projects. They are looking for parent volunteers to be reviewers of the presentations on the afternoons of June 1 and 2. If anyone is interested in helping those days or helping before hand with some mentoring, please contact Mr. Wood or Mr. Campopiano.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Frattini

- Kathy reported that all is going as expected regarding the budgeted income and expenses. No issues to report.

President's Report– Monica Fitzgerald

- Monica announced a Strategic Planning Meeting session scheduled for the coming Tuesday to discuss mission statement and objectives.
- WASC is underway. Monica will send an email listing the current volunteers; we still need additional volunteers for the various committees. There are only approximately 5 meetings between now and Mach 2011.
- Thank you to the Enews and web page team! They are doing a wonderful job! Thank you to Northgate Pride for getting the dance floor installed!
- The Northgate Athletics Boosters Crab Feed was a huge success!
- Thanks to Donna & her crew for creating Campus Clean-up!

Crisis Counselors – Cindy Perryman

- Cindy reported that Monica Jacober will be joining Northgate as a new Crisis Counselor. It has been a tough year for the students, with the death of sophomore Trevor Tonsing as well as multiple students losing a parent. Seniors are stressing on college acceptances.

Committee Reports

- **Northgate Pride—Jane Erdiakoff:** The Dance Floor project has raised \$18, 000 for the floor; need to raise another \$3, 000 for the remaining accessories, but the floor is installed and working.
- **Music Boosters—Vikki Bearman:** The Walnut Festival Association gave a \$5,000 grant for music in the Walnut Creek schools. Northgate's share was \$700, which was greatly appreciated. The Jazz Band has been invited to the prestigious Monterey Jazz Festival for the second year—this is a great honor! The performance at Yoshi's is scheduled for May 17th with 8 and 10 PM shows.
- **Athletic Boosters & UMDAF:** UMDAF will be again be sponsoring the 5K run in the fall. It is critical that sport fees be paid (100%). The Crab Feed raised \$46, 000 for Sports and Sports Medicine at Northgate.
- **PAC Meeting:** Always check the district website at www.mdusd.k12.ca.us for the most recent information as well as the Monday memos.
- **Education Fund:** Follow-up is occurring on matching funds to ensure that **all** corporate funds are received.
- **Nominating Committee:** Now is the time to get involved if you are not already serving in a position. Contact Cindy at clentz@astound.net to volunteer.

New Business:

- An Enews went out with information on writing to tour legislators as well as to sign a ballot initiative to lower the parcel tax approval requirement from 2/3 vote to 55%.
- Information will be coming out about March 4th and the activities planned at Northgate.
- Challenge Days are March 29th and 30th. Be sure to sign up to help or to donate food and drinks.
- We are participating in a German student exchange program. If you can help house someone (March 28-April 16), please contact Ms. Marek at school.
- Chaperones are needed for Junior Prom. Please contact Lisa Stackpole Stackpole@aol.com

Next PFC Meeting will be Thursday, March 18th at 9:00 AM in the Northgate High School library.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ann Sussman, Secretary
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