

**Northgate Parent Faculty Club
Minutes
Thursday April 15, 2010**

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

Present: Monica Fitzgerald, Kathy Frattini, Jenny Crosthwaite, Ann Sussman, Karen Cramer, Linda Locke, Michael Weinberger, Molly Anderson, Nancy Collins.

Guests: Ruth Carver, Linda Loza, Carla Ludwig, Alisa MacCormac, and Betsy Henderson

President's Report– Monica Fitzgerald

- Monica reminded everyone that 11 additional sections were paid for this year by the money donated to PFC. This allowed for not only 11 extra classes, but decreased size in many other classes as a side benefit.
- The PFC funds (including Spring Fling revenue) were used to buy 20 new computers for the school.
- **Focus on Learning (FOL)** Communities will be presented at our next meeting by Mr. McMorris. This will include updates on the teacher mentoring program which includes weekly FOL meetings for the teachers. This effort has brought a new level of energy to our school.
- A rough draft of the **Strategic Plan** will be completed by the end of this school year. The document has been worked on by administrators, teachers and parents. There will be community meetings to give all the opportunity to contribute to the question, "Where do we see ourselves in 5 years?"
- Special thanks to Mr. Hevel ho is working on an academic ART pathway, those who worked on Career Day, Campus Clean-Up, and Challenge Days. Next year the Parent Action Team (PAT) will work on Every 15 minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Cindy Lentz made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2010. The **motion passed.**

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. We need volunteers for Spring Fling, Directory Advertisement, Campus Clean-Up, Grad Night 2011, and new positions of parent class representatives for each grade. The Executive Board is returning, but there are many opportunities to volunteer—we need your talents and energy **now!**

Student Leadership Report – No Report

Crisis Counselors—Monica Fitzgerald

- Marcia is working on bringing the film "Race to Nowhere" for a local showing, perhaps in conjunction with Los Lomas.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Frattini

- Kathy reported that expenses in general are coming in as targeted. The 2010-2011 budget was presented. The budget will be voted on at the May meeting.

Career Day – Ann Sussman

- Approximately 55 speakers are confirmed for the first ever Career Day for Northgate (scheduled for Tuesday, April 20). Dr. Lawrence, Mr. McMorris and Alan Xu, ASB President will speak in the Opening Remarks.
- Scheduling is in progress, unfortunately due to a few last minute cancellations, the effort has been complicated.
- Parent volunteers are also needed. If interested in helping please contact Patty Proctor or Ann Sussman.

Principal's Report---No report

Committee Reports

- **Northgate Pride—no report.**
- **Music Boosters—Ruth Carver:** There will be a car wash at Tice Valley to raise funds for Music Boosters—check their website for details. The Jazz Band will be at Yoshi's on May 17th and all bands will be at the Leshner concert on May 25th. The Music Education Fund is hosting a concert at Sleep Train Pavilion on Saturday, May 15th to raise money. Kid's Fest in Concord (at Mt.Diablo HS) will also raise funds for both Music and athletics (through UMDAF)
- **Athletic Boosters & UMDAF—no report.**
- **PAC Meeting—Linda Locke:** Budget concerns specifically around school closures continue to be ongoing. Measure C is on the June ballot; for information on the measure link to www.protectourlocalschools.org. The cuts are driving the student enrollment down as parents pursue other educational opportunities. Linda has information on the homework policy—if you have comments regarding homework loads, please contact Linda at Lockes4@hotmail.com. Always check the district website at www.mdusd.k12.ca.us for the most recent information.
- **Walk-Through Days—:** The first day of school is Wednesday, August 25th as currently planned. Walk through Days are August 1 and 19. We will need 100 to 150 volunteers to work the 2 days. There will be a Fast Track process for those who bring completed forms from the online materials. Text books will also be checked out again this year.
- **Baccalaureate—Molly Anderson:** This year's Baccalaureate is scheduled for Sunday, June 6th in the gym at 5 PM. Invitations will be going out to all senior families. Senior speaker audition announcements will be coming out next week.

New Business:

- Volunteers for senior project speech reviews are needed. If interested contact Vice Principal Campopiano.
- Meet the Principal and Vice Principal Party on June 5th—if interested in attending, please contact Jenny Crosthwaite.

Next PFC Meeting will be Thursday, May 20th at 9:00 AM in the Northgate High School library.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ann Sussman, Secretary
Northgate Parent Faculty Club**