

**Northgate Parent Faculty Club
Minutes
Thursday May 21, 2009**

9:03 AM – Meeting called to order by Monica Fitzgerald.

Present: Monica Fitzgerald, Kathy Frattini, Dianne Urhausen, Donna Warnken-Brill, Ann Sussman, Cindy Lentz, Margot Chafetz, Linda Locke, Linda Middleton, John McMorris, Danielle Voorhees, Lisa Stackpole, Lisa Weaver, Margaret Vercammen

Guests: Linda Loza, Ruth Carver, Alisa MacCormac

Crisis Counselors – Lance Friis

- Lance reported that depression and stress continue to be issues this year. There has been an up take in self mutilation as well. They are working to make sure students have resources to contact for the summer.
- The death of junior Michael Gaines has hit the school hard. The counselors reached out to both his teachers and friends to assist in the notification and to ensure everyone had someone to talk to about the sudden death. Students have been writing notes and making posters for all to sign. Lance will continue to cover Michael's classes today and the library will be used for students who want to drop in and talk to a counselors. He recommends that parents encourage their students to talk and if your student seems unusually depressed, contact your family doctor. A memorial service will be held at school after the funeral.

Principal's Report---Mr. McMorris

- Mr. McMorris reported that news from the District is not good regarding the budget cuts. The Board not giving up on sports, but there will be some parent contributions needed.
- With teacher retirements and some people moving on to other jobs, Mr. McMorris is hopeful that we should be able to re hire some of the pink slipped teachers, but has no idea when we will know for sure. Class size reduction is at risk. We have lost 1 VP and the librarian has been cut to 1 or 2 days/week. The department chairs have been meeting and reviewing for possible cuts. The numbers of students are low in Drama and French.
- Tardy problem continues to plague some students. Teachers are looking as giving detention on the spot to be done at lunch time.
- STAR testing went well; results will be available in August.

Landscape Report – Linda Middleton

- Linda reported that water plants were added to the Atrium last week. They are trying to organize a mulch party for June 6th—looking for volunteers. A local native landscape person will walk the campus in June and contribute suggestions for improvements.
- The Landscape Committee is working on plans for the Fall clean-up mostly within the football field area. They are looking for a parent volunteer on the pond filter maintenance.
- Linda will research a memorial stone for Michael Gaines for the garden area. Monica thanked Linda and her committee for all their hard work this year.

Approval of Minutes: Cindy Lentz made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2009 with the addition of Donna Warnken-Brill to the attendees. The **motion passed**.

2009-2010 PFC Board – Cindy Lentz

Cindy Lentz made a motion to approve the PFC Board members for the 2009-2010 school year. The **motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Frattini

- Kathy distributed the budget report for the month. Cindy Lentz made a motion to pass the 2009-2010 budget. **The motion passed.**

President's Report – Monica Fitzgerald

- Monica thanked Linda Loza and Carla Ludwig for all the hard work put into Measure D.
- Linda Loza reported that of the 133 precincts, only 9 passed on the 2/3 vote of which 6 were in our feeder pattern. For the total feeder pattern, our approval rate was 62%.
- Monica reported the Jazz Band gave an amazing performance at Yoshi's. She also thanked Donna Warnken-Brill for the amazing work on Campus Clean-Up and thanked Donna for serving on the Board for 4 years. She also acknowledged Dianne Urhausen who has been on the Board for 7 years. Monica thanked Margaret Vercammen for the wonderful communication system that is now in place as well as the Gift Card (Lisa Weaver and Janine Leyrer) and the Teacher Appreciation team (Lisa Whittington, Nancy Freitas, Heather Stover, and Danielle Voorhees).
- Next year the PFC meeting will split between evening and morning meetings in an attempt to give the most people the opportunity to participate in the meetings.

Committee Reports

- **Music Boosters—Margaret Vercammen:** The Spring Concert will be at the Leshner Theatre on May 26th. Performing Arts Awards will be held on June 3rd.
- **PAC Meeting—Linda Locke:** Homework policy will be presented at the next Board meeting with a vote taken at the June 2nd meeting. Each school will set up a specific Homework Plan following the template specified by the Board. Always check the district website at www.mdusd.k12.ca.us for the most recent information as well as the Monday memos.

Campus Clean-Up ----Donna Warnken-Brill

- Donna has received approval for the benches (15) and trash cans (10) and is looking for some additional parent donations to start the work over the summer. They are also approaching local businesses.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Next PFC Meeting will be Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 PM at the Northgate High School library.

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