

Northgate Parent Faculty Club
Minutes
Thursday, May 15, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Meeting called to order by Thea Sorscher.

Present: Vicki Fraser, Donna Warnken-Brill, Margaret Vercammen, Linda Locke, Mark Foletta, Mary Privitera, Jane Erdiakoff, Monica Fitzgerald, Carl Toliver, Patty Proctor.

Guests: Pat Hartman, Ann Sussman, Stefanie Corrales.

There was a motion to approve meeting minutes from April 17, 2008 with the correction of adding Lisa Stackpole to the attendees. Motion passed.

Graduation Review – Pat Hartman

- Mrs. Hartman explained the work she does with seniors beginning in September to ensure that all seniors have the necessary units to graduate. She also monitors grades and sends certified letters to the student's home if their grades are less than a "C" in a required class.

Crisis Counselor – Lance Friis

- Many students had family based issues this year in addition to the student to student type issues. Overall it was a good year. Substance abuse declined although alcohol is the biggest single issue in this arena.
- Interviews have been scheduled for May 28th to replace Cindy who is leaving to focus on her private practice. There are approximately 10 candidates under review.

Principal's Report – Carl Toliver

- Plans are underway to increase the number of AP Courses for the Fall Semester. Those under consideration are: Chemistry, World History, US History, English and Psychology.
- Homeroom (SSR and Study Period) are under review to determine if this can be eliminated and more instructional time can be provided as a result of the change.
- Concert performance was top notch and very professional—Mr. Toliver was very impressed with the musicians.
- Upcoming Events include Senior Ball, Jazz Band performance at Yoshi's, and Graduation.
- Thea thanked Mr. Toliver for his time and leadership here at Northgate.
- Thea indicated she would let Ms. Sweet know that the Student Leadership rep missed many meetings throughout the year, particularly in the second half.
- There will be a staff retreat at the end of August before school starts.

Treasurer Report – Dianne Urhausen

- There was a proposed change to the Bylaws to reflect the earlier start of the school year as well as changes to the tax and fiscal year:

Section 3 General Membership Meetings.

General membership meetings shall be held at least once in the fall to approve expenditures from the "teacher priority funds" line item of the budget and once in the Spring to vote on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and to adopt the budget for the next school year, each at a time, date and location to be announced by the Board. Written notice of general membership meetings shall be given not less than two weeks in advance. Each member family shall have one vote at a general membership meeting. Each vote must

be cast in person. Any matter presented for a vote shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.

The motion passed.

- Gift Card update: Although the program started late this year, \$885 was raised. With new chairs and a full year, we are hoping to increase the amount raised. If 250 families each spent \$300/month in Safeway gift cards, the PFC could fund another section for Northgate.
- All committees need to submit their reimbursement requests so any excess money can be determined. At this point, there is approximately \$10,000 in excess funds.
- At this point a motion was made and seconded to approve the 2008-09 budget. **The motion passed.**

President's Report – Thea Sorscher

- Thea thanked everyone for their support over the last 13 years.

Committee Reports

- **Northgate Pride – Jane Erdiakoff** - The turf is scheduled to be laid starting on Monday, May 19th.
- **PAT – Monica Fitzgerald** – Coordinator for **Every 15 Minutes** program is Sherri Zack. Dates are March 31st and April 1st. There will be a community wide program for the feeder program about 1 week after the Northgate program.
- **Superintendent Meeting – Linda Locke** – The May 15th budget revise figures are in and the District is working on the cuts necessary to meet the revised numbers. The feeder pattern meetings were held, but College Park is having an encore meeting to discuss items that were not covered during their original time slot.
- **All in One Days**—Patty Proctor said that the Forum will be used instead of the Gym for All in One. There is a need for a large number of volunteers on August 19 and 20 in order to start the year with a positive note. They are addressing the problem last year with a slow line at the photographer station by adding more photographers. It is extremely critical that members of the Administration be there to assist with schedule issues and provide a welcoming atmosphere.

Parliamentarian Report – Donna Warken-Brill

- Campus Beatification efforts continue. Clean up Dates have been set for October 4, 2008 and March 21, 2009.
- Locker replacement would cost approximately \$80,000 dollars. The lockers are so old that replacement parts are no longer available, so the broken ones are simply boarded over.
- We have a complete Board except for Grad Night Chairs.
- A motion was made to waive the provision on not allowing some one to serve a third term. **The Motion passed.**
- A motion was made to approve the 2008-09 Board. **Motion Passed.**

Last Meeting of the 2007-08 School year!

8:00 PM – Meeting adjourned

**Respectfully submitted,
Ann Sussman, Secretary
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