

**Northgate Parent Faculty Club  
Minutes  
Thursday, October 16, 2008**

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

**Present:** Monica Fitzgerald, Donna Warnken-Brill, Kathy Frattini, Cindy Lentz, Dianne Urhausen, Ann Sussman, Linda Locke, Michael Weinberger, Mark Wilson, Margo Chafetz, Char Hamilton, Vicki Fraser, Lisa Whittington

**Guests:** Drew Nollsch, Jenny Crosthwaite, Linda Loza, Peter Aloo, Raul Reyes, Lance Friis, Spaulding Ashley, Debbie Mazzora.

**Crisis Counselors – Lance Friis**

- The counselors have divided the work load of students with Michelle seeing students with self esteem type issues, Jane running three small groups (approximately 5 students each) and individual session and Lance do individuals as well as new referrals and follow-ups from last year. Every 15 Minutes will be held in the spring; planning meetings are underway. Student meetings for those interested in participating will be held in January. Quarterly reporting for the Police Department is in progress.

**Faculty Report – Raul Reyes**

- Mr. Reyes discussed the new structure for the Leadership classes. There are 3 classes with all the elected officials in Period A class. This does not allow for much mixing with the younger students so they have initiated a “team” structure so that the students have an opportunity to lead within their committees. He is working to build a bridge between all grades so that seniors can provide leadership skills to freshman.

**Leadership Report – Drew Nollsch**

- Drew reported that the Leadership students like the goal setting and smaller groups that Mr. Reyes has set up for the classes.
- It is 2 weeks until Homecoming; the focus is on the events for Homecoming including lip syncs, the Un Bonfire Rally, the game and of course the dance.
- The Blood Drive was held on 10/15 and had a full schedule of appointments for donors.

**Challenge Days– Spaulding Ashley**

- Spaulding spoke on the status on the Challenge Days scheduled for November 4 (seniors and juniors) November 5 (freshman and sophomores). Two leaders from Challenge Days will run the program with volunteer assistance. The program addresses issues around teasing and making fun of others. One of the goals is to empower students to be able to deal with these situations and to see the “sameness” of all.

**Approval of Minutes:** There was a motion to approve minutes of May 15, 2008 PFC meeting as written.

**Motion passed.** There was a motion to correct the September minutes by removing the approval of the May minutes. **Motion passed**

**Principal’s Report–Peter Aloo**

- Mr. Aloo reported on behalf of the Administration that all are grateful for the funding of 10 sections by the PFC for this year.

**Treasurer’s Report – Kathy Frattini**

- Kathy distributed the current budget status. A question was raised on the usage of the on-site vs. off-site computer technician to which Monica reported a follow-up meeting has been scheduled with the district if clarification is not received.
- A motion was made to approve an additional \$900 so that all teachers will use “My Grade book” this year. **Motion Passed.**

### **President's Report – Monica Fitzgerald**

- Northgate is the only feeder school in our group to exceed Budget for Education Fund due to the outstanding job by Dianne Urhausen.
- Campus Clean-up was a huge success with 450 parents and students participating. A special thank you to Donna Warnken-Brill, Patty Proctor and Spaulding Ashley.
- Upcoming Dates include Internet Safety on 11/18 and Challenge Days on 11/4-5. College Night was packed and a second night was scheduled for 10/23.
- Reminder: Chaperones are needed for the Homecoming Dance on November 1st.
- The Climate Committee is sponsoring a school wide (teachers, students and parents) survey to determine what is important to the Northgate community and where we can help with change. All are encouraged to complete the survey. It is totally anonymous.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Education Fund – Dianne Urhausen:** Ed Fund is over budget for the year, approximately \$13 -15,000. We have approximately \$ 19,000 in outstanding matching fund forms. The United Way campaign is underway in many companies which is another way to donate to Northgate. It is never too late to donate for the year! Our goal is to know in the spring what monies we have available in the fall so that we can get additional sections up and running sooner.
- **Northgate Pride – Donna Warnken-Brill:** The Kitchen Tour earned about \$20,000. There is a wine tasting this coming Saturday.
- **Athletic Boosters – Ann Sussman:** Membership numbers were very good through all in one days. Laurel Fern is chairing this year's Crab Feed which is scheduled for January 24, 2009 at Concord Centre—tickets are available. Donations are welcome for the Silent and Live Auctions.
- **PAC Meeting – Linda Locke:** Discussion at this month's session revolved around the academies that are at the various high schools (culinary at Mt. Diablo, Art at Clayton Valley as two examples). Northgate does not have one and there was some discussion on what might be a focal point. District policy commits that parent inquires be responded to by school site within 24-28 hours. Linda's detailed notes of the PAC meeting and all topics discussed are on the Northgate website.
- **Go Green Go Clean – Donna Warnken-Brill:** The clean up Day had an overwhelming response of students and parents as well as Mr. and Mrs. McMorris. Students were required to work for 2 hours to receive a certificate. Work was done in the front garden area, atrium, and front planter. The ASB officers were painted and the school was cleaned: ramps, window frames and door frames. Painting will be an emphasis in the spring clean-up; perhaps a mural could be worked on with the Art Department. We are currently saving money for the necessary locker replacement.
- **Directory—Char Hamilton:** Directory is at the District for printing. The Advertisements brought in twice the income of the previous year—great job to Mark and Tammy!
- **Climate Committee—Jenny Crosthwaite:** Jenny gave a presentation on the newly formed Climate Committee. Membership is comprised of 3 teachers, 3 parents, 1 student, 1 classified and Mc McMorris. They will meet monthly and their main goals are to improve academic performance as well as the morale of the school community. The first step is an online survey which is open and will remain open for the next 10 days to allow students, teachers and parents to express their view point on what works well and what doesn't at Northgate.

**Next PFC Meeting Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Northgate High School library.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Sussman, Secretary  
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