

## North Ridge Elementary School

PTA Minutes General Membership meeting from the September 8, 2016

PTA Presidents Mabyn Pappas and Missy Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**Attendance:** Shawn Jackson, Missy Thomas, Holly Attanasio, Jessie Blalock, Amber Hudson, Jacqueline De Boe, Brooks Walton, Jocelyn McGuinness-Hockey, Robert Soutter, Mabyn Pappas, Kristy Northcutt, Jennifer Baucom, Nandita Marshall, Danny Marshall, Melissa Rightor, Adam Rightor, Stacie Guillet, Susan Jaynes, Caitlin Colvin, Katie Lennon, Daniel Ocean, Rita Ocean, Brian Mann, Lauren Mann, Brenda Woodward, Aisha Eugene, Carrie Ritter, Brett Henderson, Lorena Manizanareo, Shakeena Benjamin, Lauren Thompson, Joy Tanner, Bryan Tanner, Marlo Van Kula, Kurt Williams, Tammy Warren, Kennedy Kibe, Devona Fletcher, Carla Murchison, Jason S. Utley, Holly Keller, Donna Burge Pireda, Norma Mar Ruiz, Angela Page, Toni Boowell, Manicha Faison, Iris Fontanez, Bibishe Iwsasa, Philippe Mvula, Cayhuyen Ngugen, Colleen Joyce, Wynne Dunn, Rachel McPherson, Latisha Jackson, Alecia Foulke, James Foulke, Tina Monti, David DeBoe, Marie Palmer

**Welcome and Introductions:** Missy and Mabyn welcomed everyone. The PTA is here to make our school the best it can be and to enhance your child's overall experience at North Ridge Elementary. We strive to be an all-inclusive community that encourages our families to participate in the ways that work for them. We have over 25 PTA Committees that provide various opportunities to get involved. Come join us whether you have an hour to spend or can lead a Committee, we welcome any and all involvement. Perhaps you can send in a dish for a teacher appreciation event or count Box Tops or help out on a Saturday Campus Beautification Day. Some teachers have take home projects that involve cutting, sorting or other tasks that you can do in your free time. If your schedule is flexible, you may want to volunteer in the classroom, work a shift at Unicornucopia, our Fall Carnival, or Book Fair, attend classroom Learning Experiences or even serve as the Class Parent.

In these first couple of weeks of school-with the help of roughly 50 volunteers, we have already:

- hosted a teacher welcome back luncheon organized by the Hospitality Committee,
- helped with two Meet the Teachers by working the PTA Stage,
- hosted a K parent reception to meet, mingle with and engage our newest parents,
- greeted students the first few days of school and helped them find their way,
- planned our first Spirit Night at Chick Fil A where a portion of your meal will benefit the school.

Thanks to those volunteers for helping make this a welcoming and informative start to the year!

Another way that the PTA benefits the NRE community is by awarding a limited number of mini-grants up to \$500 for teachers to enrich their classroom. So if your teacher mentions a class need, remind them they can see if it is eligible for a grant - we love supporting our NRE teachers!

We have a lot of great things planned for the year that we hope you will get involved with.

Please be sure to sign the sign-in sheet at the end of your table.

**Administrative Report:** Mr. Soutter welcomed new attendees to North Ridge and invited everyone to Open House 9/22. Discuss the importance and involvement of the PTA at NRE. Review of EOG results (scores went up)

**Secretary's Report:** Amber Hudson reported the draft minutes will be up on the NRE website under meetings and minutes within a few days after the meetings so parents who cannot attend can stay plugged in. And reminder to sign-in for attendance.

**Treasure's Report:** Jessie Blalock presented the budget that was approved at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion to approve the new budget was made seconded. The new budget was unanimously passed. The audit has been complete. Highlighted a few specifics from budgets, computer equipment purchased,

**Executive Board Report:** Don't forget to register as a volunteer – registration and reactivation can be done in the office. Only those who have registered may participate in school and classroom activities and chaperone field trips. It takes several weeks for your approval, so the sooner you sign up the better!

Carpool Tags – If you have an existing carpool number from last year and you plan to keep it, please inform Sharon Anderson in the office. Sanderson2@wcpss.net

Open House is on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to hear from Mr. Soutter and your teacher(s) about the classroom curriculum and expectations and the Common Core.

Ways to stay connected – PTA Committee Work Sessions are generally the first Friday of the month (with a few exceptions) at 8:20 am in Room 5. Our goal is to have a dedicated time to come together as a PTA to work on upcoming projects/events. These meetings are open to everyone and are a great opportunity to get involved in a variety of projects. In addition, we will be holding quarterly PTA Socials like this one that will serve as our formal meeting times and a chance to socialize as a PTA community. We have a list of meeting dates, and, this can be found on the PTA portion of the school's website. In fact, the website is a great place to reference for all PTA information including calendar of events, minutes of meetings, the latest volunteer opportunities, and up-to-date news and announcements.

On Thursdays, our school newsletter "Pathways" comes to your email inbox. If you have not already signed up to receive school and PTA informational emails, please see Amber at the Membership Table tonight. If you do not have access to email, a hard copy of "Pathways" can be sent home in your child's Monday folder. Please let your teacher know if you require a hard copy.

We also have a Facebook and a Twitter page. You can access these by clicking on the "f" or "t" on the website homepage. The most immediate information will be shared via Facebook and Twitter. Facebook has details of upcoming events. Twitter is used to share information about bus routes and inclement weather closings.

If you are on campus, the breezeway outside the office has chalkboards and bulletin boards that are updated regularly.

Please take a look at the Upcoming Dates section of your agenda. Tomorrow is an early release day, school is out at 12:30 AND we have several PTA events this month.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Backpack Buddies - Jennifer Baucom
  - Provides children with healthy weekend meals during the school year. The children, selected by school principals, guidance counselors. You can either donate to sponsor or volunteer to help fill backpacks.
- Box Tops for Education – Kristy Northcutt
  - There will be 3 competitions throughout the year, 1st one in October. Also looking for volunteers to help count boxtops during/after competitions
- Campus Beautification - Wynne Dunn
  - 1st one is on September 24th, campus clean-up. There will be a second one later in the year focused on cleaning up the field.
- District 3 Representative – Missy Thomas for Kimberly Waller
  - Next week's Board Advisory Council meeting will be hosted by North Ridge. The first 2016-2017 Board Advisory Council meeting for district 3 is scheduled for September 12 at 5:30, to be held at North Ridge Elementary School. Laura Evans and Glenn Carrozza will lead a discussion on the new Student Assignment Plan. NRE's Hospitality Committee is providing the meal for the event.
- Community Partners – Brooks Walton
  - Working with corporate sponsors to donate to NRE, monetary or items for raffles, etc... Advertisements in yearbooks, acknowledgments given at Unicornucopia, front office hallway and website.
- Spirit Nights – Brooks Walton
  - 1st one September 14th at Chick-fil-a. Others throughout the year such as moonlight swirl, Jersey Mike's.
- Membership – Amber Hudson
  - If have not purchased please see at table, discussing where membership dollars go, National, NC and Wake PTA as well as NRE. Helps to support the large advocacy that the PTA association brings.
- Shopping Rewards – Jacqueline DeBoe
  - See her at table that you can sign-up for any of the programs at Kroger, Harris Teeter, Amazon and Lowe's
- Spirit Wear – Mabyn Pappas for Hope Graney
  - Spirit Wear order forms for our two 2016 short-sleeve designs were sent out in the Monday folder this week. The deadline to send those forms back to your child's teacher is Monday, September 19. We will be placing an order at that time and will send those shirts home with your children as soon as they come in.
  - The Spirit Wear team will be planning our fall Spirit Wear options soon for long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts. We will be selling Spirit Wear at Unicornucopia again this year. We hope to have some fall options for folks to choose from that night. Another order

form for fall shirts will come home in mid to late October to ensure delivery before Christmas break. Thanks for supporting Spirit Wear at North Ridge!!

- Unicornucopia – Shawn Jackson
  - Taking place October 7th 5:30. Slideshow played during meal portion of Social. Review of what activities will be available. We will have bracelets instead of punch cards this year. Review of teacher contests. Emphasized the need for volunteers preparing up to the day as well as many the day of the event.

### **Announcements and Upcoming Dates:**

Wake Co. Volunteer                      Register in the office asap

Carpool Tags    Please confirm with Ms. Anderson in the office at sanderson2@wcpss.net if you are keeping by Oct. 3rd

September 9	PTA Committee Work Session @ 8:20 am in Room 5/EARLY RELEASE
September 14	Class Parent Meeting @ 8:15 am in Room 5
September 14	Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A from 5-8 pm
September 16	PTA Playdate from 3-4:30 pm on Front Playground
September 22	Open House 6:30 – 8 pm
September 24	Campus Beautification Day, 9:00am – 12:00pm
September 30	PTA Committee Work Session @ 8:20 am in Room 5
October 7	Unicornucopia, 5:30-8:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm