



Northwood Elementary PTA Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2011
7:00 p.m. Cafetorium



Agenda

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance

meeting begins 7:05 opening remarks and pledge of allegiance

Special Guest- Superintendent Shawn Lewis-Lakin

President's Report – Monique Sajan

Check out Zangle – the new online program for the entire school district; once registered, you can pay for lunches, check grades and attendance, etc.

dates: sept 24, worldwide day of play; Oct 6, ROMS open house/ bulldog bash; correction Nov 8 is no school; there is school on Nov 1st, but not on Nov. 8; Nov 19, 10-4 ROHS holiday craft show: Founders Day is February 6.

Volunteers needed for national and Michigan PTA; Northwood participates in many rewards programs – reminders to use them – Meijer, Kroger, Hollywood Market; scholastic dollars currently total \$6500; stay tuned – new mailbox system to come – check the mailbox frequently; PTA room – before your event, check the inventory!

1st Vice President's Report – Juli Russ

The first VP is responsible for all the social committees. Reminder to committee chairpeople: Complete a Plan of Work after your event! You can get one on the website, under Historian.

2nd Vice President's Report – Lisa Robinson

Tiffani Gagne reporting for Lisa. The second VP is responsible for all of the fundraising committees. This year Fun Run will be in the spring. Andrea Bader is in charge of Apple Fun Fair Sept 30 – volunteers are still needed. We will also be having restaurant nights, etc. Stay tuned.

Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Solecki

taking over newsletter by e-mail – subscribe to the e-news on the PTA's website; don't need to re-sign each year; coming this Friday

thank you note from the ROHS all-night party

remarks: make sure new people know about the e-news and that they have to subscribe

Treasurer's Report & Approval of 2010-11 Budget – Tiffani Gagne – attached

highlights: +\$3000 for last year; raised 30K, spent 27K ; the budget meeting took place in July

moved: by Tiffani Gagne, to adopt the 2011-12 budget

second: Juli Russ

no discussion

motion passes

Historian's Report – Katie Baetz

documenting everything that takes place at Northwood – school events only

Principal's Report – Angela Ashburn

This year there is a new program of positive behavior intervention and support: OAKS – you may see posters and banners around the school. It is a matrix of behavior expectations focusing on the plus side. Students should be on task and focused on learning in every situation.

no spelling books – expensive ; New spelling program: Words their Way; phonics, spelling, vocabulary; look for the parent brochure on-line

paper: 400,000 copies at Northwood; no copies; USE print shop
question: Tiffani asks can the PTA budget and make copies with lead time; answer : we'll get back to you
Committee chairs: please check the facilities usage calendar for your event's set up and take down times.

Teacher Vice President's Report – Linda Burton

We have a great PTA at Northwood!
Assessments are under way for all students.
Teachers are looking forward to Curriculum Night.

School Board Liaison Report – Jeff Brinker

successful start by all accounts
audit is nearly complete – all is positive; report at the next school meeting
Committee positions are available – all committees are open to the public and looking for community support
Oct 14, 15, 16 Arts fundraiser in downtown Royal Oak
still a declining enrollment district; 5241, down 81, but we had budgeted to lose more
**see notes attached

Approval of Minutes – Cindy Stanley

Cindy Stanley moves to approve the June minutes
second, Anna Longe
discussion – none
motion passes

Committee Reports

Apple Fun Fair – Andrea Bader & Andrea Miller
sept 30 – volunteers needed

Book Club – Lori Woznicki s
October 19 – first battle of the books
hopefully a book display is coming
read or be read to – good for all ages

Cultural Arts – Julie Cameron & Jen Armstrong
assemblies are booked – science Olympiad; anti-bullying; Gemini the musical group is going to visit; let the committee know if you have any good ideas;

Fundraising – Lisa Robinson

Membership – Tina Adamic
membership prices are a little higher this year; 150 memberships already this year; all staff encouraged to join

Spirit Wear – Karen Rice
order forms will be coming home soon; two new designs, hoodies plus knit hats

Scrip – Caroline Mullen
we really want to push scrip – look for more opportunities to buy and use scrip; easy money

Volunteer Coordinator – Tina Adamic

Science Olympiad was left off the list if you want to volunteer contact Bonnie McDonough.

If you want to volunteer in the classroom, IChat and a copy of your driver license are required in the office

Website – Julie Cameron

send copy to news@neropta.com with events

Old Business

5th Grade Recognition – Anna Longe

thanks to Andrea Bader for the slideshow; fifth grade parents please start looking through your pictures; teachers provided some great pictures of the kids last year.

Holiday Market 7pm October 21 wine and beer tasting to benefit Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education – remarks by anna longe

New Business

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Lewis-Lakin

past in Manchester, MI, sw Washtenaw county

Mr. Lewis-Lakin is a new resident of Royal Oak's Shrine neighborhood.

Currently in the Michigan legislature – mandatory schools of choice – local priorities? repeal of the personal property tax.

In our school district, we want to solve problems closest to where they occur; when you see a problem and you are close to it – say something.

New this year – the building principals must evaluate every teacher every year.

ZANGLE – get on

Common Core Curriculum; support for the implementation of common core; PTAs have also been very supportive of the program.

Rick West (finance director for the district), and three new elementary principals; six principals have a total of three years in their current position – exciting new opportunities with new people across the board.

getting a handle on some of the needs in the district – technology, etc.

facilities assessments – none since 2003; what's next for Royal Oak?

evaluation process – changes regarding evaluation procedures – look for parent opportunities for input after the first of the year; general school evaluation, not the particular teacher

no children's name in the newspaper – to keep kids safe

continuing to save paper -- booklets

co-ordination of year-end events?

Announcements

Daddy Daughter Dance January 20th

non-motorized plan unveiled tomorrow at the RO planning commission 7:30pm

meeting adjourned 8:35am

The next PTA meeting will be October 10th at 7:00pm in the Cafetorium

Meeting Adjourns