

**\*\*UNAPPROVED\*\***

## **Northport Middle School PTSA**

### **September Meeting Minutes**

**September 15, 2011**

**OPENING:** PTSA President opened the meeting

Go to the Northport Middle School website to get information on upcoming events. To contact the PTSA the email address is nmspts@gmail.com or "like" us on facebook at NMS/Northport Middle School PTSA

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the June 2011 meeting were approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Krista Boland reported that the membership drive is underway. Please send in your membership form right away. It is important to know that you cannot volunteer for PTSA events without membership.

The biggest part of our budget is used for Cultural Arts

The biggest fundraiser is the Harlem Wizards game along with membership and spirit wear.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A Thank You note was received from the PTSA Scholarship recipient.

**PTA COUNCIL REPORT:** Kelly Clark reported that there were widespread bus issues in the district and the new Director of Transportation along with the Superintendent are working on resolving the problems.

They are discussing the possibility of allowing drug sniffing dogs into the High School

Impending Tax Cap for the upcoming fiscal year

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Food Service Director Andrew Bromm addressed the concerns many parents are having about the temporary cash policy and the new POS system. If you have specific concerns you may contact him at 262-6647 or mail him at [abromm@northport.k12.ny.us](mailto:abromm@northport.k12.ny.us)

Mr. Hoss reported that Opening Day went very well. We have 839 kids in the school. The building is in great shape after a lot of summer use.

The memorial garden was overgrown and was redone with the help of Troop 42. The staff raised money for plants and put in flags.

The Friday before 9/11 All Students with their Social Studies classes went out to the garden and laid a flag in the garden and had a moment of silence to commemorate the Sept. 11th attacks.

There are now Interdisciplinary teams across all the grade levels. Each grade will have a counselor assigned to it and that counselor will follow that grade through the years at Middle School helping the students with social, emotional and academic needs.

The district has services available to those students who aren't proficient on the ELA's. The services include; Progress monitoring in a large group, progress monitoring in a small group, push in services.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

All students have now been issued locks & lockers

Teaming has now taken place in 7th & 8th grade. We now have clusters of 8th graders together, clusters of 7th graders together and now all of 6th grade is in the K - H wing

6th grade has traditional homerooms but in 7th & 8th grades they have interest based house groups an advisory type program where students are grouped based on similar interests such as reading, cooking, gardening etc...

6th grade is now able to sit at the table of their choice at lunch time. They need to stay at that table for the lunch period. After lunch they can play basketball, frisbee, handball, knock hockey & Ping Pong or watch a movie.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Please turn in your membership form with payment along with your information to be included in the directory and to get fast updates.

**SPIRITWEAR:** Orders taken until the end of September will receive the items before Thanksgiving. We are looking for more volunteers to help out on this committee.

**6TH GRADE SUPPLY BOXES:** There were a few issues with the supply boxes. The Art folder was the wrong size but these were replaced. 115 boxes were sold. This was not a money maker for the PTSA. Any constructive feedback is appreciated.

Open House for 6th grade is Tuesday Sept. 20th. 7th & 8th grade is Wednesday Sept. 21st. Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments and to man tables.

**FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY:** Make a reservation directly with Jennifer at Lasting Impressions for a family portrait. She will waive her usual sitting fee and accept a \$50.00 fee that goes directly to the PTSA.

**REFLECTIONS:** The theme this year is "Diversity Means..." The deadline for projects is October 28th. Projects will be displayed at the library. Check [ptareflections.org](http://ptareflections.org) for rules.

**WIZARDS:** The Biggest fundraiser for the PTSA. The Wizards game will be held October 13th. We are looking for volunteers to help with security, selling snacks at the concession stand & ticket sales. Tickets are \$10 if purchased prior to event, \$15 if purchased at the door. Tickets will be sold during lunch time.

**CANTEENS:** The first Canteen will be a Halloween Canteen held from 7 - 9 pm (6:30 for chaperones) on October 28th. We are looking for volunteers to chaperone the event. Other Canteens for the year will be January, March, May (for 5th & 6th grade) and June (for 8th grade).