



**Northern Middle PTSA General Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019
Media Center**

Meeting called to order by Wendy Messer at 8:15 am In attendance-see attached sheet

Recording Secretary (Fiorella DeLisa)

Motion to approve general meeting minutes from May 7, 2019 by Karen Ellis, Kelly Simpson seconds motion. The motion carries.

Treasurer (Lesley Burnham)

Copies of proposed budget is on all tables, please take a look and if you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them. Most money from fall fundraiser will be for funding of special projects such as the electronic sign in front, the water bottle filling stations and the picnic tables for the outdoor classroom, which was everything we were able to get with last years fundraiser money. We haven't solidified what we will spend on this year until we know how much we have. Some money also goes for mini grants to help teachers with their classroom needs.

Motion to approve budget by Stacey Warner. Kelly Simpson seconds motion. Motion carries.

President (Wendy Messer)

Welcome and introductions of all board members to general attendance. Please join PTSA, there are purple sheets of paper all around.

Principal's Report- Mrs. Ellis

Issues with bus 859 will hopefully be resolved soon, as our driver will return 10/5/19 from some health issues. In the meantime, Mr. Kimrey has volunteered to drive this route as it is in his neighborhood, we are just waiting on his yellow bus certification. He drives buses for our field trips as well as activity buses. Please continue to check your email and listen to our connect eds for information and always reach out to me with any concerns.

NCDOT will begin a traffic study that will incorporate all exits and entrances-very extensive study. Will then gather data, do an analysis and come up with possible solutions. Its working as well as it can right now.

Its been a great school year so far. We've been able to release last years EOG's-every child and teacher has grown more than a years worth. Every indictor moving in a positive direction.

We've grown 7 points in overall proficiency, 9 points in math, 6 points in ELA and 9 points in science. Subgroups where we had gaps are closing. Only 2 teachers left last year and we hired 4 new ones this year.

I'm going into my 3rd year here and I absolutely love it. Please make sure everyone has my contact info and please give some info when you call so I can research the situation before I call you back. I want to make a connection with all of you as well as your children.

Does anyone have any questions?

-Will we have a back to school night?

Will meet with leadership tomorrow and will discuss

-Does everyone need to call school to reset Powerschool?

No, it will be up and running by 20th day of school

-Can they make a note at open house that Powerschool is down til then?

Yes, I will make note of that

-What is expectation of communication with your teachers?

We ask that teams put together a monthly newsletter to send to parents and I have one called the Middle Year. Really we put a lot of the expectation on the student to use their planners and be held accountable. We all need to learn how to fail and how to come out of it, if you stumble it doesn't define you

-How much has enrollment grown

We are at 869 this year; 11 teachers for 6th grade, 9 teachers for 7th grade and 12 teachers for 8th grade

-What are guidelines for silent lunch?

Teachers use this or a phone call home as repercussions and this is only about 20 or 30 minutes and very effective

-Will club announcement and sports tryout info be sent to parents?

Club announcements will not but tryouts will.

This year I was able to paint gym walls for \$9K. It would've been \$35K for hallways and more. I get \$35K to run school for the year. Our fall fundraiser will kick off today.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Karin Rochester. Lesley Burnham seconds motion. Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned 9:00 AM**

Secretary Signature

