

Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO
Monday, May 13th, 9:00am
Virtual Zoom PTO Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: Sandy Norbot at 9:02am
Approval of April, 2024 Minutes – No corrections, stand as approved.

Presidents Report:

Sandy Norbot, PTO President

Vote to approve 2024-2024 PTO budget

Quorum achieved – 40 total yes.

One change has been made to the budget since it was presented in April. The change was to the mid year fundraiser. \$40,000 was increased to \$55,000- a more realistic number, and one that is more in line with operational needs for the following two years.

Vote to approve slate and positions for 2024-2025 Board

Quorum achieved – 31 total

Motion carries, PTO board is approved.

Thank you to all the parents who have stepped up, congratulations. Ranjini will be the president for the 2024-2025 school year and will be a great leader. The PTO in great hands.

Presidents Elect Report:

Ranjini Shankar, PTO President Elect

Huge thank you to Sandy, we have had an exceptional year and all thanks to Sandy. We do not have a PTO meeting in June, but we have a transition meeting June 3rd at 9am. We will have the current slate with the new slate and will be talking about high level PTO logistics. Hopefully, connect all the incoming and outgoing board members. If you are on the slate, or on the next year slate, please come. It won't be long.

Zoom link

here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86087626045?pwd=WqiDEqofXlXqQgfF6OsPaCiwB4Se1L.1>

Meeting ID: 860 8762 6045 Passcode: 222854

Treasurer Report:

Yena Levinson, Treasurer

Total bank balance of \$96,766.38. Now that we are at the end of the school year, please submit your expenses. Please cash your checks that you are holding onto! Reimbursements need to be submitted by end of June 2024.

Legislative Report:

Tricia Gainsberg & Sandy Norbot

Update to Bylaws- Term Limit: Limiting Executive Committee Board positions of Vice President, Secretary and Legislative Chair to 2 consecutive terms. This is how we have been functioning, but we are just formalizing this change into the bylaws. We will vote in September. Proposed changes will be on the [PTO Website](#)

Board Reports- Please turn your report in. We are trying to make sure all board roles are updated and current. Those are posted on the website. About PTO, then PTO board positions. Next to each position is a link to the board position- what the job entails, timing.

Template can be found [HERE](#) under 'Committee Report Blank Form''

Community Update:

Bill Lustig, Northfield Chief of Police

Glenview is investigating a traffic fatality, Waukegan and Wagner is closed off. The incident happened early this morning- very tragic.

Patrick Brennan is the new Village manager. He has been active around the community as he starts his new role.

New officer, will be on her own today, that is exciting.

Two of the Chicago officers are going to head back to Chicago, so I will be running short again.

Lots of identity theft, keep your identity close, and be careful. Disconnect, close the door or hang up the phone.

Scam here in Northfield- an owner of a house called me to say their property was for sale: The agent did not verify the owner was in person- they had bids on the property for over \$600,000. Be very careful!

Administration Reports:

Jordan Bauer Student services teacher, Teacher Representative

Thank you so much for teacher appreciation week. We felt the love and appreciation!
We have a lot of end of year activities, but we are also still learning till the end!

Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools

Continue the thank yous, it has been a great month. Thank you Sandy and the PTO for their participation in the 100th anniversary celebration on April 12th. For help with the commemorative tree and plaque . Thank you Trish for facilitating our internet safety presentation, it was really beneficial. Thank you for the parents who volunteered at bike to the ridge for the play ensuring it went safe and was successful. As Jordan just mentioned, it won't be thanks enough for the teacher appreciation week. It was so special,, thank you!
Sandy, thank you for your leadership and for your partnership. It has been wonderful working with you.

Our last parent connections meeting at the end of the this month. I will be sharing the feasibility study, looking at Middlefork school's range of options to improve that facility. Board has not made any decision but sharing what the board heard at the last meeting.
May 22nd at 9AM, Zoom link [here](#).

Dr. Ivy Sukenik, SRS Principal

We cannot thank you enough for teacher appreciation- it applies to all our staff. The office staff, the assistants, and teachers were showered with love. Thank you!

I hope a lot of you got to see Seussical the Musical- it was a phenomenal show. Mr. Lewis, Ms. Baldwin and Ms. Logan, thank you!

Middle school has their final concert on May 21st- bittersweet for the 8th graders.

May 30th, evening with the eagles- open house for families to come and see what kids have been working with. Couple that with Maker faire where students proposed projects, they are making a lot of different things. Over 50 percent of the student population is participating. I encourage you to come and check it out. Please mark your calendars.

8th grade grad June 3rd: The 8th committee took the students to feed my starving children. The focus on service has been wonderful. They sent out their invite for the grad party, so cute!
Thank you to the 8th grade committee.

Rachel Kermen, end of year school supply drive, we appreciate the effort.

Echo Dr. Stange, thank you Sandy for your partnership and making my ideas a reality. It has been a pleasure!

Jennifer Kiedaisch, Middlefork Principal

Echo, best teacher appreciation week. There were so many special touches and wonderful to see the Middlefork and Sunset Ridge parents working together.

Thanks for the PTO for sponsoring author and theater visits in the last month- we have had 4. Some are in person including Lyle the Crocodile production. Thank you to Maria Mastoianni who has been working with Ms. Johnson to coordinate this.

Thank you for the volunteers for the ride to the ridge, so much support is wonderful. This year we had our second and third grades come to see the musical. Thank you Northfield PD for supporting around the route.

Wonderful seeing so many parents inside the school for so many different events. 2nd grade writing celebrations, Kindergarten job talks, and upcoming is the 3rd grade PLTO (steam project) presentation, and 1st grade writing celebration.

May 23rd- K and 1st will do their showcase night. May 28th 2nd and 3rd grader showcase night. Student showcase nights are the combination of portfolio night and spring sing. Visit classroom and see the concert.

3rd grade graduation on June 4th, in the large gym. 3rd grade parents should receive an email.

Green initiatives are going well. Students continue to learn and amaze me with their independence. We have so many kids who wants to help, very sweet. I will be presenting at the board meeting about continuing these green initiatives. It was due to PTO grant money to begin the program, I hope we can continue it with district dollars moving forward.

Go green Northfield did 14 individual class room lessons on earth day, thank you

Finally, I cannot say it enough- if you know an incoming Kindergartener – make sure they have registered. We want to have accurate enrollment numbers. We have been screening the kids and it has been so great to get to know the incoming kids in the 1-1 way.

It is a busy time, but a happy time. Thank you, Sandy, for your leadership, you have been so approachable with new ideas and navigating questions. Thank you!

What does incoming Kindergarten look like? We are at 56.

Sandy: Thank you to Dr.Stange, Dr. Sukenik, and Mrs. Kiedaisch for being at these meetings and informing us parents about what is going on in our schools. It is only with your help and partnership that anything gets done!

School Board Report

Abigayil Joseph

Seussical the musical, thank you to Mr. Lewis and staff- what a wonderful musical.

Big thank you- Sandy, thank you for your partnership and a welcome to Ranjini and incoming board members.

We have the education committee meeting at 5:30pm- Ms. Crabtree and the staff is going to give us a year end report and curriculum reviews. We will hopefully have some discussion about the education for next year.

7pm board meeting- ongoing discussion on the Middlefork capital improvement plans. We are going to talk about the scenarios and in the context of process.

Another topic is approving the budget- amended budget.

Smaller item- homework club, that has been funded with covid funds- are we going to continue to fund that or not?

We will also talk about some HVAC sunset ridge work, and composting program and enrollment (and class sizes).

Sandy: I encourage you to attend the board of education meetings to hear about the issues that directly impact our kids. Those meetings are streamed on Youtube. Thank you to the board for all they do for the district.

Committee Reports:

Sunset Ridge Book Fair, Ranjini Shankar & Gretchen Swank

The SRS Book fair will be held Tuesday May 21st and 22nd during school hours. Tuesday will be open from 5-7pm for evening hours opportunity. Stop in and check out the books! We are partnering with Andersons, we like the variety of content. We are looking for volunteer- check out the parent square for the sign up. You can use Cash, Apple pay and credit. Check in with your middle schooler and help us sell some books!

Volunteer Sign Up

Maker Faire volunteers, , Sandy Norbot

The event will be May 30th. We need some adult volunteers for the paint by number mural, and tie-dye station. [HERE](#) is the link to the sign up genius!

School Supplies, Robin Decker & Mallory Ruh

We are doing great on selling the supply kits- 70% of where we were last year. Deadline is July 1, 2024- please click and purchase your kit. Those links are [HERE](#) on the district website, or at the top of the district29pto.org website

School Supply Donations, Rachel Kermen

We started this project last year. Trying to make it easy for kids to donate their leftover school supply. There will be bins in the lobby after Memorial day. If you have any like new school supplies please consider donating. The donations provide supplies to kids in need. We donate

these supplies to a wonderful organizations and school who need these resources. donation drop off bins will be outside of both schools between May 25th and June 5th

Family Run Fair, Robin Decker & Jeanine Rashkow

June 4th 3:30-6pm. We will have Inflatables, DJ, Face painting, pottery painting, Special place for Mr. Parks, Stormy's doing the food and Kona ice truck! We will be sending out a [SignupGenius](#) for parent volunteers to staff the inflatables, we really need your help. Even if you can give 30 mins, that would be amazing, we would appreciate it.

Welcome Program, Katie Lutz

We are revamping the welcome program for the next school year. I contacted people I know and asked them to be mentor families- cold texting or emailing families. This year we are putting out a google form in the PTO monthly matters- so it is not dependent on the welcome family chairs and who they know to secure the mentor families. We also contacted the new families from new families from this year and mentor families – we pinged them for people want to know about sports and activities. The families wanted to know where are the kids doing soccer, dance, etc. I have to put together my board report, this will set the next board member to get mentor families. I know these are busy times of the year, but even if we get a few more it would be super helpful [HERE](#) is the signup for being a mentor family!

Parent Connections, Dan Friedman

Directions about time and zoom link... PTO monthly matters and the calendar. They are amazing, Ed is cool about answering questions that don't pertain to the topic. **May 22nd** at 9AM, Zoom link [here](#).

Winter Benefit 2025, Jocelyn Dinkel and Megan Reed

Very excited to announce the date for the Winter Benefit- March 8th 2025! We are going to be doing It will be at Sunset Ridge Country club again. We are very excited about it, kicking around ideas for theme. We need people to join the committee to help make it an awesome event- especially in the fundraising areas! This is another event where more hands make for lighter work- please help us!

Sandy: Been a pleasure servicing as PTO president this year. I appreciate all of you! See you around -

Virtual Zoom Meeting Adjourned -10:00am Adjourned by Sandy Norbot
Minutes compiled by : Emily LeMire, Secretary