

PTO Meeting

Welcome back! We're off to a strong start!



THANK YOU!

Erin Updike for getting the Sibley Google Calendar up and running!

Volunteers Needed:

BOOK FAIR

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044ba5ae22abfd0-sibley>

CONFERENCE MEALS

Thursday, 10/11

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084baea62ba7f94-october1>

Tuesday, 10/16

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084baea62ba7f94-october2>

Mark your calendars:

October:

- 11 & 16 - Fall Conferences
- 11 & 16 - PTO Teacher Conferences Meals
- 11 & 16 - PTO Fall Book Fair
- 18-19 - No School
- 29 - All District Band Concert at 7:00 pm

November:

- 5 - No School
- 5-16 PTO Read-A-Thon
- 8 - Sibley Family Celebration Night at the Dundas Dome 5:30-7:30 pm - *Note, Date Change*

In the minutes...

- **Sibley Calendars! You asked, PTO heard you! Follow this link for the Sibley Google Calendar, or this link for a 2018-19 Sibley Calendar pdf.**
- **Get a sneak peek at the PTO Read-a-thon!**
- **Learn more about the upcoming Bond Referendum vote on November 6th!**

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Sibley Elementary School PTO

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PTO FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR OCT. 11 & 16



SAVE THE DATE! CELEBRATE SIBLEY & THE READ-A-THON!



Sibley PTO Family Fun Night at the Dundas Dome

Thursday, November 8th, from 5:30-7:30



Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: September 11, 2018

PTO Officers: Pasha Quaas - President
 Molly Lloyd - Vice President
 Brian McGonegal - Treasurer

Others Present: Scott Sannes - Principal
 2 Teacher/Parent
 12 Parents/Guardians

School Updates from Principal Sannes:

- Smooth start the school yr. This is the first summer that Scott has not had to hire/add a licensed staff member and of past/current staff everyone is in same position as last year.
- Scott visited the Kindergarten classes-teaching them the "Sibley Wave" in order to make them feel welcome and create a connection.
- Rolled out the new curriculum which gives consistency throughout all the buildings, takes planning off of the teachers plate. Lindsey Downs weighed in as a teacher representative and agreed that the new curriculum is working very well in the classroom and they are excited to use it as the school year continues.
- Fire Drills will continue throughout current week.
- MAP testing took place in September. Parents were notified by email of the dates.
- Bond Referendum information went out by Monday, 9/17.

Open Discussion:

- Praise given for moving away from the Sibley Star format and moving towards a short weekly email update every Friday. Scott will check in half through the year for feedback regarding the weekly email communications.
- Pasha passed around a photo of the You are My Sunshine surprise that was put together in the staff lounge for the first day of school to thank our teachers for all their hard work!
- Sibley Volunteer forms were at meeting for anyone that wanted to take one and fill out. There was a brief mention of them hopefully being able to be sent out electronically in the future.

Sibley Elementary School PTO

Sibley PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) prides itself on its involvement in a number of areas. From organizing activities, to coordinating volunteers, to raising much-needed funds; we are a vital and integral part of the school. We welcome all parents to join the PTO. We think you will find it not only fun, but also a great way to meet other parents.



PTO and Committee Updates:

- Thank you to Erin Updike for setting up a Google Calendar of Sibley and district dates. She will be adding a link on Facebook to get to the calendar.
- Family Picnic- Erin contacted Nate's Hotdogs-they are booked and recommended calling them in April to set up for next September.
- Book Fair- sign ups for volunteer shifts will go out later this month
- Conference Meals- Lead by Jane Marnholtz again this year. Jane would like feedback/requests from staff members on what they would like to see as far as food and drink are concerned.
- Read-a-Thon- PTO decided to move away from a Walk-a-Thon and enter into a Read-a-Thon.
 - A good way to refresh things as the district is also refreshing itself with new curriculum.
 - Staff members have mentioned how much they appreciate moving the fundraiser to the later in the year time table.
 - Pasha touched base on thoughts on how the fundraiser will work with respects to individual families setting goals for each kiddo and raising money based on those goals.
 - Coin Drive will happen the second week of the Read-a-Thon. The class that collects the most coins will receive a prize ie: extra recess, gymnastic club pass, swim passes, etc.
 - We will celebrate our Sibley Community and the Read-a-thon with a "Family Fun Night at The Dundas Dome!" - 5:30 to 7:30, Thursday, November 8th. Local sponsors will finance and/or offset the cost for this special event!

Join us, we're on Facebook!

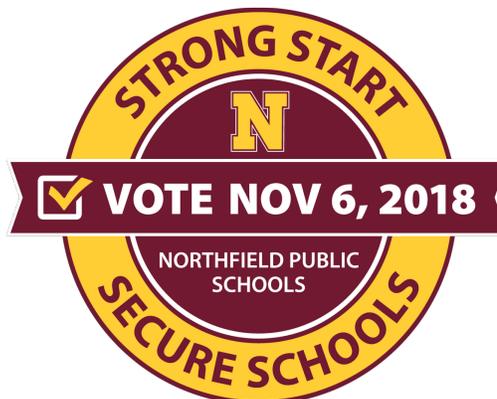
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- What are some things we spend \$ on... example given was BrainPop, Beyond Words event, Math Week, new sports equipment for recess carts.
- Lindsey Downs explained to parents in attendance on what BrainPop is and how they use it in the classrooms.

Treasurer's Report - Brian McGonegal:

Brian commented that we have not started spending for the current year yet.

Financial Snapshot	9/11/18
Current Cash Ballance	\$ 23,658.00
Current Budget	\$ 11,625.00
Proposed Available for Expenditures	\$ 12,033.00



Bond Referendum Presentation

Given by Matt Hillmann and Julie Pritchard (Board Chair)

The Northfield School District will have ALL information on Bond Referendum. A link is provided at the top of the page to learn about the 2018 bond referendum.

Our Vision: We will prepare every student for lifelong success within a world-class learning environment with a commitment to community partnership and sustainability.

Why? Strong start and secure schools 1. Focus on Early Learning 2. Security of our schools 3. Cost is less

What's included:

1. New Greenvale building- plan for 600 students mostly classroom, will utilize some current storage options. Room for growth in this school.
2. Early Childhood: it would double the program...Parents will be able to utilize convenience of everything from education to childcare being in one building.
3. Sibley-7 million in construction budget. New Music along with larger cafeteria. Additional cafeteria space along with access to loading dock so there will be no interaction with students providing more school security and no interruption to students while supplies are being brought into the school. The goal is also to utilize the cafeteria throughout the day on either side of the lunch hours. Bathrooms will be in the plan for the new cafeteria.
4. Bridgewater- move main office from the center of the building to the front of the building.

Timeline: Once passed-2020 is predicted finish

- Sibley limited disruption. Renovation portion will be done over the summer of 2020 opening doors for that school year.
- Greenvale will be on the same timeline.
- Early Childhood will most like be a little bit later since they have to have the new building built first to transfer everything over and make way for Early Childhood.

Site Teams of staff and parents along with Scott Sannes will be formed at Sibley to get information out pertaining to the referendum. Each school will have their own Site Team. Asking parents to volunteer to serve on any of the site teams. Parent to parent communication is key to passing along information. Less than 60% of parents in the district voted on the last referendum.