



PTO Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 6, 2014

1. Welcome PTO Executive Board
 - a. Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
 - b. School administration included Kellie Lauth and Carrie Romero-Bruegger

2. Speaker: **Sharee Blunt, Principal, Northglenn High School, and STEM Coordinator, Kerry Glen**
 - a. Both Sharee and Kerry are graduates of Northglenn High School. This creates a unique perspective as they have been students on the campus as well as educators/administrative team.
 - b. Have hosted 58 PBL's in the school this school year; 2 include:
 - i. "Of Mice and Men" book which encompasses voiceless individuals. Students are to research 'the voiceless' in our community today.
 - ii. 'Fracking' and how we can do it safer. Partners with Noble Energy to research and work with kids to determine new mechanics and also includes perspectives from a legislative side.
 - c. Teachers at the school are extremely pleased with how the vision of a STEM high school has come to fruition. The focus on STEM doesn't damage other curriculum including fine arts, English, etc.
 - i. Can take courses for college credit. Offers students more flexibility when they enter college; also may deter students from changing their major in college multiple times as they are exposed to a multitude of career opportunities in high school.
 1. Only school in the district, that offers calculus 3 for college credit
 2. Several AP courses available
 - d. Project Lead the Way
 - e. Northglenn is a role model school for the state and nationwide
 - f. Parents are invited to take a tour of the high school, view their website for more information <http://www.northglennhs.org/>
 - g. If parents have any questions you can contact Sharee (share.blunt@adams12.org) or Kerry (Kerry.glenn@adams12.org)

3. Updates from the Principal

Kellie Lauth

- a. The school is in the middle of TCAP testing, start has been extremely good. Students are respecting the testing environment and are quiet and engaged.
- b. 'Not Your Grandma's Fashion Show' – Friday night, March 7 6:30-8:00 at the Thornton Community Center. Michelle Priola gave out grab bags to students that included a multitude of supplies and students were to design clothing items to model. The participation level for this event has been terrific.
- c. No Launch Plus this week and next week due to TCAP (Tuesdays and Thursday after school) – 6-8th grade
 - i. NHS students from Northglenn HS have come to help tutor younger counterparts during these Launch Plus sessions.
- d. Students should bring home a quarter report next Friday, March 14.
- e. Choice process – school was filled during the 1st round of choice, which is excellent!! The middle school is open for the 2nd round of choice (6-8th grade).
- f. Building the master schedule and plan for next year, if parents have suggestions, concerns, comments please forward them to Kellie (kellie.lauth@adams12.org).
- g. May 16 – School Fun Run – possibility to include Field Day on this day; this is not yet finalized.
- h. Spring Break reading challenge – this will be offered on a smaller scale than the one during holiday break. Information will be delivered to students early next week.

4. Updates from the PTO President

Michelle Sosa

- a. Events coming up:
 - i. Dine Out Night – Tia Maria Mexican Restaurant, March 19 (4:00 – 7:00 pm). 15% of proceeds will go back to the school. The restaurant is off of Pecos and 72nd. Parents will need to bring flyer the restaurant the evening of.
 - ii. Easter Bunny Pictures – details coming soon
- b. PTO Leadership Team elections for the 2014-15 school year
 - i. Nomination forms for the upcoming school year are available and PTO leadership team duties have been updated. The PTO is looking to fill every Leadership Team position. Michelle notified the group that the current President (Michelle), Secretary (Melinda) and Treasurer (Linda) will not be running for re-election next school year. These three members originally set out to remain on the board for 2 years to develop and assemble the PTO and to maintain its stability into a second year. There are many resources for incoming appointees and these three will be available for questions and insight at any time. Michelle highly encouraged parents to run for office, as the involvement is critical and necessary in order to keep the PTO running.

If you are interested in the positions or would like to fill out a [nomination form](#), please visit the [PTO website](#) for more information.

- c. King Soopers re-loadable gift cards – update from Cristina Rackliffe
 - i. Mailing was sent home last week with students. King Soopers will donate 5% to the school if we spend \$5,000 each month. Continuously, the school is missing the \$5,000 cutoff at approximately \$4,800 a month. The money carries over, however the school is missing out on potential ‘free money’ because the capacity is not reached each month. If you are interested in purchasing a card(s), please fill out the blue flyer sent home with your child and enclose money in the envelope, Cristina will ensure that you get the card(s).
- d. Meeting Survey
 - i. The PTO Executive Board created a survey about PTO Meetings and what information is useful. The results will be used by the incoming PTO Leadership Team in structuring PTO monthly meetings. Melinda will be sending a survey out to parents over email and also distributing them at the April meeting. We would greatly appreciate your feedback, please forward completed survey’s to secretary@stemlaunchpto.org or deposit them in the PTO Mailbox in the main office.

5. Updates from the PTO Treasurer

Linda Dellett

- a. Current cash to date is \$12,157.26 which includes latest King Soopers deposit of \$486.35 and Panda Express dine out night \$73.94.

6. Grant Request Voting

Melinda Arnold

- a. Bus Funding Request from Nalleli – 10 bus passes at \$400 request
 - i. STEM Launch students has experienced difficulties providing transportation for middle school students who cannot afford transportation. Many students walk long distances to get to school and when the weather is bad many students don’t have any choice but to stay home which negatively affects their learning. Funding this initiative will ensure that all students receive vital education.
 - ii. Members voted on the grant request and the vote was unanimously passed to fund the application.

7. Updates from the PTO Leadership Team PTO Leadership Team – Tina Bode

- a. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5-9
 - i. Possible catered brunch or lunch on Friday, May 9th.
 - ii. Looking for parent volunteers to donate items or volunteer for activities during this week.
 - iii. Tina is researching other ways to honor the teacher and staff. If you have any ideas please forward them to Tina at tinambode@gmail.com.

- b. Community Picnic – May 6
 - i. Join fellow parents in building community within and around our school. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with other parents to meet and greet with one another, plus the kids enjoy seeing one another outside the traditional school day.
 - ii. 'Healthy Choices' will be a focus of the picnic
 - 1. Parents/families will be asked to bring a serving fruit or vegetable per family member in attendance. If families do this they will be entered into a raffle drawing for items that might include Sprouts gift cards, gift basket with healthy food choices.
 - iii. More details will be available soon.

8. Updates from Teacher Liaison

Bobbie Bastian

- a. TSA Update on State Conference – the school took 23 middle school and 4 elementary. 11 students received 1-3rd place; and 7 students qualified for national competition. Bobbie and Lisa accompanied the students to Denver for the competition. When students were not competing, they were required to attend 2 of the leadership sessions.
 - i. Great involvement from parents as well.
 - ii. National competition is in Washington DC this summer, TSA will begin fundraising for the competition next week. Look for Zinga nights, Firehouse subs, etc.
- b. April 8 – Hosing a Lego Design Challenge at the school (K-5th grade)
 - i. Looking for engineers who might be interested in judging – contact Michelle Priola at michelle.r.priola@adams12.org if you know of anyone.
 - 1. Michelle P. will send a narrative email requesting support to PTO Executive Board to forward to parents as needed.
 - ii. Looking for parent volunteers who can contribute time as well.
 - iii. T-shirts have been designed with a spaceship on it and are on sale for \$12 each. They are blue and qualify as a uniform shirt, so if purchased, students can wear them to school – check on front page of website (in announcements section) for details and order information www.stemlaunch.org

9. Q&A

10. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.