

# North Arvada PTSA



Aug. 21, 2023 Minutes

North Arvada Middle School Library

Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/nru-ixic-wxw>

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Attending: Lisa Cook (President), Susan Walker (Secretary) , Jennifer Alford (Vice President), Jessica Keene (Treasurer), Carla D'Agostino-Vigil, Justin Banham (Principal), Jennifer Wingenbach, Mark Evans, Bethany Therrien, Helena Alford (Student), Ingrid Ayala, John Bryan, Francisco Sanchez, and via Zoom, Shannon Mondragon.
2. [May 2023 minutes](#) approved
3. Officers needed for 2023-24
  - Membership Chair
  - Fundraising Chair or Co-Chair
  - Teacher Appreciation Week Chair

The above officer opportunities were discussed – no takers at the meeting.

Lisa will check to see if Sandra Moeggenberg will be the Social Media chair again this year.

## Updates:

- **Sandra Moeggenberg agreed to serve as Social Media Chair for 2023-24**
- **Bethany Therrien volunteered to serve as Teacher Appreciation Week Chair**
- **Stephanie Bennetts has helpfully volunteered to set up our Restaurant Nights**

4. Membership Report

Lisa explained the benefits of membership to individual members and to the school; however, all are welcome to attend PTSA meetings

Lisa will link the NAMS Spirit wear website to the PTSA website

Lisa will check to make sure there is a DONATE button on the PTSA website

5. Treasurer's Report
  - Need to schedule audit (due by Sept. 30)

**Ingrid Ayala and John Bryan volunteered to do this – they did it in the past at their student's previous school.**

Proposed budget for 2023-2024 was discussed, revised and approved

Money was included for the Spelling Bee

Mr. Banham discussed potentially needing money for Back to School Night

dinner in the next school year – we can probably add some sort of line item in at the end of this year. We will come back to that in May.

6. Fundraising
  - Restaurant Nights

Lisa will check in with Stephanie Bennetts about upcoming restaurant nights – we discussed avoiding Panera, as they are generally short-staffed and the wait is long on fundraiser nights.

Restaurant nights could be scheduled for concert nights – Lisa has those dates.

**Lisa will investigate opportunities for a Skate City night for a NAMS fundraiser – no specific dates were discussed.**

7. Family Engagement Committee

Mr. Banham will be hiring a Family Engagement Liaison – that process is currently underway, but on-going. That person would attend PTSA meetings, along with a teacher from the committee.

The family engagement committee is one of four committees as NAMS, including behavior, academics and operations. All teachers are required to part of one of the committees.

8. Pizza & Parent Nights
  - September - School Behavior Management (PBIS, restorative justice, discipline)
    - Need to set date, details about who will be presenting
  - October - Social Media and Online Safety
    - Invite neighboring elementaries to this one and the next two
  - January - QPR Training [through the Frank DeAngelis Foundation](#)
  - February - School Safety

We are planning for these on Monday nights. Starting with pizza (complimentary) and snacks and drinks for sale in the cafeteria, then maybe move to the auditorium or library. 6pm start with pizza and socializing, then 6:30 program.

September could be Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> or the 25<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Banham will reach out to the District staff he would like there to check schedules. Could be a woman named Gretchen from the District, plus Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Banham from NAMS.

**Update: Pizza & Parents scheduled for 9/11, featuring Gretchen Carter from the district office, Officer Lewis (NAMS Student Resource Officer), and Principal Banham.**

**October could be Arvada PD – who will reach out to them? (Lisa)**

**Pizza possibly from Marcos – 8 to 10 pies? Lisa will organize pizza, Susan will bring plates, napkins, gloves, knife. Jennifer has snacks leftover from Movie Night.**

9. Community Garden

Plots are available, there is one recent new gardener.

Jennifer is coordinating with Ms. Jensen on a morning Mural Club and working to get the shed painted with a nice mural. (Misc- clubs will meet Mondays and Tuesdays, some mornings, some afternoons, there will be some sort of communication about who is doing what, when at some point.)

**Also, money is available for a seed library, produce library, other items – must be used by October.**

Movie Night (joint garden / PTSA effort) happened on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>. We had several families attend.

10. North Arvada staff and school support
  - Fall Conferences

Week of October 16 – no specific date or dates set yet. Probably evening conferences this year – over the course of one or two nights during the week. Parents meet with the students' Pride teachers for 10 to 15 minutes to discuss all classes.

11. 2023-24 Meeting Schedule

- September 18, October 16, November 27, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13

12. New Business - No new business.

13. Principal's Report / SAC meeting

- CMAS data is just out, but not evaluated yet – will discuss at the next meeting. But participation was WAY up last year – from about 30/40% to over 90%.
- Registration data is still in flux in these first few days of school – will discuss at the next meeting.
- Back to school night was well attended and a success.
- **Mr. Banham discussed his desire to work on/ improve / beautify the gardens out in front of the school, likely a couple of weeks before school starts in August 2024 – give the area a face-lift, add some color, etc. Potential for some type of community event?**
- We are a Title I school, with the funding that comes along with that. Includes a very small (<\$2K) amount of discretionary funding.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:23pm.

**Next meeting:** Monday, September 18, 6 pm, North Arvada Middle School library and via [Google Meet](#).