

**Sunset Ridge/Middlefork School PTO**  
**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am**  
**Virtual Zoom PTO Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order: Ranjini Shankar at 9:05am**  
**Approval of May, 2024 Minutes – No corrections, stand as approved.**

Presidents Report:

*Ranjini Shankar, PTO President*

- Meetings will be at 9AM second Monday of every month.
- May 2024 minutes approved as stand.
- [District29pto.org](http://District29pto.org) is the PTO website with resources for all parents including previous board reports, emails, teacher favorites, and important forms.
- Please be sure that all contracts are sent to Legislative Chair or President prior to signing.

Legislative Report:

*Katie Lutz, Legislative*

- **Vote on Bylaw revisions/amendments-** Motion carries, revised PTO bylaws rule.

Treasurer Report:

*Karie Smith and Annie Hendricks, Treasurer*

Presentation can be found [here](#)

- Reviewed bank balance and PTO dues.
- Classroom dues deadline is **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**.
- [Here](#) is the link to MySchoolBucks. Select PTO fees and Donations and then pay both PTO Dues for the family and Classroom Dues for each child.

Community Update:

*Ranjini Shankar*

Deputy Chief Mike Hutensky will be giving the community updates monthly.

- The start of the school year brings a significant change in morning and afternoon traffic patterns around the Village. The officers have been focusing on additional traffic enforcement during those periods.
- The Police Department has been dealing with staffing challenges recently, but have recently hired a new full-time lateral transfer officer and two part-time officers. All three officers previously served with other agencies, and have been integrating well here in Northfield.
- Recently there have been a few burglaries to unlocked vehicles. Residents are strongly encouraged to make sure vehicles are locked and keys and valuables are removed.

## Administration Reports:

*Kim Albright, Teacher Representative*

*Dr. Ed Stange, District 29 Superintendent of Schools*

- Emergency Communication System sent a text to families day before school started. If families did not receive this text please contact the school secretary.
- D29 has a new [website](#), that is now hosted by ParentSquare. Please send feedback.
- [Parent connections](#) dates are on the calendar and on the website. Meetings are in person, on Wednesdays at 9am at Sunset Ridge. The next one is an exception to the schedule as it will be **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Middlefork school** in person. The topics of discussion will be the Middlefork Facilities Upgrade
- Monthly board of education meeting is **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**.

*Jennifer Kiedaisch, Middlefork Principal*

- If classroom teachers have sent out surveys please fill them out.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bike Safety Road Test will be **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. To help, reach out to Ms. Kasper ([kasperd@sunsetridge29.org](mailto:kasperd@sunsetridge29.org))
- Middlefork needs Driveway volunteers. Sign ups will be available soon.
- Cookies with Kiedaisch will take place **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**. This will be a space for informal conversation and a time to connect in a small group with the principal.

*Dr. Ivy Sukenik, SRS Principal*

- Composting has been successful so far at SRS.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Meeting will take place **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.** at SRS.
- SRS Round Table will take place **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** with a focus of getting parents connected with the school.
- Youth Services will do a parent presentation on 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade sex education on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Zoom link is [here](#).

## School Board Report

*Abigayil Joseph*

- Next School Board meeting is **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** in the Sunset Ridge School Auditorium. The first Education committee meeting will start at 5:30PM followed by the normal Board meeting at 7:00 PM. Both will be available live or livestream.
- Topics for the meeting will include 5 Essentials, Middlefork school and the 2024-2025 Budget.

## Committee Reports:

*PTO Innovation Committee Launch, Ranjini Shankar*

- This will be a new committee made up of parents and staff to brainstorm innovative initiatives that the PTO can fund to better support the schools and enrich student experiences. To join the committee or learn more reach out to the president ([president@district29pto.org](mailto:president@district29pto.org)).

*100 Year Celebration, Jeanine Rashkow*

- 100 Year Celebration Plaque has been installed at SRS thanks to the donations received from alumni.
- Tree planting will take place **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**.

*School Supply kits, Ranjini Shankar*

- 423 School Supply Kits were successfully distributed this year.
- Last spring's school supply drive donated hundreds of supplies to communities in need.

*DirectorySpot, Ranjini Shankar*

- Families who have not submitted their form, or are new to the district, please submit the [google form](#). **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline to submit the form.

*Welcome Chair Updates, Ranjini Shankar*

- 30+ new families were successfully matched with mentor families this year.
- New family Ice Cream Social at Clarkson Park on **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-6:30pm**.

*Parent Connections, Tricia Gainsberg*

- First parent connection is **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at Middlefork**.
- These meetings go deeper into district issues and provide face time with the superintendent.

*Bike Safety, Sandy Norbot*

- Bike Safety week is next week for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
- PTO recruits and gathers volunteers for the **September 20<sup>th</sup>** road test and require 3 parent volunteers per classroom.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents should have received an email regarding the in person volunteer opportunity. To volunteer, please email Mallory Ruh, ([malloryruh@gmail.com](mailto:malloryruh@gmail.com)).

*Movie in the Park, Catherine Dicke*

- The Movie in the Park event will be held **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> most likely at 6PM**. The movie under consideration is Wonka.

*PTO Gifts, Sarah Cohn*

- PTO Gifts this year will focus on experiential education opportunities with two deadlines – **October 25<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>**. More information can be found on the website [here](#).

*Winter Benefit 2025, Jocelyn Dinkel and Megan Reed*

- Benefit theme this year will be Miami Nights.
- Benefit will be held **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Ridge Country Club**.
- Volunteers needed, please sign up through google form that will be sent through soon.

Virtual Zoom Meeting Adjourned -10:01am Adjourned by Ranjini Shankar  
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