

Minutes of the Portage North Middle School PTSO Meeting
September 8, 2010

1. Keith called the meeting to order
2. Ms. Kirshman introduced the new hall monitors and talked about the schools structure for the upcoming year. Teachers will no longer have hallway or lunch room duties.
3. DR. Harris reported that North Middle school will be 50 years old this year and we need to celebrate. Last year for Miblissi , which has set up the positive framework for the school. Reading is a huge emphasis this year. We are partnered with Portage Public library and NMS will have a visiting author in October. School improvement is going to be working with Barnes and Noble , more to come on that next month. MEAP testing is October 12-29. Student Planners have the hall passes. Every student should have their planner at all times. North Middle School has four goals; Literacy on Reading, Writing and Math with a behavioral piece added in. WE have 624 students this year. Portage Central game is Friday and middle school parents are asked not to drop off their kids but attend the games also. There have been some problems that they would like to avoid.
4. Renee Smith has volunteered to run the Husky den. Dr Harris has agreed to have two kids per grade per month helping with the Den on Fridays. This will start when we get more inventory. Renee is also going to get the Student directory organized and updated.
5. New Student Orientation: better communication to incoming families, Update Website for the summer so families can read about the fall to come not what has already happened. Orientation can look better and run smoother with a few improvements. WE will do better next year.
6. The Browns have agreed to work on our web page and getting weekly announcements to our families. They will update us in October.

Meeting adjourned.