

North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: May 9, 2023 7:00pm

Location: NSE Cafeteria and Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Attendance sheet in Dropbox file

Agenda

Welcome

Approve March minutes

PTA Board member updates

Principal's Message

Meeting Adjourned

President

Jen Stephenson

- Called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- Motion to approve the March 28, 2023 minutes made by Kristen Dassel. The motion was seconded by Anna Grieder and the minutes were approved.
- Bylaws amended to include provision for virtual meetings/voting and to update our bylaws so they align with the Delaware State PTA.
- Motion to approve amended and updated bylaws made by Kristen Dassel and seconded by Eric Stephenson. The motion was approved.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the carnival, especially to families who participated in cultural activities.
- School of Excellence Survey is now available. Check the Principal's weekly email or PTA website for the link. The survey tells us how the PTA can support the school.
- School supply kits are on sale now.
- Additional yearbooks available in limited quantities for anyone who has not yet ordered.

Treasurer

Jen Stephenson for Jen Agster

- Review of current budget.
See full budget at: <http://www.nspta.com/BudgetReports.html>
- May 31st is the deadline to submit for any reimbursements.
- Review of proposed summer budget (\$6,000).
 - Q: Due to rising food costs, did we plan to increase the amount budgeted for staff welcome back meal? A: No, the school will provide breakfast and the PTA will provide a meal at another time during the year.
 - Q: Is there a budget for restocking bear store? A: No, funds will come out of the gift to the school.
 - Q: How did we do with wristbands vs ticket sales for the carnival activities? Felt as though families didn't spend as much money compared to prior years. A: The decision to sell wristbands over tickets was intended to be inclusive of all budgets and for simplicity. The carnival was a successful fundraiser.
 - Q: Would we consider adding a budget for reimbursement of multicultural table expenses for families next year? A: Absolutely. This year was all new, and we welcome suggestions and feedback for next year.
 - Positive feedback from attendees about wrist bands at the carnival. It was easy for families.
 - Proposed gift to the school is approximately \$20,000. Some expenses and silent auction income still pending.
- Motion to approve the summer budget by Emily Malloy and seconded by Eric Stephenson. The summer budget was approved.

Principal's Message

Dr. Karin Jakubowski

- Thank you for attending.
- The carnival was amazing. Thank you to all the families who participated.
- Thank you to the PTA.
- This week is teacher appreciation week. Help is needed on Friday. Look for the signup genius.

- Next Friday 5/19 is field day. If your child did not order a t-shirt, don't worry there are extras. Thank you to Woodside Creamery who will provide ice cream that day.
- Congratulations to students who are going to Worlds for Odyssey of the Mind.
- Spirit day is the last Friday of this month.
- The last Sunday of the month is World Play Day. It will be celebrated in school on Tuesday May 30th. Younger grades have two recesses due to the importance of play in early childhood. Play days are celebrated at North Star Elementary because true free play is essential for children.

Closing

- Thank you for attending.
- Current PTA membership is 470.
- Visit our website and like us on Facebook! Check for the most up-to-date information.
- Visit our website for the Silent Auction. Bidding is open until May 12th.
- Next PTA meeting will be in September.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.
- Committee positions for Fundraising, Student Services, and Staff Support are one year terms appointed by the board. If interested, please reach out.
- Have a great summer!