

# North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: January 11, 2024 7:00pm

Location: NSE Library and Zoom

Attendance: Attendance sheet in Dropbox file

## **Agenda**

Welcome

Treasurer's Report

PTA Board Member Updates

Principal's Message

Meeting Adjourned

## **President**

Jen Stephenson

- Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- Welcome and thank you for attending.
- Motion to approve November meeting minutes by Sheri Laratonda and second by Lauren Monaco. The minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer**

Jen Agster via zoom

- Review of budget vs actual for November 7, 2023 through January 9, 2024. See full budget at:  
<http://www.nspta.com/BudgetReports.html>
- The following budget amendment was proposed:
  - Increase the line item for classroom grant reimbursements to \$4,500. The majority voted “yay” and there were no “nay” votes. The motion was approved.

## **President**

Jen Stephenson

- Thank you Alyssa Schweizer and Marie Amato for organizing the book fair. Thank you to all the parent volunteers.

- Thank you to everyone who helped out with S'more stories, especially 5th grade readers.
- There will be a raffle coming up to win a free yearbook. One book for every 100 PTA members will be raffled. All members at the end of January will be entered. Winners announced in February.

## **Chair of Student Services**

Lauren Monaco

- Stuff-A-Polaris is Thursday 1/25 from 6:30-7:30. There is one more day to place orders with the order form or online. There are still plenty of opportunities for parents to help. Spirit wear will be at this event.
- The NSE Multicultural Carnival is coming up. Last year 14 countries were represented. If you know someone with a local food truck or a business who would like to get involved, please email the PTA.

## **Vice President**

Taresa Schmidt (via Zoom)

- The Red Clay School District is proposing a new strategic plan for the next 5 years. We have the opportunity to view the plan and give feedback about it as the public. This is a great opportunity for everyone to see what the goals and priorities of the district will be in the years to come. Links to the form for comment was included in the email that was sent to North Star families.

## **Chair of Fundraising**

Sheri Laratonda

- There will be a fundraiser with Moe's Southwest Grill coming up, look for more info.
- Thank you to Anthony's who donated to our staff appreciation meal.
- The Bear Store started up again. Thank you to parents for fulfilling the wishlist.

## **Principal's Message**

Dr. Karin Jakubowski

- Upcoming school events.
- Cast your vote at NSE on February 28th for the district referendum.
- Strategic plan draft link will be in the next weekly newsletter.
- PTA gift funds from prior year were used to fund a \$5,000 payment for the stage curtains.

## **Guest Speaker**

Mrs. Morris, NSE Art teacher

- Plans are being made for an art show to display student artwork. Parent volunteers are requested to help hang the art.
- Look for more information about a scholarship fund for art students. Mrs. Morris and 2 other artists will donate paintings to auction off and proceeds go to scholarship fund for students who want to major in art.
- Date will be 4/12 6-8pm

## **Closing**

Jen Stephenson

- Next PTA meeting is at 7pm on February 8th. Meeting will be Zoom only.
- February, and March PTA meetings will be virtual only.
- Yearbook photos can be sent to [nsbearsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:nsbearsyearbook@gmail.com)
- Visit our website and like us on Facebook!
- Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.