

North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: December 5, 2106 7:00pm

Location: North Star Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

Attendance: Attendance sheet in PTA office file

Approved on Monday February
27, 2017, at PTA meeting.

Agenda

Introduction and welcome

PTA board member updates

Principal's message

Question and Answer Session

Meeting Adjourned

Board Member Presentations

President

Ann Pollock

Ann called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Please sign in and fill out a raffle ticket. The winner will be given a \$10 voucher to use at the Scholastic book fair.

We would like to welcome Mary Ruth Nich, who will be taking over the role of treasurer. Melissa Gannon and her family have moved and we thank her for all of the work she has done for the PTA over the past few years!

There will be multiple open board and chair positions for the 2017-2018 school year. A flyer will be coming home canvassing everyone for their interest in open positions.

A motion to approve the October 10, 2106 minutes was made by Ann Pollock. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Conway and the minutes were approved.

The Scholastic book fair will be taking place this week and students will visit during their gym special. All students in the district will be given a voucher to purchase a book for \$7.00 or less!

Support the PTA while you shop! When you use Amazon smile, we receive a portion of each purchase you make.

North Star will again be participating in Red Clay's Families Helping Families program. This year, ALL FHF donations will support NORTH STAR FAMILIES. We are collecting donations of cash, checks made out to North Star PTA, and gift cards. Please send in an envelope marked Families Helping Families. Or you can donate online via the link on the PTA website. Simply state that your donation is for the Families Helping Families program. Kindergarteners will be collecting toys for the Ronald McDonald House. Toy & FHF donations are due Monday, December 19th.

This year's National PTA Reflections Program is now open. The theme is "What is Your Story?" Students can submit entries in any of the following six categories: literature, visual arts, photography, music, dance, or video/film production. The competition is judged primarily on how well the individual student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. More information can be found on nspta.com.

The current accounts can be viewed on the PTA's website. We have received membership income along with some income from the Fall Family Dance Party. Reimbursements should have come through for the late spirit wear orders. A new vendor has chosen for future spirit wear sales.

Tile night will take place sometime after the winter break. The date will be announced once it is scheduled. Students and families will have the opportunity to purchase and decorate a tile which will be installed along with the others in the cafeteria.

Principal's message

Mrs. Thomas

Thank you to the PTA and the North Star community for helping Richardson Park Elementary provide Thanksgiving dinner for over 80 families. There was a great turnout at the Barnes and Noble fundraiser to benefit the Annapragada family. Linden Hill Elementary also raised \$900 for the family!

A projector will be mounted in the gymnasium in the new year. Decorated pickets have been installed and we thank the volunteers who helped. Two teachers will attend an outdoor classroom conference in California, providing information to help the classroom grow it and how to best use it for our students.

We invited representatives from 9 different fire companies and will be honoring these heroes on December 16th.

Questions

When will Original Works orders arrive?

They will arrive on December 15th. Breakable items cannot be sent home with students and must be picked up at school. Items can also be ordered from Artsonia.

Why was LAUNCH discontinued?

Mrs. Thomas explained that it was discontinued for security reasons, chaos at dismissal, and to allow the school to have more control over what is being offered. The afterschool coding clubs are open to students in 3rd-5th grades. Also, Girls on the Run and Let Me Run were expanded this year to accommodate more students.

Should families still send in box tops? Will there be another competition?

There is not another competition planned, but box tops can always be deposited in the blue box in the vestibule. The PTA receives 10 cents for each box top.

Could we show how much the PTA has raised at the end of the year?
Yes, there will be information on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Closing

You can keep up to date with PTA information by liking our Facebook page, signing up to receive e-news, and visiting nspta.com.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 23rd at 7pm. We hope to see you there!