

North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: February 29, 2016 7:00pm

Location: North Star Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

Attendance: Attendance sheet in PTA office file

Agenda

Introduction and welcome

PTA board member updates

Principal's/Assistant Principal's messages

Question and Answer Session

Meeting Adjourned

Board Member Presentations

President

Ann Pollock

The meeting was called to order by Ann Pollock at 7:07pm.

Tomorrow is the deadline for yearbook pre-sales. There may be some extra copies available for \$20, but the number will be limited.

The carnival will be held on March 18th, beginning at 4:30pm. Tickets can be preordered or purchased that night until 6:45pm. There will be some fantastic baskets and teacher outings available to win! We need many volunteers to make the carnival a success, so please help out during preview week or on the night if you can.

Bingo afternoon and Family Fitness Night were both well-attended and fun was had by all!

A motion was made by Ann Pollock to approve the meeting minutes from December 7, 2015. The motion was seconded by Melissa Gannon and the minutes were approved. A motion was made by Ann Pollock to approve the meeting minutes from January 28, 2016. The motion was seconded by Melissa Gannon and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer

Melissa Gannon

Accounts will be available to view on website.

Principal's/Assistant Principal's Messages

Mrs. Thomas

Kindness postcards are starting to arrive at the school. We have received postcards from eight different states so far and the students will be marking a map to show how far the acts of kindness have reached. You can continue to send them at any time, including the summer.

Mrs. Thomas will be selling socks at the carnival to benefit 'Rock your socks' on World Down Syndrome Day, March 21st, 2016. The socks can be purchased for \$1 and all proceeds will go to the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware. It is a wonderful program to raise money and awareness for Down Syndrome.

Smarter Balanced Assessment

Mrs. Minchini and Mrs. Lieber

The Smarter ELA and Smarter Mathematics summative assessments are administered each spring with one or more interim assessments administered earlier in the year. Each grade will take the test over the course of five days for a portion of each day. The assessments include multiple choice, short constructed response, extended constructed response (5-paragraph, typed), and performance tasks. We will be completing the performance tasks for the interim assessments before leaving for Spring break. 3rd grade will test from May 2nd – May 12th, 4th grade will test March 22nd (S.S. DCAS) and from April 5th – April 18th (Smarter), and 5th grade will test March 23rd (Science DCAS) and from April 19th – April 29th (Smarter).

This year scoring should begin immediately, rather than waiting for the entire state to be complete testing before starting to score. This should help with a quicker turn-around of scores.

The presentation and FAQs are available on the PTA website.

Questions and answers

Mrs. Thomas was asked about Red Clay absorbing Christina schools and possible redistricting. She said it will be quite some time before any changes are made and that anyone is welcome to attend the Red Clay School Board meetings for more information or to voice their concerns.

A question was raised about whether or not summer care will be offered at North Star. Mrs. Thomas said that it is a district decision and the school has not received any information yet. It is usually offered at Brandywine Springs Elementary, but was held at North Star last summer while Brandywine Springs was undergoing construction.

Closing

The next meeting will be held on April 20th at 9:15am and will be followed by the Volunteer Brunch.

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:27pm.