

North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: March 20, 2107 7:00pm

Location: North Star Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

Attendance: Attendance sheet in PTA office file

<p>Minutes approved At PTA meeting on May 22nd, 2017.</p>

Agenda

Introduction and welcome

PTA board member updates

Principal's message

Question and Answer Session

Meeting Adjourned

Board Member Presentations

Ann called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Please sign in and fill out a raffle ticket. The winner will be given 10 tickets to use for the baskets during preview week.

A motion to approve the February 27, 2017 minutes was made by Julie Alvarez. The motion was seconded by Kristen Dassel and the minutes were approved.

The carnival packet will be coming home soon. There is a form attached to preorder tickets for preview week and to be picked up the night of the carnival. Tickets can also be ordered online via cheddar up. Mrs. Scott/part of Mrs. Little's class will preview the baskets after lunch on Wednesday, Mrs. Kane's class will visit during enrichment on Monday, and Mrs. Oberle's class will visit after lunch on Tuesday. All other students will preview the baskets during their gym special. There will be many wonderful baskets and teacher outings to choose from!

Sign up geniuses for help during preview week and carnival night will be sent out soon. We will need help running games, selling tickets and food, set up and clean up, and donations for the cake walk game. Middle school aged children or older can volunteer to run a game.

Basket wrapping party is Saturday, April 1st at 2pm at Kristen Roebke's house.

Spirit wear spring sale is closed and the orders should arrive the week of carnival. There will also be pop up sales during some school events.

The latest accounts are available to view on the PTA website. We received the money for Dr. Daugherty's book club along with yearbook income for about 500 yearbooks. We will order a small surplus to be sold on a first come first serve basis for \$20 each.

Ann Pollock made a motion to revise the budget to include money for musical instruments that will be permanent fixtures in the outdoor classroom. The motion was seconded by Kristen Dassel and was approved.

There will be open board and chair positions. A flyer has been sent home canvassing everyone for interest in positions. The form is also available on the PTA website. Please return forms by next Monday.

The PTA is in the fortunate position to have surplus funds that date back to the earlier years of the school being opened. A review of the audited accounts has shown that the funds are available for spending. Our surplus is in the region of \$20,000.

PTA is carrying a surplus of funds from prior years and some ideas have been raised about how the money could be used. Ideas include an electronic sign for the front of the school, further support of the outdoor classroom, and contributions toward a revamp of the TIC lab and library. We received one quote of \$26,000 and more recently another quote from Stewart Signs for \$16,000. The sign would coordinate with the brick of the school building and would be a great way to communicate with the students, parents, teachers, and the community.

A suggestion was made to use some of the money for after school programs.

The ideas to improve the outdoor classroom include stumps to be added surrounding the new musical instruments, bamboo to build with, and raised beds for each grade level. The committee would also like to incorporate an irrigation system, additional shade for stations, and possibly a second shed.

Another idea raised by Mrs. Thomas is to provide additional funding for transforming the library and TIC lab into information literacy center. Architects are working on a plan and most funding will come through the district and will not take money away from other schools in the district. Six schools are included in the project. North Star researched information literacy centers and came up with a proposal, which includes 'big cozy books'.

Another suggestion was made for using funds to improve outdoor recess in upper parking lot, perhaps providing new and additional supplies.

A survey will be sent out and PTA members will all be eligible to vote.

Lip sync will be split into 3 nights of performances. Students can lip sync a song or perform a comedic skit. All performances must be 2 minutes or less. Props need to be carried on and off stage by the children. Information available on the website. Contact Jodi Muffley with any questions.

Question and Answer Session

A parent asked that students who have not previously participated in Coding Club be given preference over students who have already participated.

Another question was asked about providing more opportunities for differentiated learning in the classroom. Mrs. Thomas said that this is an issue that each parent should address with their child's teacher to ensure that the child's needs are being met.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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, May 22nd at 7pm. We hope to see you there!