

## **DRAFT**

To be approved at May 15, 2012 Meeting

### **North Star PTA Meeting**

Date/Time: April 16, 2012

Location: North Star Elementary/Multipurpose Room

Attendance: Attendance Sheet in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 4/16/12

### **AGENDA**

Introduction and Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance/North Star Pledge

Principal/Vice Principal's Message

Guest Speaker

Board Presentations

Closing/Meeting Adjourned

### **Introduction and Welcome**

Patti Westergard called the meeting to order

### **Pledge of Allegiance and North Star Pledge**

Patti Westergard led

### **Principal's Message**

Jen Thomas discussed options for the budgeted money for technology. She would like to purchase an in school TV studio that would be able to stream live into the classrooms via the smartboards. Morning announcements would be the main activity to use the TVs on a daily basis. A motion to increase the technology budget to \$10,000 was made. The motion was approved.

Ms. Thomas also announced that DCAS has been taking place in a lot of the classrooms. She has been in a lot of the classes to discuss the DCAS.

She also announced that there is an upcoming Red Clay Golf tournament to benefit the Red Clay Education Association and is hoping to have a North Star parent to represent our school.

### **Vice Principal's Message**

Ann Wilson congratulated the board on a very successful carnival and felt it was one of the "best events ever". Ms. Wilson also announced her retirement at the end of this year.

## **Guest Speaker**

Natalie Alexander spoke about the NS garden. She wanted to thank the PTA for our support. Ms. Alexander also reported that there is a steering committee that has secured funds and formed a partnership with *Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids*. The garden is in the back of the school and is 30 ft by 50 ft. Each grade has been into the garden for a different learning based task. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade planted the seeds. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is helping with prep and clean up. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is watering. And finally 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is harvesting. The garden committee has raised \$7,000 so far. We owe \$1500 to HFHK for their help this year, and that amount will decrease each year as we become more independent with the garden. The garden will only have spring and fall crops with no summer maintenance.

## **Board Presentations**

**Vice President-**Jen Wooten announced that next years' VP board position is still open. There are also several committee chair positions open including welcome packets, membership, and spirit wear. She also announced that the volunteer luncheon will be May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraising-** Michelle Leone proposed giving \$1,000 to Ms. Slesinski for additional storage shelves in the art room. The motion passed. Michelle also announced the upcoming Lip Sync with more info to follow.

**Treasurer-**Julie Lowe proposed allocating money up to \$1,000 to purchase a PC laptop for the PTA. This motion also passed.

## **Miscellaneous**

Margo Miller announced that one of the Odyssey of the Mind teams qualified for the national competition. She is wondering if there are any additional funds to help defray expenses. Julie Lowe stated that there is still \$637 left in the 'academic competition' budget and proposed a motion to allocate them to the team. The motion passed. Michelle Leone also suggested selling pizza, water, and pretzels at the Lip Sync competition to help raise additional funds. Ms. Miller also announced that Tom Rose, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, was the state champion in the Geography Bee. He will be going to Washington DC for the National competition.

The minutes from the March PTA meeting were approved.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.  
Submitted by Julie Guarneri, NS PTA Secretary