

## **DRAFT**

To be approved at 3/13/12 PTA Meeting

### **North Star PTA Meeting**

Date/Time: February 7, 2012 7pm  
Location: North Star Elementary/Multi-Purpose Room  
Attendance: Attendance Sheet in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 2/7/12

### **AGENDA**

Introduction and Welcome  
Pledge of Allegiance/North Star Pledge  
Guest Speakers  
Board Presentations  
Principal/Vice Principal's Message  
Closing Meeting Adjourned

Visual: Power Point Presentation in PTA office file: PTA Meeting 2/7/12

### **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

Jen Wootten called the meeting to order

### **PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NORTH STAR PLEDGE**

Jen Wootten led the group

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Dr. Mervin Daugherty and Ted Ammann came to speak about the upcoming referendum on February 28, 2012. Dr. Daugherty explained how there are two types of referendums. The first is an operational referendum which is a permanent increase in cost to fund operational costs. The second is a capital referendum which is a temporary increase through bonds to fund construction and repairs. The district has worked hard since the last referendum to cut operational costs and therefore there is no operational referendum needed this time. This referendum will be a capital referendum only. There will be two votes for this capital referendum. The first is to fund maintenance and renovations to existing buildings. This is the largest part (83%) of the total referendum amount. Red Clay has the oldest building in the state (AI Middle). Many other buildings are also in need of maintenance and repair. The second vote is to fund new construction of a K-5 Elementary school on currently owned Red Clay property. This school will address overcrowding issues in North Star, Linden Hill, and Brandywine Springs. The school will be located on 41 and Graves Road. It will be built as a 600 student school. If this referendum passes the school will be open in August of 2015 with a 6-8 month design phase and 18-24 month construction phase. A power point presentation was passed out with exact numbers for overcrowding, maintenance amounts and locations, and tax rate changes. Information on actual tax rate increases can be found on the NCC website for

exact home assessment values. Information can also be found on the website RedClayVote.org.

## **BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

VP-Jen Wootten made several announcements:

- ~Family Fitness night will be on February 28<sup>th</sup> (night of the referendum).
- ~Valentine Grams for 50 cents are being sold this week with proceeds benefitting Families Helping Families (mostly assisting Warner Elementary with supplies).
- ~The book fair is being re-scheduled and will not be in March.
- ~The garden will be planted on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> (raindate March 17<sup>th</sup>). There is a website to sign up to help.
- ~Spring Launch started today, thank you to Stephanie Clatworthy for organizing.
- ~November PTA meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Ann Wilson and second by Julie Lowe.
- ~The next PTA meeting will be March 13<sup>th</sup>.

FUNDRAISING-Michelle Leone discussed the upcoming carnival. The first phase is in progress with collecting money for each classroom basket. The second phase will be organizing volunteers for the event. We will need a lot of volunteers to help run the event on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please look for a volunteer form in your child's folder in the near future. Mrs. Fullerton will be organizing some of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders to assist with the games. We will also have someone doing nails and glitter tattoos, a photo booth, caricatures, and possibly a balloon twister. The games were generously loaned to us by Linden Hill's PTA. We will be selling concessions including pizza, pretzels, water, and baked goods. The third phase will be a packet coming home in your child's folder with information about buying tickets for the baskets.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

There was a general discussion among attendees about limiting or eliminating sweets in the classroom. Food allergies were also discussed.

## **PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Jen Thomas welcomed everyone and wished everyone a happy new year. She also announced that we have a new partnership with *Healthy food for Healthy Kids* with our learning garden.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by Julie Guarneri, NS PTA Secretary 2/7/12