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To Be Approved at 4/12/11 PTA Meeting

North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: March 23, 2011 at 7:05pm

Location: North Star Elementary/Multi-Purpose Room

Attendance: Attendance Sheet in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 3/23/11

Note: A quorum was present for the meeting.

AGENDA

Introduction and Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance/North Star Pledge

Principal's Message

Guest Speaker –Yvonne Johnson and Susan Brown from the Delaware PTA

Board Presentations

Auction Fundraiser discussion

Closing/Meeting Adjourned

Visual: Power Point Presentation in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 3/23/11

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Patti Westergard - Called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NORTH STAR PLEDGE

Patti Westergard led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the NS Pledge.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Andrea Lanciault

School is rolling right along. DCAS testing will be after spring break, except for 2nd graders (they will test the week before the break). The First Grade Extravaganza will be April 1st. The kindergarten classes created leprechaun traps to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Andrea and Ann visit classrooms to look for signs of EAGER learning: Engage students, Articulate the purpose of learning, GLE (standards-based curriculum), Effective teaching strategy and Rigor. Congratulations to the OM teams who compete at the regional competition on Saturday. One team, the vehicle team, made it on to the state finals on April 2nd. A district fundraiser – teachers donate \$10 to wear jeans – is being held on Friday March 25th to raise money to help Japan. Student participation is greatly appreciated and can contribute whatever they want (minimum \$1). There will be a play called "Its Not Mean to Be Green" (based on Jamie Kleman's book that she read to the students last year) on Friday March 25th. And the visiting author this year will be Shelly Gild – there will be an "author night" and she will autograph her books during the annual school art show.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Yvonne Johnson & Susan Brown – Delaware PTA

Yvonne Johnson from the Delaware PTA (VP now, will become President in November) spoke at the meeting about what's going on with the state PTA. The PTA celebrated its 100th anniversary at the State Senate. There is a Board of Managers meeting on Monday at the office off of Route 40. She encourages everyone to write letters to the governor urging him to not go through with proposed education budget cuts. School board election is May 10th. There is a proposal to open a new elementary school on Graves Road that will need to be voted on as well as to give money to refurbish the Cab Calloway auditorium. Spring training for PTA leaders is May 26th.

Susan Brown spoke about the importance of parents taking charge and making their voices heard. There is a benefit of being involved in the PTA – you are an advocate for your child. By being involved in the PTA you have a voice in your child's education. She recommended anyone interested in PTA leadership to attend the Leadership training in May. On April 19th there is a Board of Education meeting at Warner school – everyone is welcome.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

PRESIDENT

Patti Westergard

A copy of the PTA Committee Chair position descriptions was passed out. We are in need of many of those positions to be filled for next year as well as for someone to volunteer for the President and Vice President positions. Patti runs her own business full-time and was still able to successfully act as President this year so it's not too time-consuming. Nomination forms can be found on the website. It was decided that if no one steps up to chair a Family Activity (Bingo Night, Tile Night, etc) next year, we won't have the activity. We are thinking about having Survivor-style events and bandanas at Field Day this year (in the two team colors).

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING

Michelle Leone

Auction packets were sent home with the kids. The raffle ticket and event pre-orders are due March 31st. Teachers get a discounted price for the event tickets. During the event, Best Buy will be there to run Wii and Xbox stations with Just Dance, Car Racing and Soccer. We will be auctioning off an iPad. Raffle tickets can be purchased by students during their library specials and at Family Night on April 7th (carnival theme). Many volunteers are needed to help with basket wrapping, student preview hours, family night, hall decoration and check-in, raffle ticket sales and clean up the night of the event. We have dates for the Lip Sync now – May 24th and 26th. It will be held again here at the school.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL SUPPORT

Maureen Donnelly

No report.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Jen Walmsley

The cost of renting out the skating party location requires us to have a minimum of 70 people so if we don't get that, we have to cancel. We have about 50-60 people now so we should be good.

TREASURER

Jill McCormick

Presented the Budget as it stands now. Since Jill is transitioning the Treasurer job to someone new for next year, she will be closing the books right at the end of the school year. Teachers need to get their reimbursement forms in ASAP.

SECRETARY

Julie Lowe – Nothing to Report

PAST PRESIDENT

Candy McDermott – Nothing to Report

Julie presented the February 2, 2011 PTA Meeting Minutes for approval

Motion: By Deb Harbaugh Second: Candy McDermott

To approve the February 2, 2011 PTA Meeting Minutes

Vote: Majority Approved

Meeting Adjourned: Time 8:05

Submitted by: Julie Lowe, North Star Elementary PTA Secretary 3/24/2011