

**FINAL**

Approved at 11/10/10 PTA Meeting

# North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: September 22, 2010 at 7:00pm  
Location: North Star Elementary/Multi-Purpose Room  
Attendance: Attendance Sheet in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 9/22/10  
Note: A quorum was present for the meeting.

## AGENDA

Introduction and Welcome  
Pledge of Allegiance/North Star Pledge  
Principal/Vice Principal's Message  
Introduction of Board Members  
Board Presentations  
Annual Budget Review and Vote  
Closing/Meeting Adjourned

Visual: Power Point Presentation in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 9/22/10

## 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

We had a successful Peace Day [n Tuesday [September 21<sup>st</sup>]. Thank you to the Specials teachers and parents who helped support us.

We have had a great and smooth start to our sixth year. Thank you to everyone for their support of the staff and students.

## VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-

Ann Wilson

We had a great assembly on September 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a very authentic puppet show with handmade puppets. Ann is close to booking another assembly (a play) for this year, depending on money that is approved in the budget for assemblies.

We hope that the children are having fun. The recess process has greatly improved.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Patti Westergard introduced the PTA Board members.

## PRESIDENT

Patti Westergard

The PTA is looking for someone to fill the Vice President position. Please let Patti know if you are interested.

We are still accepting Launch registrations through the end of the month. Plenty of spots are open. We have four areas this year – tennis, drama, chess and Spanish.

PTA membership is up this year. Thank you to Maryellen Charno for leading this effort. Thank you to everyone who has joined. Anyone interested in joining the PTA can sign up at the PTA meeting with Maryellen Charno or download the form from the PTA website.

The annual Spirit Walk is this Friday. Kids typically wear their spirit wear during the walk. Spirit Wear can be purchased through Michelle Leone.

### **DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL SUPPORT**

Maureen Donnelly

Described the committees under this position (descriptions are also available on the PTA website). The North Star Post Office starts this week. Thank you to Jessica Seitzman. Parents at the PTA meeting have the opportunity to write letters to their kids after the meeting is over.

### **DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES**

Jen Walmsley

The annual Fall Festival/Hayride at Ramsey Farm has been moved to Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Forms went out today and are available online.

Information about the Reflections programs is online. The theme search for 2012-2013 has a deadline in early November. This year's theme is "Together We Can". There are six categories – literature, visual arts, photography, film, dance and music.

### **DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING**

Michelle Leone

The Spirit Walk is this Friday. Spirit Wear forms are available online. Michelle picked up more inventory today. Tie-dyed sweatshirts will be available in November but can be pre-ordered now. Students saw the new spirit wear line at a fashion show done during lunch. The Auction will be held in the spring again this year and work on that will start soon after the new year.

### **SPIRIT WALK CHAIRPERSON**

Julia Montgomery

The Spirit Walk is on Friday and the times are: K & 1st from 9-9:45am; 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:50-10:35am; 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:15 – 3pm. Wear spirit wear or blue/green. Face paint and hair dye are allowed as long as the student's look isn't distracting in the classroom. There will be activity stations (hoops, limbo), a DJ and snack. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 and so far only \$400 has been turned in so please remember to turn in your donations (due October 14<sup>th</sup>).

Several employers in this area match donations (Bank of America, JP Morgan and ING Direct are examples). We will mention this on the website and in an email to remind parents to check if their employer will match their donations and also to check with anyone giving donations to their kids.

Andrea Lanciault added that the goal of North Star is not to have the students selling wrapping paper or candy to raise money. The Spirit Walk ties in with the school's health initiative. It is one of two major PTA fundraisers that helps fund all of the programs for the year. Donations are tax deductible.

## **PAST PRESIDENT**

Candy McDermott

Candy encouraged everyone to get involved. We have a great group on the Board and chairing committees this year.

## **SECRETARY**

Julie Lowe

Please visit the website for information about PTA and school activities/announcements or email the PTA for information. The website is [www.nspta.com](http://www.nspta.com) and the PTA email address is [nspta@dca.net](mailto:nspta@dca.net). Julie makes every effort to check the email inbox everyday and the website has so far been updated several times a week to keep up with all the new announcements, activities and forms that parents need.

## **TREASURER**

Jill McCormick

This is Jill's last year as Treasurer. In the past she has allowed for reimbursements to trickle in throughout the year and into the summer, knowing she was continuing on as Treasurer the next year, but now she needs to wrap up the Treasurer duties and hand it over at the end of this year. Please get reimbursements in as soon as possible after the purchase is made.

If anyone is interested in becoming Treasurer next year please let Jill know so that person can learn everything that they would need to know about this position during this year.

Jill presented the 2010-2011 Operating Budget.

Motion: By Julia Montgomery

To approve the 2010-2011 Operating Budget

Vote: Majority Approved (29 count)

## **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Jack Dolan (North Star parent) mentioned that this is their 6<sup>th</sup> year with North Star and that every year the PTA and school do a great job.

Deb Harbaugh mentioned that the Yearbook Committee needs pictures taken throughout the year. School Annuals has a site that parents can link to from the PTA website to upload any photos that were taken at a North Star activity.

Product Incentives – It was mentioned that Target has a store credit card that allows the cardholder to register their school with Target and have a percentage of their purchases made using the card be donated to their school. Laura Varney said that ShopRite has a similar program through their store keycard.

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Meeting Adjourned: Time 8:11pm

Submitted by: Julie Lowe, North Star Elementary PTA Secretary 09/24/10