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Approved at 11/5/08 PTA Meeting

North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: September 9, 2008 at 7:00pm
Location: North Star Elementary/Multi-Purpose Room
Attendance: Attendance Sheet in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 9/9/08
Note: A quorum was present for the meeting.

AGENDA

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

Visual: Power Point Presentation in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 9/9/08

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Julia - Called the meeting to order. Introduced Andrea and Ann Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NORTH STAR PLEDGE

Frankie Bailor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the NS Pledge.

PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Andrea Lanciault – Welcomed new parents. Expressed her excitement about the new school year. Thanked Board for their hard work.

Ann Wilson – Coordinator for assemblies this year. Three have been scheduled so far: Bullying (Oct), Nutrition (Jan), and Math (April). Early stages of planning. PTA will fund these programs again this year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Becky Abbott – Discussed definition of "Going Green" and what it means to PTA. The PTA is attempting to go paperless and it important that all members sign up for mass e-mails. Communication tools were explored and addresses shared. PTA E-mail: nspta@dca.net, PTA Calendar: www.calendar.yahoo.com/nsecalendar, PTA Website: <https://redclay.schoolnet.com/outreach/nspta/>. These tools will be used to communicate all information regarding PTA programs. A new website host is being explored – many interested in an updated site.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING

Gillian Waugh – On vacation

Amanda Froelich – Reported for Gillian. Discussed this year's "Techno-Walk" scheduled for September 26, 2008. Parents are invited to walk or observe. Face painting and hair coloring permitted; spiritwear encouraged! Spiritwear order form included in Welcome Packet. Event will take place outside – indoors if it rains. Information went home today regarding walk, its benefits, and pledge rules. All money will go towards technology this year, specifically computers in the classrooms. Goal is to afford 1-2 computers in each classroom within school. Currently, K classrooms are the only rooms with computers.

VICE PRESIDENT

Candy McDermott – Starlight Committee: an internal committee that services our NS community only.
Community Outreach Committee: a committee that services families and organizations outside of the NS community.

Launch Program: Tuesdays (10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/18, dismissal – 4:50pm. Tennis will run from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Three programs offered this fall: Tennis, Chess and Drama. Registration begins immediately and is on a first-come, first-served bases. Registration ends 9/26. Information and pricing e-mail Candy at candymcd01@aol.com or call 234-1454.

TREASURER

Jill McCormick – Jill presented the revised budget for the 2008-2009 school year. The allotments for items below were either increased or decreased.

Copy/Printing	2,000.00	1,000.00
Instructional Support	2,000.00	1,200.00
Insurance	175.00	129.00
Landscaping	1,700.00	1,000.00
Meet Your Teacher	500.00	400.00
ARC	1,300.00	1,500.00
Enrichment	500.00	0
Reflections	200.00	100.00
School and Staff Support	8,500.00	7,000.00
Staff Appreciation	900.00	600.00
Starlight	100.00	50.00

Board voted to allot 8,000.00 for new North Star sign to be posted in front area of school. Jill presented pictures of possible signs. She researched 4 companies and got prices from each company. Andrea added that the District would have to be involved in the purchase and placement of sign. Early stages of planning.

Jill explained that the Staff Appreciation budget was cut this year because the committee had expressed an interest in going back to volunteer luncheons instead of catered luncheons. We will still host 1 catered lunch. Volunteers will donate food items for each luncheon. The budget was cut with the expectation that teachers and staff would better appreciate a hand-made meal.

Motion: By Angela O'Connor

Remove money (8,000.00) from sign budget and put it back into reserve.

Vote: Majority Approved

Motion: By Sunil Sharma

Transfer money (8,000.00) from reserve and put it into Technology/Computer fund.

Vote: Majority Approved

Motion: By Jill McCormick

Approve Budget

Vote: Majority Approved

Other Questions by Members:

Can we get a blinking light at the entrance? Andrea remembers this as a point of discussion in the early planning stages of the school. She will look into it.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL SUPPORT

Kristy Adkins – The interior beautification committee will continue to make improvements.

The Board is exploring the idea of offering flu shots offered by Nvartis. There will be a \$30 charge for each shot. PTA profits depend on how many shots given and how many nurses needed to administer program.

The library needs volunteers to help children select age-appropriate books, check-out books, and re-shelve books. Renae Boulogne is the Library Coordinator 234-2884.

Mary Ellen Charno stated that we have approximately 250 PTA members signed up this year; we had over 500 last year. It is still early and we are doing very well to date.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Julie Edmiston - Our first family activity will be the Hayride on 10/24/08 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. A correction was made to the cost of the activity. The cost is 5.00 per person, NOT per family. Becky Abbott will send a mass e-mail with this correction.

The Meet Your Teacher Event was a huge success – thank you Pam Maged!

Thank You to Laura Varney for organizing, hand assembling, and distributing the Welcome Packets!!

Please send pictures of school events to the yearbook committee. They need pictures for the yearbook – all are welcome!

Reflections gives the kids an opportunity to receive recognition for their artistic endeavors at the local and state levels. The theme this year is "Wow" and the categories are Film Production, Dance Choreography, Musical composition, Photography, Visual Arts, and Literature. There was info in the Welcome Packet and more will follow. The deadline for submission is Dec. 1st.

Student of the week is a great program. The budget still allows for children to receive a free pencil. Andrea also added that children are most excited about coming to her office for story time.

Be sure to return your Student Directory Forms to Sandy Umbrecht or e-mail Sandy at sandyumbrecht@yahoo.com. Please fill out a new form even if your information has not changed. She is trying to eliminate all errors in our system. Thank you Laure Varney who compiled the Welcome Packets.

Other Questions by Members:

In the future, can we send out one flyer/packet per family? Board members commented that it is certainly one of our goals, but very difficult. Lists must be filtered by hand – no computer technology available for this yet.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:48pm

Submitted by: Becky Abbott, North Star Elementary PTA Secretary 9/10/08