**North Star PTA Meeting**

**Date/Time: February 11, 2021 7:00pm**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

**Attendance: Attendance sheet in Dropbox file**

**Agenda**

PTA Board Member Updates

Principal’s Message

Meeting Adjourned

**President & Vice President**

Kristen Dassel & Kristen Roebke

Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes made by Alyssa Lieber. The motion was seconded by Zoe Harris and the minutes were approved.

* Carnival:
  + Donation letter for baskets went out. So far we only have $1000 to shop for baskets. Baskets may be smaller in size and quantity, from previous years, depending on the donations.
  + If anyone has a business or connections to local businesses and would like to donate, please let us know. We know times are tough but you don’t know unless you ask. We will acknowledge them on Facebook and our website.
  + We will be doing the basket raffle online again like we did last year. We do it live so everyone can see that it is honest and fair.
  + Looking at some games we can do on zoom.
  + Possibly a magic show.
  + Looking to do raffle and silent auction in late April, early May.
  + Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.
  + If you have any questions, please email us. Check our Facebook page and website for all updates.
* Restaurant Nights: Luigi’s on February 13th and Anthony’s on February 15th.
* We are looking into doing a Zoom Bingo event. Stay tuned for more information.
* Teacher lunch: we are purchasing $10 vouchers from El Diablo. They will be adding $5 for every $10 voucher we purchase. There are 5 locations and they offer curbside pickup.
* Science Explorers: STEM
  + Registration is $35.
  + Receive 2 projects – if you would like to order extra its $15 for each additional project.
  + PTA earns $5 from each kit.
  + The projects this time are spin art. You make the machine (that you get to keep) and then make the art.
  + Orders need to be in by March 12th. We will not buy extras. Once it’s over it’s over.
  + The projects in May are volcanoes. If we like this idea and get a lot of people involved, we will look to do this again.
  + Everything is virtual. On March 30th at 6:30pm they will have a 90 minute “how to” with a science teacher.
* Always check Facebook and our website for the most up to date information.

**Treasurer**

Cara Clucas

* Went over updated budget from January 14, 2021to February 11, 2021. See full budget <http://www.nspta.com/BudgetReports.html>
* Amazon Smile gives us a donation for every purchase made. Please make sure you chose North Star.
* Donations in for basket raffle - $1000

**Fundraiser**

Zoe Harris

* All 72 pages of the yearbook have been allocated.
* All pictures from Barksdale have been put in the yearbook. The photo packages will be going home next week.
* Still need a few remote learners’ pictures.
* Still need general pictures of the students for each grade.
* Will probably be doing a presale for yearbook. Last year we purchased 600 yearbooks and that was way too many. We have time to adjust before April. Order forms will go out in the next week or two.
* Teachers have been emailed with their pages to make sure everything looks right.
* Going to add baking competition pictures.
* Deadline for the yearbook is in April.
* Dedicating the book to Mrs. Ivison. The inside front cover will have a few words and pictures.

**Staff Support**

Jen Stephenson

* Kennett Kitchen cooking competition fundraiser is in its 3rd week.
* Everyone has been so creative and inventive.
* All virtual
* You can do this at your own pace during the week.
* 1st week – had to roll a dice and make that dessert
* 2nd week – favorite restaurant dessert
* 3rd week – make a cake that is valentine’s day themed and girl scout cookie
* Winners will be picked by voting on a private Facebook page.
* Any questions please email Jen Stephenson [jtwin2179@aol.com](mailto:jtwin2179@aol.com)

**Principal’s Message**

Dr. Karin Jakubowski

* Thank you to all the teachers who joined the zoom meeting.
* Happy Chinese New Year – year of the Ox. Thank you to everyone who wore red today.
* February is Black History Month – Ms. Wadler has been teaching the students “We Shall Overcome.” EdTV made a video about “A World without Black People” in which they explore what would have happened if we didn’t have the things that black people invented or if they did not do the things they did in history.
* Thank you – a class parent in Karen Cooper’s class brought Starbucks gift cards for the staff in carline.
* Mrs. Ivison passed away last fall. I have been looking to do something or dedicate something in the school. I have asked the students for ideas and help. Have spoken to her husband, Skip, about the ideas. Skip donated $5000 to the music program in Mrs. Ivison’s name.
* I launched a podcast on my birthday, its’ called “Mompowerment.”
* Author of the book “Unselfie,” Dr. Borda, did an interview about her new book on my podcast.
* We are starting a book club in March to read “Thrivers,” by Dr. Borda. If we get 15 participants, she will pop in and join us. The first two people to email about joining the book club, will get her book for free.rf

**Closing**

* Please join the PTA!!!
* Meeting Adjourned at 7:28pm.