**North Star PTA Meeting**

**Date/Time: September 19, 2019 7:00pm**

**Location: North Star Elementary Cafeteria**

**Attendance: Attendance sheet in Dropbox file**

**Agenda**

Introduction of New Board Members

PTA Board Member Updates

Principal’s Message

Guest Speakers: Jessica McCarthy & Natalie Alexander & Zoe Harris

Meeting Adjourned

**President & Vice President**

Kristen Roebke & Kristen Dassel

Called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Introduced the 2019-2020 Board: Kristen Roebke – President, Kristen Dassel – Vice President, Frankie Kutsch – Secretary, Cara Clucas – Treasurer, Diane Salvatore – Fundraising, Taresa Schmidt – Staff Support, & Sharon Wooldridge – Student Services

Motion to approve the May 16, 2019 minutes made by Taresa Schmidt. The motion was seconded by MaryRuth Nich and the minutes were approved.

So far we have 409 PTA members. If you join by the end of the September you will be entered to win a bike.

Facebook Page: If we get 1000 likes on our Facebook page, there will be a reward for the whole school. Reward TBD by Tylisha Saunders, Vice Principal. We use the Facebook page for up-to-date events and it gives reminders. Please invited people to like our page.

We applied for 2 grants so far, one of which is the NPTA School of Excellence grant.

Spirit Fest: if we raise at least $8000, Dr. J will kiss a cow.

**Treasurer**

Cara Clucas

* Went over the End of the Year budget. Expected vs Actual. We had no skate night because of the weather. Our carnival brought in $13,700, we were only expecting $10,500. All our restaurant nights together brought in $2,300, we were only expecting $1000. We brought in $31,287 from all fundraisers last year and with everything we made $42,571. Our expenses left us with $15,000 as the end of the year gift. Dr. J went over what the school has done with the money: 1. Closed shelving for the 3rd grade pod $1900, 2. $5000 towards the outdoor classroom, 3. More cabinets for library $1500, 4. 2nd basketball net for playground $3000, 5. Keeping money on hand for recess equipment. See full budget <http://www.nspta.com/BudgetReports.html>
* Went over updated summer budget: expected vs actual. See full budget <http://www.nspta.com/BudgetReports.html>
* Went over budget for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget was made by Julie Alvarez. The motion was seconded by MaryRuth Nich. The PTA members voted and the motion for the budget was approved. <http://www.nspta.com/BudgetReports.html>
* Had a discussion about adding $500 Lego League registration to the budget. The motion to approve the new Lego League line item was made by Eric Stephenson. The motion was seconded by Julie Alvarez. The PTA members voted and the motion to add the line time was approved.

**Q&A and Comments for Budget**

1. Kristen Becker – **C**. There is no more Math Olympiad only Science Olympiad (5th grade only). So we need replace it in the budget. Need to research Lego league registration fees because some students are not from North Star. Comment from Julie Alvarez was that it is a North Star team so it doesn’t matter that there may be students from other schools.
2. Eric Stephenson – **Q**. Can PTA pay for the registration fees for Lego League? **A**. We can only pay the registration fees, not lodging, travel, or other expenses.
3. Elizabeth Spinelli – **Q.** Do we still have a Native American Day **A.** No, but the line item has to stay in the budget for a few cycles until we can delete it.

**Principal’s Message**

Dr. Karin Jakubowski

* Teamed up with Mrs. Westcott for next week’s “Start with Hello.”
1. Monday - “Say Hello Day”
2. Tuesday - Free to Be Me Day
3. Wednesday - Random Acts of Compliments Day
4. Thursday - Be a Kindness Detective
5. Friday - Wear Green Day
* October 26th is the Trick or Treat in Hockessin.
* 2019 State and National Conservation poster contest. The theme this year is “Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper.”
* Priorities this year are getting our numbers up in math and social/emotional curriculum. The teachers are working hard with math workshop books to help the students. The school is in year 2 of focusing on the student’s social and emotional wellbeing.

**Guest Speaker: Jessica McCarthy (KN) & Natalie Alexander (3rd)**

* Would like more money for the outdoor classroom and bee apiaries.
* The Bee Club needs suits, supplies for honey harvesting, and money every year to maintain the apiaries.
* Need another shed.
* Would like to add a line item in the budget for money every year to maintain everything in the outdoor classroom area.
* **C**. Julie Alvarez, our Delaware PTA President, suggested creating a proposal of the money you definitely need this year and presenting it at the next meeting. The PTA members will then vote on whether to add the line item in the budget. The members will need to vote on each line that will be added.
* **Q**. Mrs. Alexander: The music teacher would like some more money as well, do I tell her to do the same: bring a proposal to the next meeting? **A**. Yes. Anyone who would like to request money has to come to a meeting to present their proposal so we can vote on it.

**Guest Speaker: Zoe Harris, Yearbook Chair**

* Please send her all the pictures you take around school. The more pictures she has, the easier yearbook will be.
* You can email them or text them to her. <http://www.nspta.com/Yearbook.html>

**Closing**

* Please join the PTA!!! Don’t need to volunteer, but we could always use the help.
* Gift card raffle for anyone who attended the meeting.
* Spirit Fest is October 3rd.
* BYOP – Bring Your Own Pumpkin is October 8th.
* Fall Family Dance is October 25th.
* Thank you to all the people who attended the meeting, especially the teachers!
* Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm.