

# North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: September 20, 2022 7:00pm

Location: NSE Cafeteria and Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Attendance sheet in Dropbox file

## **Agenda**

Introduction of 2022/2023 Board Members and Committee Chairs

Approve May Minutes

PTA Board Member Updates

Principal's Message

Meeting Adjourned

## **President**

Jen Stephenson

- Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- Welcome and thank you for attending the first meeting of the 2022/2023 school year.
- Introduction of current board members and committee chairs. President- Jen Stephenson, Vice President- Taresa Schmidt, Treasurer- Jen Agster, Secretary- Emily Malloy, Fundraising Chair- Kristen Roebke, Student Services Chair- Lauren Monaco, Staff Support Chair- Bonnie Principe.
- NSE reapplied to be a National School of Excellence. Look for two surveys during the school year to tell us how we can better serve the school.

## **Vice President**

Taresa Schmidt

- Thank you to the previous board members for all of your support!
- Thank you to Lauren Monaco for our social media presence. Please like and share the NSPTA page on Facebook.
- Important news and events in the monthly newsletter for members and on the PTA website.

**Upcoming Events:**

- BYOP (Bring Your Own Pumpkin) – Tuesday, October 4, 2022
  - Need to reserve a time slot on the Sign-up Genius
  - Please sign up to donate supplies or volunteer
  - \$1 donation for each pumpkin you bring
- Spirit Week Theme Days
  - Monday 10/17 Sports Day, Tuesday 10/18 Crazy Hair Day, Wednesday 10/19 Future Self Day, Thursday 10/20 Mismatch/Backwards Day
- Friday 10/21 is Spirit Fest - Wear blue and green for a day of school spirit. Parents are permitted to attend.
- Fall Harvest Dance – Friday 10/21 6p-8p
  - Kids and adults wear costumes if you would like!

## **Secretary**

Emily Malloy

- Motion to approve the May 22, 2022 minutes made by Taresa Schmidt. The motion was seconded by Eric Stephenson and the minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer**

Jen Agster

- Went over updated budget from July 1, 2022 to September 20, 2022. See full budget at: <http://www.nspta.com/BudgetReports.html>
- Q: Is there a line item for Odyssey of the Mind? A: Yes, it is included in academic competition.
- Amazon Smile makes a donation to NSPTA with each purchase.
- Request for funds from Kristin Becker-
  - Amend Odyssey of the Mind budget from \$135 to \$240. Motion to approve by Eric Stephenson, seconded by Taresa Schmidt and the motion was approved with 46 votes.
  - Amend Lego League budget from \$250 to \$500. Motion to approve by Frankie Kutsch, seconded by Sheri Laratonda and the motion was approved with 46 votes.
- A motion to approve the 2022/2023 budget was made by Lauren Monaco and seconded by Eric Stephenson and the 2022/2023 budget was approved.

## **Membership**

Kristen Roebke

- Current membership is 375. We have big goals this year!
- Become a PTA member. Your membership does not obligate you to volunteer time. We always appreciate volunteers, but simply joining is enough.
- Remember- Only members can vote at PTA meetings. Parents please join and family members, too!

## **Principal's Message**

Dr. Karin Jakubowski

- School Climate survey shows rewards are meaningful to our kids. Funds from PTA gift last year will support Best Bear Store. Students exchange Bear Cards for rewards. Asking for parent volunteers.
- Goal to improve math scores by 3% this year. Karen Cooper is math council rep.
- Goal to increase student engagement.
- Excited about social/emotional learning continuing in homerooms. Linda, mindfulness coach, will come back for K-2 this year.
- MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) Resource- Teachers or parents can refer students to the team if they need help.
- Updates from the district-
  - Volunteer accident insurance available on school website if interested.
  - There is a possible referendum later this year.

## **Closing**

- Yearbook photos can be sent to [nsbearsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:nsbearsyearbook@gmail.com)
- Visit our website and like us on Facebook!
- Next PTA meeting is on 10/25. Jay Bastianelli (Principal of HB Dupont middle) will be our guest.
- Meeting adjourned at 8pm.