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Approved at 2/7/12 PTA Meeting

North Star PTA Meeting

Date/Time: November 14, 2011
Location: North Star Elementary/Multi-Purpose Room
Attendance: Attendance Sheet in PTA Office File: PTA Meeting 11/14/11

AGENDA

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

Visual: Power Point Presentation in PTA office file: PTA Meeting 11/14/11

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Patti Westergard- Called the meeting to order

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NORTH STAR PLEDGE

Patti Westergard led the group

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jen Thomas thanked everyone for all the volunteers with the Spirit Walk and Book Fair. Also thanks to all the families for voting for the Del Monte Grant and donating to our annual Thanksgiving Basket Brigade. Congratulations to Ms. Huhn's 2nd grade class for raising the most money from the Spirit Walk. She also announced that we had over 100 entries for our yearbook cover contest. The teachers came up with a new vision statement at the last staff meeting and there are copies here and all are welcome to take one. This Friday is 'Hero Day'. The winter concert will be on December 8, 2011.

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ann Wilson introduced Randie Edelman to discuss a new rewards program with Giant Grocery stores in PA and DE. Randie explained the program and passed out bookmarks with instructions to register your Giant cards online.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Lisa DiMaio

Lisa is the PTSO president at Cab Calloway. She is also a Cab Fund board member. The Cab open house is November 29, 2011. She also stated that she can assist North Star parents interested in Cab with any questions regarding the admission process. Lisa explained how the assessment process works for the middle school and how the transition takes place into high school.

Kathy Bugbee (for Kelly Wescott) and Andrea Kidwell

Nurse Bugbee explained our evolving community service projects. Usually our food and clothing donations during the holidays went to local families in need in the Hockessin area. Now we are beginning to branch out into the district and have reached out to Warner Elementary with Sue Reichle helping to facilitate. This year we will be providing five Thanksgiving baskets to Warner families as well as our normal donation to the local rotary. Our adopt-a-family program will also be assisting Warner families as well this year. Andrea Kidwell explained that this committee is also going into the classroom and educating the students of North Star about the meaning of community service.

Ted Amann

Ted is the assistant superintendent for operations for Red Clay. He came tonight to inform us of the next upcoming referendum which will be February 28, 2012. This referendum will have two parts. The first is for renovations to existing facilities and the second is to fund new construction of a K-5 elementary school on existing Red Clay owned property on 41 and Graves Road. The referendum will require votes for each of these pieces. He encouraged all North Star families to spread the word to get out and vote yes in February. He also stated that there is a need for volunteers for a grass roots campaign to help the referendum to pass. The district website has specific information of the exact tax impact for each address in the district. He passed out fliers with referendum information.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Treasurer-Julie Lowe reviewed some budget issues including our Spirit Walk total of \$13,147, which is slightly over budget! She also reported total sales from the book fair, but stated we have not paid our bill to Scholastic yet, so that amount is not our net profit. We have also added an expense line this year for Charitable Assistance that will be used upon request for those that have needs. For example, assistance with field trip expenses.

Fundraising-Michelle Leone announced that we will be selling Spirit Wear for the holidays. A flier will be sent home soon. All orders will need to be in by November 21, 2011. She also stated that all Original Art Works orders need to be in by 11/15. So far we have made about \$2,000, which again is higher than budgeted. Next month will be the first meeting for our annual basket fundraiser. Michelle will need a lot of volunteers to make this event a success and is hoping for a good turnout at the meeting. The basket extravaganza will be a family event this year and will be held in the spring on a Saturday afternoon. Skate night will be on December 7th and will be a walk in event. A flier will be going out later with more information.

Secretary- Julie Guarneri asked for a motion to approve the September PTA meeting minutes. Ann Wilson motioned, and Randie Edelman seconded. The motion was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

Patti Westergard announced the next PTA meeting on February 7, 2012.

Kara Patti discussed the Del Monte Grant that we won for a school garden. She stated that will need to raise more money then the grant provides. Look for fliers and emails with information for future collections from students/families.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Submitted by Julie Guarneri, NS PTA secretary 11/15/2011