

## **DRAFT**

To be approved at December 10, 2013 PTA Meeting.

### **NS PTA MEETING**

Date/Time: November 19, 2013 / 7PM

Location: NS Cafeteria

Attendance: See sign in sheet.

### **AGENDA**

Introduction and Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance/NS Pledge

President's Message

Fundraising Update

Guest Speaker

Principal's Message/Vice Principal's Message

Question/Answer

### **President's Message**

Jen Wootten called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Family Dance Party was a big success and even though it is not a PTA fundraiser, but a family event, it made \$400.00. Spirit Fest surpassed its fundraising goals. Parent's Night Out, held at Bella Vista, Silent Auction had a lot of really nice items donated happily by local businesses. A future idea might be to combine all auction items into a one night event. Original Artwork offered items with the children's original artwork online this year. It was easy to order and had many nice items offered. Thursday, 11/21/13 was the last day to order. A parent suggested that next year it would be nice if more than one child's artwork can be purchased in one order. This comment was passed on to Lucie Gonnevillie whom discussed it with Original Works. Original Works was happy to receive the feedback as they are a new company. The Book Fair started November 18, and ended November 22, 2013. Sales were very good. Skate Night is the next PTA event scheduled for January 16, 2014. Product incentives are always an ongoing project, so please continue to send in Zingos receipts and Box Tops. There are boxes in the office for these items or they can be sent in c/o PTA.

A date for the NS Carnival will be set after Thanksgiving. This year's Fundraising tasks will be divided up between decorations, food, baskets, games, etc. Parent volunteers will be asked to step up to run each of these categories in an attempt to further improve Carnival.

Some of our PTA meeting dates coincided with other schools' meeting dates. Jen Wootten will inquire about a district wide calendar of meetings and events to make this process easier. If not, the PTA Secretary will investigate next years' dates to minimize overlap, if possible.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2013, 9:15 a.m. at which the Guest Speaker will be from Christiana Health's Think First program arranged by Nurse Bugbee.

### **Guest Speaker**

Our Guest Speaker was Sherri Brooks, the new Literacy Coach. Ms. Brooks holds monthly meetings with all of the K-5 teachers. Information shared with the teachers can be found in the monthly Literacy Newsletter which will be available on the website. A 50/50 Balance in fiction and nonfiction reading is one of the new goals. Parents are urged to also participate in this goal with their children's home reading. DCAS will be changing to Smarter Balance (SBAC) in 2014/2015 school year. All information presented by Ms. Brooks will be posted on the website.

### **Board Presentations**

Andrea Gallimore is in her final year as Fundraising Chair. Anyone interested in learning any part of the Fundraising function is urged to step up and start shadowing Andrea before we no longer have the benefit of her experience in this position.

Ann Pollock passed out copies of the current Financial Report which is also available on the website. The Minutes from 10/15/13 PTA meeting were approved.

### **Principal's Message**

Dr. Jakubowski handed out a copy of the November Newsletter from the Principal. *Attendees of the PTA Meetings receive an advanced copy.* The Newsletter can be found on the website. A couple of highlights that Dr. Jakubowski mentioned were the start of the Bank at School program, Mr. McDonough and Sergeant Swanson tied for this year's Hero. Hero Day Assembly will be November 26<sup>th</sup> along with Red Clay Philippine's Relief Donation. Check out the Red Clay Art Show November 2<sup>nd</sup> thru January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Delaware Art Museum where our Art Teacher, Pat Slesinski's very own artwork is on display. Admission is free on Sundays. Dr. Hugh Broomall, Deputy Assistant Superintendent, will come to talk about Red Clay's plan for inclusion at our March 4<sup>th</sup>, PTA meeting which will be moved from 9:15am to 7pm.

### **Question/Answer**

Jayshree Tailor, currently heading up Reflections, spoke of how she recently viewed her art submissions with the Reflections sticker on the back from many years ago when she was a student and how much the program has meant to her. Ideas were discussed regarding how to incentivize more children to participate and the extra value participating would add to school applications and possibly asking the Art Teacher to help encourage submissions by suggesting the Reflection theme possibly be included in a classroom project. Another suggestion was that each child who makes a submission should receive a certificate. Middle School and High School have the lowest submissions. Deadline for this year's submissions is 12/18/13. One more reminder will go out before Thanksgiving.

7:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.