

## **DRAFT**

To be approved at November 19, 2013 PTA Meeting.

### **NS PTA MEETING**

Date/Time: October 15, 2013 / 7PM

Location: NS Cafeteria

Attendance: See sign in sheet.

### **AGENDA**

Introduction and Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance/NS Pledge

President's Message

Fundraising Update

Principal's Message/Vice Principal's Message

Guest Speaker

Question/Answer

#### **President's Message**

Jen Wootten called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Hayride event was replaced with a more fun event for family's to spend more quality time together at a Family Dance Party 5:30pm – 8pm in the NS gym with costumes optional. Flu shots will be available on this evening. Please visit the website for the information and make a reservation. Reflections, is a Nationwide PTA contest. Theme submissions are due 11/1/13, and art submissions are due December 18. Submissions from Middle and High School are low. Details can be found on the PTA website.

The Red Clay School district is running a separate art contest through the end of October with the theme "Attendance." Art turned in to the NS office will be forwarded to the district office. Winners will go on to Nationals.

The Minutes from 9/16/13 PTA meeting were approved.

#### **Board Presentations**

Andrea Gallimore will be shadowed by Wendi Stewart to learn all she can about Fundraising as this is Andrea's last year with North Star Elementary. Andrea announced Spirit Fest fundraising is at \$6000, with a goal of \$14,000. See prize details on the website. The Silent Auction/Adult Social at Bella Vista is scheduled for November 8, 2013, from 6-8pm. The Book Fair has been moved to November 18-22, 2013. The ArtWorks program will come out soon and will be online this year!

Ann Pollock reviewed the Financial Report. Spirit Fest donations are still a bit low. We thank everyone for their generosity and remind all there is still time to donate and meet our goal. The PTA purchased a much needed fan for the teachers' lounge. A motion was made by Julia Alvarez, seconded by Andrea Gallimore and approved to purchase 1lb. weights for Girls On The Run. Some of our big fundraisers have not yet happened.

Dr. Jakubowski handed out a copy of the October Newsletter from the Principal. *Attendees of the PTA Meetings receive an advanced copy.* Tuesday, October 29, 2013 will be National Mix It Up lunch day to promote interaction between the children. No guests for lunch to give the children optimal time with their peers. A guest Principal from the UK will be visiting on Mix It Up Day. There can now be 2 guests per child at lunch, however, sibling visitors must not be disruptive as there is minimal time for lunch as is. November 16, 2013, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. is the Annual Resource Fair at Dickinson High School. North Star's most outstanding student, Chris Peters, and most improved student Cameron Smith were invited by the Delaware State Senate to open a session with the Pledge of Allegiance. Katherine Berkner, Mithra Sankar and Alina Li have been nominated by their teachers to apply for the 2014 World Leadership Forum. Each month our teachers are receiving professional development in the area of Literacy from Sherri Brooks (Literacy Coach for Richey and North Star). Check out the Literacy Newsletter on our website. North Star Alumna – Ellen McIntyre wrote and published a children's book last year and will be signing them Sat., October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hockessin Book Shelf. Picture retakes have been moved to November 25, 2013. Dr. Jakubowski would like to remind everyone to **please use the forms located in the office for late/absent notes.** Without the forms, some information received is incomplete causing the staff to spend time tracking down whom or what the note is about.

Dr. Jakubowski filled in for Patti Nash, who was to be the guest speaker, and spoke about EdTV, Channel 965 on Comcast, broadcasted from McKean High School as they purchased a studio and have professional assistance. The station is looking for ideas to broadcast on this TV Channel.

### **Question/Answer**

It was asked if NS has a Facebook page. The answer is no. If we were to have a FB page, someone would need to agree to champion it and then it would be another spot to fill every year. It would also need to be monitored constantly for content. Jen Wootten will get more info about this at the PTA State Convention.

It was asked if anyone can say a child's name and come to lunch. Licenses are taken at the front desk when you speak to the receptionist who asks where you are going. If the staff is not familiar with you, they look up your child to make sure it's a match.

It was discussed that certain grades at NS will be open to choice next year.

7:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.