

Approved at March 5, 2013 PTA Meeting

NS PTA Meeting

Date/Time: January 17, 2013

Location: Multipurpose Room

Attendance: See sign in sheet

AGENDA

Introduction and Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance/NS Pledge

President's Message

Board Presentations

Guest Speaker

Principal's Message

Question/Answer

President's Message

Jen Wooten called the meeting to order at 7pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the North Star Pledge. She discussed upcoming PTA events and succession planning including the need for Field Day leaders and new board members for next year. She also announced that the new principal from HB Middle school will be at North Star on April 9th at 8pm. The minutes from the October 15th meeting were approved.

School Support

Donna Stack announced two upcoming events including Family Fitness night. It will be held on February 21st with the beginning of the alphabet from 5:30 to 6:30pm and the end of the alphabet from 7 to 8pm.

Bingo night is changing a little this year and will be in the afternoon of an early dismissal day on March 7th from 3 to 5 pm.

Fundraising

Andrea Gallimore discussed the upcoming carnival explaining that we will have some new games and activities this year, including inflatable sports games geared towards our older students. We only need three more basket coordinators. The forms went out today, but themes have not been finalized yet and that information will be distributed ASAP. She also announced how successful Skate night was with almost 350 skaters.

Guest Speaker

Kelly Wescott, our guidance counselor, introduced Dr. Chris Hyde a psychologist who spoke about anxiety and academic performance. The main theme of his speech was dealing with parental pressure and its effect on academic success.

Principal's Message

Jen Thomas announced recent events since winter break including our geography bee. Upcoming events include a spelling bee and the Wax Hero Museum for fourth grade. Also, we will again have a visiting author this year, Peter Catalanotto, and Mrs. Minchini is busy getting students ready for his visit. Our third grade is having a family geography night soon and the district is again having a reading contest this year with a "March Madness" theme. Finally, Ms. Thomas introduced Brian Moore who is the district security supervisor. Mr. Moore spoke of increased security measures that the district is working on to ensure our children are as safe as possible at school. Red Clay is one of two districts that has been awarded the "Secure Our Schools" grant and there will be new security changes coming to North Star in the very near future. These changes include locking the first set of doors with a buzzer and monitor controlled by the office. Eventually all visitors will need to scan and give their driver's license to the front office during their visit. They will be given a lanyard and their license will be returned when they are ready to leave the school. Special procedures are being worked out when there are special events with a heavy number of parents expected. Mr. Moore also announced that his phone number and a tip line are on the website and he encourages anyone with questions to contact him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm with one final announcement from Jen Wooten for our next PTA meeting on March 5 at 9:15 am. The topic is "Demystifying DCAS".

Submitted by Julie Guarneri

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