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To be approved at next meeting TBD.

NS PTA Meeting

Date/Time: September 16, 2013

Location: NS Cafeteria

Attendance: See sign in sheet.

AGENDA

7:08 pm Introduction and Welcome

7:10 pm Pledge of Allegiance/NS Pledge

7:11 pm President's Message - Jen Wooten

- **Getting Involved in the PTA/Calendar/Staff Appreciation/Family Dance Party**

7:15 pm Principal's Message – Dr. Karin Jakubowski, Acting Principal

7:25 pm Board Presentations

Fundraising – Andrea Gallimore

- **Spirit Fest**
- **Coffee Social at Drip Café**
- **Parents' Night Out/Silent Auction**
- **ArtWorks Program**
- **Product Incentives**
- **Friendly Nights (Locations TBD)**

Budget Discussion/Approval – Ann Pollock

7:50 pm Questions/Answer

7:55 pm Meeting Adjourned

Principal's message- Dr. Karin Jakubowski, Acting Principal, introduced her Back-to-School Letter from the Principal which explained much of the information is in the Parent/Student Handbook, however, Dr. Jakubowski reviewed the letter with us in detail. Along with a copy of the letter, everyone also received a copy of Components of an Inclusive Education. Dr. Jakubowski announced that we were given a full time Chinese teacher, Mr. Lei Gong, whom comes to us from the Governor's Immersion Initiative Program. A volunteer was identified to host the teacher. There are 700 students this year. Mrs. Woodall retired over the summer and Mrs. Alexander decided to teach 5th grade this year instead of 3rd. Due to slightly lower numbers this year, 3rd grade will have 5 classrooms. Dr. Jakubowski touched on the Let Me Run, Girls on the Run and Fall LAUNCH programs along with the introduction of the Grab-n-go Breakfast which students may purchase and eat in the classroom. It was reiterated that from 3-3:45pm the Closed Campus Policy is in effect. Only parents called by the Nurse will be admitted into the building. Once children leave the building, they will not be readmitted. Items left

behind must remain in the school until the following morning when school is reopened. Parents are to minimize the times they take children out of school early as this time is highly valued for learning. Also, early dismissal is highly discouraged on half days. To further minimize students' distractions from classroom time, instruments dropped off by parents will be held in the office to be picked up by the students on their way to band practice. There is a new grading system for 4th and 5th grade, see letter for details. Dr. Jakobowski was very proud when one of camera crew commented about picture day saying, "These are the most well-behaved students."

Board Presentations

President- Jen Wootten called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Jen reminded everyone Launch starts October 15, 2013 and to sign up before the deadline. The PTA calendar of events was reviewed in detail with the first a many Staff Appreciation celebrations on October 18, 2013. Family Dance Party is a new event replacing the hayride. Costumes will be optional and a DJ is in the works. Meg Berl will send out PTA eNews on Sunday nights. Drip Café very generously wrote a donation check for \$100. Julie Alvarez will send thank you cards to Drip Café for their generosity and Mrs. Duffy for pulling all the weeds. To the NS PTA. Jen Wootten is to write a paragraph explaining the Network For Good for the PTA Members for inclusion in a PTA eNews and/or a small flyer highlighting that NFG keeps track of donations as they handle all online donations and take a 5% fee which is cheaper than NS purchasing a credit card system, also that the donation can be increased to cover the fee should the giver wish to do so. Name Bubbles, our partner for an assortment of name tags for all student items, donates 20% of each item purchased, to North Star. In November, ArtWorks will be going online this year. The first name of the student and the last two letters of their last name will give you access to your child's project after all the appropriate passwords are used.

School support/Student Services- Deb Harbaugh informed us that Ruchira Behari is shadowing her this year learning all she can about the Yearbook process so she is ready for next year when Deb will no longer be at North Star Elementary.

Treasurer- Ann Pollock handed everyone a copy of the budget and reviewed the budget in detail. After question/answer session, Andrea Gallimore motioned, at 7:54pm, to pass the budget. Julie Alvarez seconded the motion and all were in favor of passing the budget. No one was against passing the budget and it was approved.

Current officers: Jen Wootten, Julie Alvarez, Andrea Gallimore, Ann Pollock, Linda Walck, Kate Terranova, Tammy Burgos

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Submitted by Linda Walck
NS PTA Secretary