

North Star Elementary PTA General Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019

Attendees:

Rebecca Latham
Kristy Grantonic
Krishawn Green
Beth Butler
Erica Lopez-Hamby
Maggie Olszewski
Wendy McMurty
Gina Bell (Shavawn Bell)
Emily Safford
Ryan Safford
Kristin Horne
Anthony Lupinetti
Amber Williams
Lea Koshkin
Misty Smith
Monica Chavez

Call Meeting to Order:

Meeting Called to Order at 6:02 pm, Tuesday, 12/10/19, North Star Elementary School.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes from last meeting reviewed. Motion made to accept minutes. Seconded and approved.

Report of Officers:

Treasurer Report: We have a large amount of money in our account due to the greater than expected profit from the fun run. We still have some big fundraisers coming up. We are well on track to exceed our budget projections.

Membership Report: PTA currently has 45 paid members compared to 106 last year. There is still time to join. People can join in February and April. We will remind meeting attendees that they must be members to vote.

Principal Report:

- The Sweet Treats committee has been hosting “December to Remember” for the staff. Its keeping everyone motivated in this last month of the year.
- The Kindergarten playground area has had a safety upgrade. The gate has been raised and the fencing was raised over the cinderblock wall.
- Legislation was passed at the State level over the summer that changes how volunteers are managed school. In early 2020, information about that change will be communicated. In summary, a new background check (\$44

feel; requiring fingerprints) will be required and must be renewed every two years. Everyone will receive a badge and it will take approximately two weeks to obtain approval.

- Total student count: 644

Report of the Committees:

DDC: Currently at \$16,130 (26.07%).

Free Money: Communications will come out before the next Free Money campaign about how to scan Box Tops.

Restaurant Night: We received \$321 from Chipotle and \$423 from El Patron. This coming Thursday through Saturday, please visit Papa Murphy's.

Science Fair: Robotics clubs from LCHS may help this year.

Howlin' at the Stars: Mark your calendars for the event on May 8th.

Reflections: We are still unsure if we will have anything to submit. At this point in the year, it appears unlikely.

All Pro Dads: Next one will be on Friday, January 31st. There will be a future proposal to get rid of the admission fee.

Yearbook: Jen Pecasting will not run the yearbook this year and another teacher will step in. Yearbook likely doesn't need to be a PTA committee. We will make a motion at the next meeting to remove this as a PTA committee (unfinished business for February).

Staff Appreciation: See Principal's report re: December to Remember.

Wolf Pride Market: This coming Friday will be for Kinder from 8am – 9am. The rest of the students will come after that. It will close at 10:30am. A sign-up sheet will go out shortly.

One Book One School: Will distribute books in January. Need to get moving on this.

Stars on Stage: We are still hoping to have this in the spring but have not locked anything in yet.

School Supplies: Christa secured an early spot; everything is on schedule.

Community Partners: Will start folder sales in January. We might still meet our \$8K goal.

Fun Run: It went very well. There was a significant amount of parent participation. Going forward we need to think about what we want to do. We got the 2nd tiered package this time which included online tools, prizes and set up. However, the company received a big portion of the proceeds as a result. There are other options where that particular company (or another) will receive fewer proceeds and, therefore, not do as much of the work (i.e. character videos, prizes, etc.). We need to look at options and decide if and how much we want to source ourselves.

Unfinished Business:

Update on Technology Program – Anthony Lupinetti provided an update:

- Everyone participated in computer science bootcamp. Things are going very well. There is a checklist for what kids should accomplish for their six year in Elementary school that is being utilized – Robotics for K – 2 and Computer Based Programming for 3 – 5.
- Every year we choose a female computer scientist to study.
- We received the \$25K grant and have been able to share the new equipment and lesson plans with Osuna, EG Ross and Bellehaven Elementary Schools.

Parent Involvement and Open Positions – Some ideas were brainstormed about the lack of parent involvement on the PTA and the open positions for the 2020/2021 school year. It's possible that people are confused about DDC and volunteering – do parents think that if they paid their \$100 that is all they need to do? We may need to clarify. We may also need to do a backpack flyer seeking parents to fill positions. The school year is going quickly and we have a limited amount of time to find volunteers.

New Business:

Introduction of Discussion and Ideas for Fun Run Revenue – we made about \$19,600 over what we projected. We brainstormed some **ideas** for things we can purchase with the additional money: portable sound system (~\$3K), increased stipend for teachers to \$250, develop a program for teachers to request funds with a committee to review the requests, Accelerated Reader (AR) program, new electronic marquis.

Introduction of Fundraising Discussion for 2020-2021 School Year – A brief discussion was held on the need for DDC or other big fundraisers if we continue with the fun run.

Introduction of Discussion on New Committees – This discussion was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm

Next General PTA Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00pm.