

Northside PTA
General Membership Meeting
March 16, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Kristen Goldman. Pledge.

President Report: Due to the past snowstorms we will have regular school days on April 5th and May 28th. It's a very important time of year because of budget planning. It's very important to attend budget planning sessions and the regular Board of Ed meetings. If the budget doesn't pass in May then we will go on contingency budget and that means about \$12 million in cuts for our kids and our schools. If you are not registered to vote and want to register you can call Nassau County Board of Elections. Mrs. Cosgrove is standing in for Mr. Squillaciotti.

Principal's Report: There was a blackout at the school yesterday (3/15). Mrs. Cosgrove will look into why not everyone received automated message. Power went out about 11:45 and it returned about 1:30. The kids were great. Cafeteria went smoothly. Changes in calendar: April 5 and May 28 are regular school days. Mr. S put in a request into the town regarding the traffic outside. It will go before a public hearing that there will be "No Stopping" signs installed on Pelican Road on the south side by Skimmer. He also requested a crossing guard for the back of the school. That was denied by the Town of Hempstead but Mr. S went to Legislator Dunne and Mr. Dunne put in a request to the Police Commissioner and the head of the 8th Precinct. Mr. S is waiting to hear back. Maturation program for Fifth Grade has been changed to May 21st and K orientation is scheduled for May 27th. Notices will go home. School play is rescheduled to May 20th. Field Day is now June 9th.

1st VP – Any Committee Chairs please hand in any volunteer lists.

2nd VP – Membership is closed. LEADD this weekend. Walk and Fair.

3rd VP – Flip Flop Fundraisers due March 24th. March 23rd and 24th are spring photos.

4th VP – No report

Recording Secretary – No corrections. Stand as written.

Treasurer's Report – January report audited by Joan Fusco; February audited by Betsey Baquet. All in order.

Corresponding Secretary – Sympathy cards sent to Clara Mazza and Peggy Ciccone.

Historian – Assembly yesterday. Album not updated yet.

Council Delegate – Council Budget Committee PTA recommendations. They want to completely eliminate Enrichment. Council decided not to have an opinion. They will trust Superintendent recommendation for budget. They want to restructure.

Pelican Newsletter – New issue online.

Cultural Arts – HIP Pickles performed yesterday. Spring Assembly will be an art project for all students. Pavement stencils ordered for blacktop area by playground. All grades will be participating.

Family Fun – Trying to set a date for Spring Fling (May). Hoping to add drive-thru drop off.

SEPTA - Liz Kirk attended. Networking night. Marianne Britton has info if anyone is interested.

Hospitality – Thank you to Joan Fusco

Pelican Supply Cart – March 26th

Transportation – no report

Council Budget – copy on file.

Elementary Curriculum – Multi-year initiative to raise standards to AP levels instead of NYS standards. Also reviewed programs offered at Levittown School District.

Food Service – no report

Health, Safety & Environment – no report

Secondary Curriculum – Adult Ed SAT prep course, first come first serve. Re-evaluating teaching critical thinking skills. Students taking AP classes has increased and standards have been lowered so more students would consider taking these classes. Springboard Program – 6th grade language arts—labs instead of teacher led classes.

Blood Drive – 73 potential donors volunteered; 42 pints donated. Thank you to all.

Product Labels – Still collecting. Northside will get a check for about \$800. Over 1000 Campbell sent in.

LEADD – Sunday, March 21st at 10:30; Fair starts at 11:00

5th Grade T-shirt – Final design is in and great price from Spirit Wear. Joan Fusco made a motion to accept Spirit Wear as the vendor for t-shirts at \$7/shirt. Motion seconded by Marianne Britton.

PARP – Cut short because of weather. Ronald McDonald and Kevin Covais participated. Kids loved it. Carnival cancelled.

Book Fair – Received many Thank You notes from teachers. Thanks to all who helped.

Staff Recognition – May 17th

Field Day – Ralph Italian Ices \$1/child; DJ \$400. Waiting for Mr. S. to work out schedule of events. BBQ-had to cancel; couldn't make rain date. Looking into replacement. Possibly having parents volunteer to cook. Need volunteers. May send home flyer asking for money for event.

Gloria Bell – Fifth grade teachers choose student. Four fifth graders receive bonds. Kristen Goldman will have plaque updated and bonds should come in two weeks. This year's budget was used for last two years. Joan Fusco made a motion to move \$200 from Cultural Arts to Gloria Bell. Lena Cutaia seconded motion.

Nominating – Met March 8th. Proposed slate is Co-Presidents – Kristen Goldman & Marianne Britton; 1st V.P.- Betsy Baquet; 2nd V.P.-Clara Mazza; Co-3rd V.P.-Dayna Ferreiro & Susan Massoni; Treasurer-Doris Bruckner; Recording Secretary-Leslie Barreto; Co-4th V.P.- Mrs. Castillo & Ms. Richiusa; Corresponding Secretary-Jennifer Benz; Historian- Kim Barberio. Delegates: Nina Clancy, Lena Cutaia, Dina DeRoia, Nancy Diez, Ann Johnson, Yvette Moy and Debbie Williams. Elections will take place at April 6th PTA meeting at 7:30.

Honorary Life – Took place at Crest Hollow Country Club.

Healthy Snack – March 24th.

Pictures – 3/23 and 3/24

Spring Boutique – Wednesday, April 14th and Thursday, April 15th

Middle School Liaison – If budget not passed we go on contingency budget and there will be cuts (info on district website). Wisdom held a Rock for Haiti--\$1400 raised for UNICEF. 3/24 badminton game between students and teachers. ELA 4/26 and 4/27; Math 5/5 and 5/6. Eighth grader attacked on field at Wisdom by three 21 yr olds. Ongoing police investigation. Police will be called for students loitering by Wisdom area stores. 6/14 awards; 6/16 graduation.

Student Council - 750 items donated to Wisdom pantry; \$1400 donated to Save the Children of Haiti. Thank you to PARP for donating bike to raise money for Haiti. Spirit Days: 3/19 Career Day; 4/20 Book Character. Locks of Love will be in June. Looking into having another Movie Night.

Old Business – none

New Business – Back in November a motion was made to move \$150 from Family Fun to purchase magnets. Only \$100 was used. Marianne Britton made motion to move \$50 from magnets back to Family Fun. Nina Clancy seconded motion. Joan Fusco made motion to move \$130 from PARP back to PTA Convention. All in favor. Doris Bruckner would like the By-laws Committee to make a motion to allow any regular PTA member to do audits. Needs approval by the State. Marianne Britton will submit to State.

Addendum to March 16th PTA Meeting

Ten PTA members (Kristen Goldman, Nancy Diez, Leslie Barreto, Marianne Britton, Betsy Baquet, Kristine Ekberg, Doris Bruckner, Tami Poccia, Paula Manos and Rosa Rios) were present at the Northside Playground on March 16th at 3:00 P.M.

Kristen Goldman asked for \$125 from Family Fun for an ice cream party for every child in the school for membership involvement. Motion was made by Kristine Ekberg; seconded by Tami Poccia. All agreed.

Dates to Remember:

4/7 - Board of Education Meeting 7:30 P.M.

4/12 – PTA Pres/Supt. Meeting 9:30 A.M.

4/14 & 4/15 – Spring Boutique

4/14 – Board of Education Regular Meeting 7:30 P.M.

4/15 – PTA Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.

4/20 – Elementary Curriculum Meeting 9:30 A.M.

4/22 – Secondary Curriculum Meeting 10:00 A.M.

4/26 – Report Cards sent home

4/27 - SEPTA Meeting 7:30 P.M.

4/28 – NYS ELA (Grades 3-8)

4/29 – Food Service Committee Meeting 7:30 P.M.

5/5 – NYS Math (Grades 3-8)

5/11 – Northside PTA Meeting 9:30 A.M.