

Northside PTA

General Membership Meeting

January 28, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Kristine. Pledge.

President's Report: The Northside PTA adopted a family of 10 and gave them all Christmas gifts, thanks to Ann for making the purchases. Reflections ended over break, Snowball was a huge success, holiday boutique was also, upcoming events: honorary life, book fair and PARP. Situations at school: traffic: solutions by Mr. Mortillaro have been more than enough: opened numerous doors and faculty to welcome children, doors open early. Our problems are minimal compared to other schools in district. The winter concert at Wisdom was a huge success. Possible 5th grade graduation at Wisdom but it is a school issue that is being worked out. Sign up for book fair and spring boutique.

Principal's Report: traffic situation has been a problem, I check in with the crossing guard at the corner where there is a major problem. There are 562 students and the building is not meant for cars to drop off students. Thanks for Mrs. Alber for all her help. The winter concert was outstanding. 5th grade graduation: not sure if Wisdom is available, will check into it, but some want to stay at Northside and we will miss the extra events from the PTA. Snowball: great job by Roxanne and Dana it was a nice night and the kids had fun. They get to see Northside as a community hub, not just a school. Character Education: the students are still getting and saving pelican bills. We had our 1st assistant principal, it was a great day and now lots of kids are saving their bucks for the big prizes. TV in the lobby is functioning, Mr. Miller creates the Power Points and Mrs. Smith sends in the pictures. There have been numerous trips and assemblies that have been great. The 5th grade Greenkill trip is on for March 5th. Make sure you get your dr. medical forms asap. Supplemental reading and math materials for 3, 4 & 5th grades have been ordered. The teachers may or may not use them, its up to them. Kindergarten and 1st grade report cards are being amended to correlate better with curriculum.

Mike Pappas: Aladdin was amazing. We wish the superintendent good luck after his resignation. We will have a replacement by July 1st. We are not happy with the Division Ave. cafeteria. Looking into pre-k for all students. Use parent portal, its great. IQM2 to view board agenda, which is in compliance with the law. Hopefully it is up by February meeting, if not the following meeting. We are asking for a report on bus arrival, late arrival and missed buses. MacArthur's Science teams did not show up for 2 competitions. This years tax cap is 1.47%. Budget meeting February 11th. We still are in better shape than some districts

1st V.P.: share folder: regions reform agenda, PTA parliamentary awards. Sign up sheets for book fair February 5, 6, & 7th and bake sale, and spring boutique. Any problems with emails please let me know.

2nd V.P.: no report

3rd V.P.: no report

4th V.P.: no report

Recording Secretary: Look over minutes from the November meeting. Any corrections? Stand as written.

Treasurer's Report: November 1, 2013 to November 31, 2013 - opening balance \$28,872.28, expenses \$5,793.83, income \$0, closing balance \$23,078.45. December 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 - opening balance \$23,078.45, expenses \$6,540.15, income \$15,172.00, closing balance \$31,710.30. The audit for the month of November was conducted by Mrs. Alber, and the December audit was conducted by Mrs. Alber & Krista Hill and everything was found to be in order. I am making an order to move \$50 from cultural arts to bank fees for checks. Marie 2nd the motion. I want to make a motion to move \$50 from cultural arts to hospitality line. Marie 2nd. We need a mid year audit committee Jen L., Krista H, Roxanne P, and Debbie Y.

Corresponding Secretary: no report

Historian: no report

Council Delegate: minutes from the November 21, 2013 meeting are on file

Standing Committees:

Cultural Arts: Jan 8th: Eric's Adventures for 1st grade. Feb 13th: David Engel Pirates K-2 and then 3-5.

Council Budget: Northside requested replacements of some windows, asked for 2 basketball hoops outside. We have been given new playground equipment. The gym will get new windows for better ventilation. MacArthur will get a new cafeteria and band uniforms. PTA asked for a grant writer for district.

Elementary Curriculum: Dec 17th meeting: new maturation video was presented, viewed both girl and boy videos. They were very relatable and basic for 5th graders. State made changes for ELA & Math assessment: decreased time by 10 minutes and number of questions and days. Jan. 21st meeting: Changes are being made on the report cards, there have been grading inconsistencies reported when something has yet to be taught in class. Power School has constraints as to what can change mid year, some wording can change and some "x" on 2nd trimester report card. Elementary math: every 4 topics have a benchmark assessment used to inform instruction. Students will have 2-3 benchmarks per year in both Math and ELA. Next meeting: Feb. 14th

Health, Safety & Environment: Sep. 13th meeting: discussed the implementation of security cameras, door buzzers and swipe cards entry system. As hall monitors retire/resign they will be replaced with security aides, with specialized history in law enforcement. Snow day procedures: possibilities of early dismissal, bus delays and ways to convey to parents delays in bus arrival. Ice patch produced by drain pipe near 4th grade door and muddy field were addressed. The issue was raised for an informational session being available for 5th grade dances. Chair presented PTA making home drug tests available for parents of older students. This was the first meeting elementary schools were asked to attend, and asked for a representative at future meetings.

Family Fun: Snowball was on January 24th

Food Service: Food changes: going all whole grain starting September 2014, and chips will be low sodium. Money issues: students are not given change when paying with cash, it was being applied to their accounts. This problem has been addressed and taken care of in November. Division Ave. High School cafeteria wasn't completed on time, there are issues with broken cabinets, floor, improper placement of sinks, countertops and oven. MacArthur is in the beginning stages of bids on cafeteria construction.

Hospitality: Thank you Janet and Dina

Legislation & Advocacy: Legislature brunch at Hofstra will get a letter by next week. I will be going to Conference for council as well

Pelican Supply Boutique: This month's date: January 31st. December income: \$ 411

Secondary Curriculum: local discount cards are still available for \$10. Division Sweeps: Friday, March 7th, \$5 a seat. All \$ raised goes toward monetary awards for graduating seniors. Girls volleyball held a "dig pink" fundraiser for breast cancer and raised \$1400. Marching band performed at Newsday Festival and placed 3rd at State Championships in Syracuse. PTSA sponsored Jacy Good Hang Up and Drive, she was the keynote speaker at NYS Convention. Mid-term week is this week. DHS attended Science Olympiad at Yale and the Science Olympiad at Islip HS. Varsity Cheer going to Nationals this year.

SEPTA: open chair

Showcase: no

Website/Pelican: Pelican will be out next week online. Anyone that wants to submit an item, it will be put in next issue.

Special Committees:

Blood Drive: March 4th. Will need volunteers from 3:30 – 9 pm

5th Grade T-Shirts: working with Uniform Pros. Keeping the Diary of Wimpy Kid theme, same as the yearbook. Next week we will have all the kids sign names to get started so we can take a picture for the yearbook.

5th grade picnic: no date yet

5th grade yearbook: no report

Giving Tree: no report

Healthy Snack: no date yet

Holiday Boutique: huge success it went very well

Honorary Life: Ann Johnson recipient. Annual Award dinner is April 24th. \$60 per person

Nominating Committee: The committee was appointed during the October meeting. It consists of executive board members: Ann J. and Jen S., general members: Tina A, Heidi Finn and alternate Karen S. Chairman is Elaine D. Nomination letters are being sent to PTA members. Please send in nominations by February 10th. The committee will be meeting in February to nominate the slate for the 2014-2015 school year.

PARP: Keep Calm and Read Dr. Seuss - Feb 3-14th (on file)

Pictures: spring photos March 20th. no retakes everyone will get proofs and you decide if you want to buy them

Product Labels: received a check for over \$725.69 for the 1st half of the year

Reflections: 57 requests for rules 21 sent back forms, winners will be announced

School Clothes: order forms will go out by end of week

Staff Appreciation: May 28th

Tribune: waiting on flyers

Liaisons Reports:

Levittown Schools Community Scholarship Inc (Dollars for Scholars): waiting for official approval of name (501C) will be doing Zumba again this year and asking for basket from each school.

High School Liaison: PTSA has some local merchant discount cards available for \$10. Division Ave. Sweeps tickets for sale for \$5. Girls volleyball team raised over \$1400 for breast cancer. Jacy Good gave speech to students about texting and driving. Mid-terms are taking place this week.

Middle School: this year's play was Aladdin. New books were donated for the library. Collecting jeans and selling sweatshirts.

Student Council: January 14th meeting: \$450 was raised on hat and pj spirit day. The money will be donated to the disaster relief in the Phillipines. PB&J gang made sandwiches for the Inn. "Souper" Bowl of caring started Jan. 27 and will go till Feb. 7th. All food goes to the Levittown food pantry. Lion's Club eyeglass donation is going on. Lock of Love in June. Football jersey spirit day on Jan. 31st. Feb. 13th: dress as favorite book character.

Old Business: none

New Business: The winter concert for the students will take place on Feb. 4th in the gym. Request was made to make all PTA meetings at night.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:05 pm.

Dates to Remember:

2/26: 7:30 pm Board of Education Budget Planning Session #2 @ LMEC

2/27: 7:30 pm PTA Council Meeting @ LMEC

2/28: 2nd Elementary Marking Period Ends

3/1 & 3/2: PTA Nassau Region Legislation/Education Conference in Albany

3/5, 3/6 & 3/7: Greenkill Trip Gardiners Ave/Northside

3/8: PTA Nassau Region Legislation Roundtable

3/11 - 3/14: Kindergarten Registration Abbey Lane/Northside

3/12: 7:30 pm Board of Education Regular Mtg @ LMEC

3/19: 7:30 pm Board of Education Budget Planning Session #4 @ LMEC

3/20: 7:30 pm PTA Council Mtg @ LMEC

3/25: 10:00 am Northside PTA Mtg