

**Northside PTA  
General Membership Meeting  
September 13, 2012**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Susan Massoni. Pledge.

**President's Report:** Welcome everyone. We look forward to a successful year for the NS PTA. I would like to introduce our Executive Committee and Council Delegates: Susan Massoni and Linda Pereira, Co-Presidents; Marie Reid, 1st VP; Elaine DeBono, 2nd VP; Kristine Ekberg, 3rd VP; Mrs. Alber and Mrs. Avman, 4th VP; Jennifer Sampugnaro, Recording Secretary; Ann Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; Angela List, Treasurer; Kim Barberio, Historian; Steven Alvarez, Dayna Ferreiro, Jennifer Lambert, Kim Haxton, Krista Hill, Roxanne Pianteri and Michael Roy, Council Delegates. Our past Presidents, Betsy Baquet and Marianne Britton. PTA Superintendent/President Meeting was held on Sept. 10. Some issues discussed by Dr. Grossane were making sure there are screens on each window of all schools and the new teacher evaluation system, referred to as APPR. The NS PTA has a lot of programs and events planned for this year. I am in my 6th year here and my experience with the NS PTA has been wonderful. It is very important to be a member. I urge all parents to get involved and volunteer. Finally, I would like to formally induct Mr. Mortillaro into the PTA as our Principal. We are thrilled he has moved from interim principal to principal of Northside!

**Principal's Report:** Thank you all for coming today. I am happy to see so many parents and teachers. We really appreciate your support. I am flattered and honored by the welcome I have received from you all. Northside will always be special to me. I am always available to all. First thing, Common Core. It has been implemented throughout the district. College ready standards. Teachers are holding meetings and helping each other to do the best they can. State tests are in correlation with the Common Core. We don't teach for the test! Envision Math is the math program. Teachers will be giving you passwords to go online. Right now there is a pilot program going on in 4th Grade regarding ELA called the Journey's Program. The pilot program will be starting in Mr. Miller's and Mrs. Bernhardt's class. There is a new teacher evaluation system referred to as APPR which is made up of three components. We have implemented a Student Learning Objective (SLO) for grades K-3 which is a short pre-assessment of what the children should learn by the end of the year. Grades 2 through 5 will have a new report card system. There will be only three marking periods, December, March and June. At Back to School Night, you will receive more information regarding report cards and grading. Parent teacher conferences will be taking place on October 25 and 29th. In closing, I am looking forward to a great year. Welcome PTA Presidents. I know you will make it a great year for the children. Remember, my door is always open. Thank you!

**1st VP:** Linda Pereira, reporting for Maire Reid. We have a lot of open committees that need a chairperson. Please jot your name and number down if you are able to help. We also have a share folder. It is good if you can only volunteer an hour here or an hour there. Please get involved for the children.

**2nd VP:** Welcome back! This year's membership theme is "Let's Go for the Gold."

Membership letters have been handed out. Membership cards will be sent to child's classroom. You need to validate the card in order to receive the \$10 Office Max coupon. If you want to volunteer, you must be a member. Lastly, there will be class parties for Gold, Silver & Bronze award parties for the first 3 classes to receive 100 % membership, including the teacher.

**3rd VP:** Back to School night we will be selling sniffy grams or snencils. They will be \$1. You can purchase and leave as a suprise on your child's desk. For the Fall Fundraiser we will be using Ms. Chocolate. The fundraising packages will go out September 20th. They will be due back Oct. 11. We will be selling pies and cookie dough. They will be available for pick-up around Thanksgiving. I have a table set up here with samples of the items they sell.

**4th VP:** Mrs. Clancy has upcoming cultural arts programs, we just need to get the date and how much time is needed.

**Recording Secretary:** Minutes will stand as recorded.

**Treasurer:** The proposed budget for the school year 2012 to 2013, does anyone have any questions? There was a question regarding the \$.01 for book fair. The book fair is run as a service, not a money maker, that is why we were left with a penny. Chris Eckberg made a motion to approve the budget. Jen Lambert 2nd. The budget has been approved. The Treasure's report for May 22nd, 2012 through June 30, 2012 had an opening checkbook balance of \$31, 994.17, total expenses were \$20,794.91 and with a closing checkbook balance of \$16,054.26. From July 1, 2012 to September 14, 2012 there was an opening checkbook balance of \$16,054.26 and a closing checkbook balance of \$16,050.26. Seeing no corrections, the Treasurer's report will be filed for audit. The August 15 end of year audit was all in order.

**Corresponding Secretary:** In July, a get well card was sent to Dennis Dunne who had an operation on his leg. In August a sympathy card was sent to Gary Hudes whose father passed away. Also in August a sympathy card was sent to Ronnie Stoll who is a teacher at Gardiners, whose husband passed away.

**Historian:** If something specific is going on in a certain class or for a certain grade, just be sure to send me an email or call so I can come and take pictures.

**Council Delegates:** No meeting next Thursday. All delegates need to attend two meetings, plus the meeting that we host. Please sign up for meeting tonight if you have not already done so.

**Cultural Arts:** Nina - First Assembly will be on October 30th. There will be a motivational speaker Lloyd Bachrach presenting "Yes You Can!"

**Council Budget:** Open Committee.

**Elementary Curriculum:** Open Committee. Betsy spoke about it being a great committee to be on. You get a lot of info about what exactly your children are learning.

**Health, Safety & Environment:** Have not had their first meeting yet. Will report next month.

**Family Fun:** September 21 we will have our outdoor movie night. The movie will be The Lorax. This is our third year doing it. It is free! Next event will be Slingo.

**Food Service:** Open Committee. Next meeting is September 19.

**Hospitality:** Open Committee. Ann thank you for setting it up tonight.

**Legislation & Advocacy:** There is a very informative convention going on in Saratoga from November 16 through the 18.

**Pelican Supply Boutique:** Linda began shopping. More to be announced in October.

**Secondary Curriculum:** No report.

**SEPTA:** Tuesday, September 25 will be the first meeting at 7:30 at Memorial.

**Showcase:** Open Committee. Thank you Chris for setting it up!

**Website/Pelican:** Open Committee.

### **Special Committees:**

**Audit Committee:** The audit committee met on August 15, 2012 to conduct the end of the year audit. The books go from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 and all was found to be in order.

**Bake Sale:** Open committee.

**Budget Committee:** No report.

**5th Grade T-Shirts:** A motion was made by Marianne Britton to use Uniform Pros. Kim Haxton 2nd the motion. Any discussion? Uniform Pros was approved to be used this year for 5th Grade T-shirt. We will see if Uniform Pros will match the other prices we received.

**5th Grade Yearbook:** A motion was made by Marianne Britton to use Schhol Annual. Jen Lambert 2nd the motion. Any discussion? School Annual was approved.

**Holiday Boutique:** Christine explained that she does need help running the Holiday Boutique. She explained the many ways you can volunteer. She made a motion to use Miss Chocolate for this year's Holiday Boutique. Kim Barberio 2nd the motion. Any discussion? Miss Chocolate was approved.

**Pictures:** Picture Day is October 5th. This is the day the 5th graders will have their class picture taken for the yearbook. There is currently no contract for Spring pictures.

**Product Labels:** Letters went home. We will continue to do an ice cream party for the class with the most labels. The display will be changed in the cafeteria so the kids can watch whose class is in the lead.

**Reflections:** National PTA has not sent in the timeline for this year's Reflections yet. Letters are being prepared to be sent home by the end of September or early October explaining the program. Betsy spoke and told us the theme is "Magic of a moment." She explained that Northside has increased in their participation. Last year all participants were given a breakfast to acknowledge their participation.

**School Clothes:** A motion was made to use Uniform Pros. The motion was seconded. Any discussion? Uniform Pros was approved.

**Tribune:** Open committee.

### **Liaison Reports:**

**Dollars for Scholars:** Open committee.

**High School Liaison:** Open committee. Angela List spoke about Division Homecoming on September 15. Division will also be having the Harlem Wizards on October 27 @ 1:00 p.m. Flyer will be going home with all the information.

**Middle School:** No report.

**Student Council:** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Membership. Raffles will be entered for all who join. Winners will be announced at October meeting. Box Tops brought in \$1,300.00 last year. Please take

the time to cut them out. Angela List asked all who are working on a committee or chairing a committee, please go over your budget. Pay attention, there is an expense line. That is what you have to spend. You can not go over. If you do, you have to bring it to the general meeting and explain why. Just be conscious of it. Susan Massoni thanked everyone for coming and encouraged all to come up and ask questions. Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 pm.

**Dates to Remember:**

10/24 - BOE Planning Session at 7:30 LMEC  
10/25 - 1/2 day for students  
10/27 - Harlem Wizards @ DSHS  
10/29 - No School for students. Conferences 2-8 pm  
10/31 - Halloween Parade  
11/6 - No school - Election Day  
11/9 - Picture Re-takes  
11/12 - No school - Veteran's Day  
11/15 PTA Council meeting @ 7:30 pm  
11/16-11/18 - NYS PTA Convention  
11/22 & 11/23 - No School - Thanksgiving Recess  
11/27 - Northside PTA meeting @ 7:30 pm  
11/28 - BOE Planning Session @ 7:30 pm