

Northside PTA
Executive Board Meeting
September 12, 2013

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

President's Report: Look over minutes from the June 20th meeting. Any corrections? Stand as written.

Review the proposed budget for 2013-2014. Review the expense and income for the school year. A motion was made by Kim B. to pass the budget. Jen L. 2nd the motion. Budget was approved.

Treasurer Report: June 20, 2012 to June 30, 2012 - opening checkbook balance was \$20,722.29, total expenses \$2,079.92, income \$888.20, closing balance \$19,530.57. June 30, 2012 to September 12, 2013 - opening balance \$19,530.57, expenses \$2.00, income \$0, closing balance \$19,528.57.

Committee Chairs: A motion was made by Marie R. to nominate Jen S. as committee chair for Product Labels and Giving Tree. Linda P. 2nd the motion. Approved. A motion was made by Marie R. to nominate Nina C. & Debra B. as committee chair for 5th Grade Yearbook. Linda P. 2nd the motion. Approved.

Next Executive meeting will be on Oct. 22 @ 9:30 am.

Adjourned 7:05 pm.

Northside PTA

General Membership Meeting

September 12, 2013

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Susan M. Pledge.

President's Report: Susan introduced the Executive Board members of the 2013-2014 Northside PTA. Committee sign ups are located in the back of the gym. There is a description book outlining all the committee chair responsibilities. Please sign in at every meeting and take all handouts on the front table. We need volunteers and PTA members. The PTA makes a great impact to the school and we offer many activities and events for students and their families. The Superintendent's meeting discussed: DHS completion of the cafeteria construction, Northside has the highest increase of enrollment.

Principal's Report: Mr. Mortillaro welcomed the parents and thanked the teachers who attended the meeting. Arrival and Dismissal: the drive thru entrance has been slow, but will get easier after a few weeks. There are now 2 kindergarten entrances, the staff has been asked to not park on Pelican Road to help ease the traffic in the morning, Do not drive out of the parking lot onto Pelican Road; it is a one way entrance. School Safety precautions: the staff has new swipe cards that give them access to 3 doors; The entrances by Mr. Bob's office, 500 hallway and the Kindergarten playground doors. Cameras have been installed at the front entrance and at the cafeteria entrance. The recordings are kept on file for 2 weeks. There will be 10 fire drills conducted before Christmas. They will begin next week. Lock Down drills will also be conducted with blacked exits this year. Journey's K-5 Reading Program has been implemented and correlates directly with the Common Core. It utilizes all aspects of reading. Parent workshops will be planned for the primary grades and secondary grades. State test scores: last year it was report that there would be a 30% drop; the actual number was 32%. We did not know the topics that were on the tests. Results should be sent out by BOCES by the end of September. Anti-Bullying Program: will introduce "Pelican Bills" given to students to promote positive behavior. Students can purchase items from the Pelican store throughout the year, and an end of the year top prize will be given to the girl and boy who earn the most Pelican Bucks. Construction in the 500 Hallway: the glass enclosures will be knocked down in order to build a school store and PTA room. Homework Club: organization is in the works to bring a homework club to Northside. DHS National Honors students will come 2x a week to help students with their homework, 3:45 – 4:30 pm. Days TBA.

1st V.P.: Emails will be sent out to members to inform you about upcoming events and when volunteers are needed. The back tables have sign-up sheets for committee chairs and volunteers.

2nd V.P.: This year's theme: from the Lorax, by Dr. Seuss "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not." Membership flyers went out in the back to school packets. The bulletin board was put up before school began and I'm currently in the process of logging in the membership forms and dues. Membership cards should be going out next week. I will make sure the first payment is made in time for the Early Bird Award.

3rd V.P.: We are using Prestige fundraising for the fall catalog sale. It begins Monday, September 15 and ends on October 1st. Sample of the David's cookies catalog are on the table.

4th V.P.: No report.

Recording Secretary: Look over minutes from the June 20th meeting. Any corrections? Stand as written.

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Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Historian: No report.

Council Delegate: next meeting is on Thursday, 9/19

Standing Committees:

Cultural Arts: 1st program will be held on 10/22 during LEADD week: Sticks and Stones (anti-bullying assembly)

Council Budget: This committee is open.

Elementary Curriculum: Someone signed up for the committee chair

Health, Safety & Environment: No report.

Family Fun: Movie Night will be on 9/27 @ 7pm. "Hotel Transylvania" will be played and there will be free ice cream

Food Service: no report

Hospitality: Thank you

Legislation & Advocacy: No report.

Pelican Supply Boutique: No report.

Secondary Curriculum: No report.

SEPTA: no report

Showcase: no report

Website/Pelican: The Pelican: the 1st issue will be printed and handed out on Oct. 1st. It's also available online through the Northside website. I would like to have more contributions from the students

Special Committees:

Audit Committee: Met on Aug. 6th and consisted of Roxanne P., Elaine D., Marianne B., Linda P., Marie R. & Angela L. Everything was found to be in order. There were 7 checks outstanding at the time of the audit totaling \$6629.77 and 2 deposits totaling \$843.20.

Bake Sale: no report

5th Grade T-Shirts: No report

Yearbook: No report.

Giving Tree: no report

Holiday Boutique: Susan M. made a motion to Use Prestige for the Holiday Boutique. Marie R. 2nd the motion. Approved.

Honorary Life: no report

Pictures: the 5th grade panoramic will be taken next Wednesday

Product Labels: no report.

Reflections: no report

Tribune: no report.

Liaisons Reports:

Dollars for Scholars: no report

High School Liaison: no report.

Middle School: No report.

Student Council: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Shari N. read a thank you letter from Mrs. Cohen in regard to the Kindle Fire that was bought for her to use during her treatment. She is accepting emails from students and their families: joanmc13@aol.com S&S A+

Program: register your card online at stopandshop.com/aplus Over the last 2 years we received over \$4000. All money raised goes directly to the school. The program runs from October to March. Meeting raffles: 1 month of dance classes:

Mary Ganga and the Prestige basket: Mrs. Fleigner

Meeting adjourned @ 8:27 pm.

Dates to Remember:

10/23: 7:30 pm Board of Education Planning Session @ LMEC

11/4: 9:30 am PTA Pres./Supt. Mtg @ LMEC

11/5: No School: Election Day

11/7: 1st Marking Period Ends

11/11: No School: Veteran's Day

11/13: 7:30 pm Board of Education Regular Mtg @ LMEC

11/14: Picture Retakes Northside

11/15 & 11/16: NYS PTA Convention

11/18: 7:30 pm SEPTA Mtg @ LMEC

11/19: 7:30 pm Northside PTA Mtg