Northstar Middle School • PTSA Executive Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 • 6:30 pm, Staff Lounge

**Attendance:** Misty Schmidt, Ashley Sinette, Adam Keeton, Brenda Xiong, Michelle Olson, Leah Waldie, Karen Weiss, Sophie Weiss, Amelia Rohlik, Andy Berg, Malissa Dahlstrom

1. Welcome – Misty Schmidt

1. Secretary’s Report - Andy Berg
   1. Posted to website, no changes needed. Motion to approve: Brenda Xiong, seconded by Michelle Olson

1. Treasurer’s Report – Malissa Dahlstrom
   1. Concession items have been purchased, 2 nights of sales so far.
   2. Paid for Guthrie field trip.
   3. Edible classroom used some of their funds.
   4. Audit back from auditor, will be submitted to member hub.
   5. Sunshine committee might need transfer from checking into account.
   6. Motion to approve the update: Ashley Sinette, seconded by Brenda Xiong

1. Student Comments – Amelia 7th, Sophie 6th
   1. Student Council met on Oct 4th. Planning polar party activities for Oct 27th.

1. Principal’s Comments – Adam Keeton
   1. Conferences this week, Thursday 10/12.
   2. 6th week of school year, attendance is up as compared to last year. 95% daily student attendance is target goal (currently 94%). Attendance post-covid has significantly dropped across the country.
   3. Polar Club starting soon, quiet work time at school (after school), educators will be advisors. Polar Club info in the office, newsletter.

1. Teacher Comments –

Michelle Olson (6th)

* 1. Big items for students: Organization, lightening up backpacks.
  2. 6th grade is using Canvas calendar for notifications. Artic zone sends info out weekly.
  3. Looking forward to conferences, thanking PTSA in advance for all the yummy food coming.

Brenda Xiong (7th)

* 1. Continuing to build classroom routines/expectations.
  2. Looking forward to conferences on Thursday.

Meg Linder (8th)

* 1. Thankful for Guthrie donations
  2. JA in a day (November) - careers/local opportunities
  3. Routines working well.

1. Northstar Edible Classroom Comments - Brenda Xiong
   1. Garden Club started last week. Students potted plants donated by Ms Brommer.
   2. At the next meeting, they will plant spring bulbs in the planters in the front of the building
   3. Ms. Redford continues to write grants to help fund the club.

1. Family Advisory Committee (FAC) Summary - Ashley Sinette
   1. Chair, vice-chair, secretary – nominees voted in (Katie, Jamie, Nicole)
   2. 5 year contract with Charter is up this year, will go in front of board to renew the Charter contract for virtual school
   3. Tentative Agenda items for the coming months:
      1. Nov – attendance/education (staff families), inclement weather
      2. Dec – Grading/reporting, AI, accelerated placement
      3. Jan – State of the district
      4. Feb – Safety & security, communication, websites
      5. Mar – Behaviors, mental health, special education, DI, student support, SEL
      6. Apr – Referendum, demo and trends
      7. May – District in reverse
2. Old Business:

a. Open Committees - edible classroom – room for staff appreciation week planning, room in concessions as well

1. New Business:
   * 1. Partnership Coordinator Updates - Lia: looking for 1 person for Dec polar party. Mile run started today. News coverage, be on the lookout. Up and coming: donuts/donate/drivethrough event (figuring out dates Dec 12 maybe). Food drive fundraiser (will talk to Andy Brown). Volunteers found for picking up from feed my people. Brenda – find out highest item need for polar party entrance to help stock. 500 pounds of food/hygiene items picked up in Sept (2 pickups). Lia can come up with list of high need items, depends on what they get from FMP. Possibly highlight needs in newsletter.
     2. Membership Committee Update - Nicole: 28 so far, a few more have come in. Memberships down for the year, looking to boost awareness and enrollment. Table will be setup during conferences.
     3. Family Teacher Conferences / Staff Appreciation Meal: 10/12/23 - pot luck meal, need more volunteers for setup/cleanup. Lots of snacks donated for snack cart.
     4. Fundraiser - Restaurant Fundraisers

• Past:

* + - * 1. DQ – (September $108.10; October $still being tallied)
        2. Panda – (September $160.23 pending) **TOTAL**: $268.33 (estimated)

• Upcoming:

▪ DQ Pinehurst: Tuesday, November 7, 4pm-9pm ▪ Fazoli’s: November 1-30th (all month / voucher needed) – digital code available

-▪ See Appendix A for full list.

* + 1. Fundraiser - Scrip Program Update – Ashley: Sept: $40ish – averaging 40ish/month. A couple new sign ups. Will have QR code at table during conferences. Ashley will be working on videos to help with enrollment.
    2. Fundraiser - Concessions Update - Ashley: struggling to fill shifts. NHS/student council kids, need an adult. Brenda: asking sports parents to volunteer? High school is doing this. Part of team requirement in future? Beg justin for support from kids parents.
    3. Other

• PTSA Account Balance / Compliance: local laws permit no more than 1 years budget to roll over yoy. We have a surplus. Need to stay in guidelines to make sure our charter is not at risk. What to do with money at hand? Send suggestions to n\*ptsa email. Request for proposal if staff asks for funds (adam) to make things similar. We’re losing money each year, maybe allocate funds to budget items. Need to figure out where to move the money and make use of it.

1. Adjourn

**2023-2024 Executive Board and General Meetings. Mark your calendar now!**

• **Meeting Dates:**

* + - * ~~Tuesday, August 08 – Executive Board Meeting~~
      * ~~Tuesday, September 12 – General Meeting~~
      * ~~Tuesday, October 10 – Executive Board Meeting~~
      * Tuesday, January 09 – Executive Board Meeting
      * Tuesday, February 13 – Executive Board Meeting
      * Tuesday, April 09 – General Meeting
      * Tuesday, May 14 – General/Executive Board Meeting & End of Year Celebration

✓ **Meeting Reminders:**

* + - * All meetings are open to everyone! All meeting times are at 6:30 p.m.
      * Executive Board Meetings are held in the staff lounge.
      * General Meetings are held in the Commons.

✓ **Your attendance is important!** We have many new items being voted on throughout this school year; and need enough members at each meeting in order to call those votes. If you are unable to attend, please call or email:

* + - * Misty Schmidt (Call or Text: 602-576-6237 or email at NorthstarPTSA@gmail.com)
      * Ashley Sinette (Call or Text: 715-338-5242 or email at NorthstarPTSA@gmail.com)

*The mission of the Northstar Middle School PTSA is to be advocates for our children and their safety, to model the core values of the Eau Claire community and schools, and to enhance our children’s education by building partnerships between school, families, students, and community. We do this with the support of our National and State PTA.*

**October 2023 • Agenda Addendum A**

**Restaurant Fundraisers 2023-2024**

* **November 2023** 
  + Tuesday, November 7, **DQ** **Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
  + November 1-30th (**all month**), **Fazoli’s**, (*must present a Northstar paper or digital voucher when ordering; or enter special code if ordering online.*)

* **December 2023** 
  + Tuesday, December 5, **DQ** **Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
  + Thursday, December 14, **Panera**, 4pm-8pm,

* **January 2024** 
  + Tuesday, January 2, **DQ** **Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
  + Tuesday, January 16, **Panda** **Express**, 10:30am-9pm

* **February 2024** 
  + Tuesday, February 6, **DQ** **Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
  + Tuesday, February 20, **Panera**, 4pm-8pm

* **March 2024** 
  + Tuesday, March 5, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
  + Tuesday, March 19, **Burrachos**, 4pm-8pm

* **April 2024** 
  + Tuesday, April 2, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm

* **May 2024** 
  + Tuesday, May 7, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm • **More details coming soon!**

* **June 2024** 
  + **More details coming soon!**