



NorthStar Middle School  
PTSA Executive Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
6:30 pm, Commons

Attendance: Andy Berg, Brenda Xiong, Michelle Olson, Ashley Sinette, Leah Waldie, Cindy Swing, Malissa Dahlstrom, Adam Keeton, Julia Setwyn, Nicole Hoernke

**Meeting Minutes:**

1. Welcome and General Announcements (Ashley Sinette)

- a. Thank you received for mini grant given for Native American week.

2. Student Representatives Comments:

- a. Student Council will sponsor the final Polar Party of the year on Friday, April 26. We greatly appreciate the parents that volunteer their time to chaperone the Polar Parties this year. Throughout the year Student Council has stuffed mailboxes with surprise treats, including candy bars and microwave popcorn. Staff Appreciation will be in May, and we will honor our staff throughout the week with a treat. We will conclude the year with a thank you luncheon for active Student Council members. The date has yet to be determined.

3. Secretary's Report (Nicole Hoernke)

- a. Posted to Northstar website; no changes needed. Motion to approve: Michelle Olson, seconded by Cindy Swing.

4. Treasurer's Report (Malissa Dahlstrom) – Budget/Actual was reviewed.

- a. Concessions have done well.
- b. Received \$106 from Burrachos for restaurant fundraisers (reported next month).
- c. Motion to approve: Brenda Xiong, seconded by Michelle Olson.

5. Principal's Comments (Adam Keeton)

- a. This Thursday is the Golden Apple Banquet – Andrew Holle is Northstars recipient.
- b. New Recycling Program is growing – Kids are involved in grade-level challenges and will be starting a battery recycling program as well.
- c. Attendance is holding steady.
- d. Clubs/Activities – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter started last week and numbers are up.
- e. All School Assembly was held last Friday to kick off 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Lots of enthusiasm for the event.
- f. Forward exams are this week.
- g. Retirements – 3 this year (Johanna Peterson, Tim Camlek, Jennifer Schilling)

6. Teacher Representatives Comments:

- a. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Michelle Olson)
  - Currently in the middle of Forward testing. Reminder to help students be successful by being well-rested, eat breakfast and fully charge devices.
  - Sixth grade staff are beginning discussions for the last week for the last week of school.
  - Sixth grade staff would like feedback from families if there is anything they should do differently this fall as students transition to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- b. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Brenda Xiong)
  - Students did a great job today with Forward testing.

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending Career Venture during the morning of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Career Venture is a fieldtrip which highlights career and training opportunities within the West Central Wisconsin area. Exhibitors provide hands-on and interactive activities for youth to help educate them on career opportunities within the Chippewa Valley.
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be watching a movie at Micon Theaters in Chippewa Falls and return to Northstar in the afternoon to participate in several different activities.
- c. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Meg Linder)
- No report.

7. Old Business:

- a. Open Committee Positions (Leah) – Looking for a leader for Concessions. Discussion was held relating to holding concessions at event next year. Idea is to limit to 4 larger events (track meet, cross country meet, wrestling match and forensics event) and forgo other sporting events due to lack of individuals able to work events at that time of the day they are held.

8. New Business:

- a. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities (Leah)
- Q4 concessions – need volunteers for track and field meet
  - Track and Field meet – April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Mile Run (May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:15am-11:05am) – need 1 volunteer
- b. Nominations for Spring Election (Ashley)
- President - ?
  - Vice President – Ashley Sinette is willing to finish her 2<sup>nd</sup> year term as VP in 2024-2025.
  - Treasurer – Malissa Dahlstrom nominated Julia Setwyn for Treasurer for a 2-year term starting in 2024-2025. Julia accepted. Motion to approve: Melissa Dahlstrom, seconded by Cindy Swing.
- c. Restaurant Fundraisers (Ashley / Leah)
- Past
    - February – DQ = \$147.39 and Burrachos = \$106
    - March – DQ = \$126.73 and Panera = \$106.70
    - April – Culvers – TBD
  - Upcoming
    - April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Olson’s (EC), 3pm-9pm
    - May 7<sup>th</sup> – DQ Pinehurst, 4pm-9pm
- d. Important Dates (Ashley / Leah)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration – June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - EOY Class Field Trips – June 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Staff Appreciation Week – May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

9. Family Advisory Committee (FAC) Report (Jessica Schinke, Brook Berg & Kari Zarecki) – No report.

10. Other:

- a. Brenda Xiong proposed to use the \$600 included in the budget for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum trip that they did not use and add it to the \$250 in the budget for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade end of the year field trip in order to reduce the total cost outlay for 7<sup>th</sup> grade families. Motion to approve: Brenda Xiong, seconded by Cindy Swing.
- b. Discussion took place regarding PTSA versus PTO. Ashley Sinette will research differences and report back in May meeting.

11. Adjourn

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

- ~~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

### Notes / 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 to call those votes. If you are unable to attend, please call or email:**

- Ashley Sinette (Call or Text: 715-338-5242 or email at [NorthstarPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:NorthstarPTSA@gmail.com))

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