



NorthStar Middle School
PTSA Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
6:30 pm, Staff Lounge

Attendance: Andy Berg, Brenda Xiong, Michelle Olson, Ashley Sinette, Leah Waldie, Cindy Swing, Malissa Dahlstrom, Kari Zarecki, Meg Linder, Nicole Hoernke

Meeting Minutes:

1. Welcome and General Announcements (Ashley Sinette)

- a. Thank you received from battle of the Books for t-shirts.

2. Secretary's Report (Nicole Hoernke)

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

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

- a. Approximately \$400 earned from wrestling
- b. 7th Grade Curriculum Trip – no trip yet/no play this year
- c. Motion to approve: Brenda Xiong, seconded by Cindy Swing.

4. Principal's Comments

- a. Justin P. event last night was amazing. Next weeks event is online bullying and March will be online relations.
- b. Forward exams will be in April.
- c. Golden Apple Award went to Mr. Holley (6th Grade social studies teacher).

5. Student Representatives Comments:

- a. Our next Polar Party is on February 16th. We continue using these events to earn money to use for donations to benefit NorthStar's students. This Polar Party's proceeds will go to the Power of Perception (POP). They provide mentoring opportunities for our students of color. We are happy to donate to the new branch of POP at Northstar. We stuffed Northstar staff's mailboxes in January with M&M's and enjoyed Lounge Wear Day, which was all the adults' favorite dress up day! We also wrote on cards to give them to bus drivers during Bus Driver Appreciation week this week. Our next Student Council meeting is scheduled for March 6th.

6. Old Business:

- a. Open Committees (Ashley) – Andy B. is heading up Teacher Appreciation Week.

7. New Business:

- a. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities (Leah):
 - April Polar Party
 - Mile Run in May
 - 8th Grade Celebration – June 4th
- b. Concessions at Forensics – could use a few more helpers. We will be getting pizza brought in.
- c. Membership Updates (Nicole) – no changes.
- d. Scrip Program Update (Ashley) – no updates.

- e. Upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers (Ashley) – Panera is February 20th, DQ in March, Burrachos is March 19th, Olsons Ice Cream is April 23rd.
- f. Family Teacher Conference/Staff Appreciation Meal 2/29 – could use donations and desserts. Ordering Toppers pizza.

8. Teacher Comments

- a. 6th Grade (Michelle Olson)
 - Many 6th graders are in after-school clubs and sports which is great to see.
 - Check is your 6th grader needs pencils or other supplies.
 - Reminder to bring charger and cord to school and/or charge laptop nightly.
- b. 7th Grade (Brenda Xiong)
 - Students registered for their 8th grade classes in January.
 - Looking forward to meeting with families for conferences on February 29th, also encourage families to reach out to teachers anytime there is a question or concern.
- c. 8th Grade (Meg Linder)
 - 8th graders could use more pencils at school.
 - Planning for WI Dells class trip is underway.
 - Forward testing is in April.
 - There are lots of 8th graders in clubs and sports after school.

9. Family Advisory Committee (FAC) Report (Kari Zarecki)

- a. Information was given on additional money needed for an additional referendum in the fall.
- b. There is a need for support for functionality of schools (everyday expenses and teacher salaries)
- c. Need for additional space for students
- d. Need to inform people of these basic needs in schools.

10. 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)

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.



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**September 2023 • Agenda Addendum A
Restaurant Fundraisers 2023-2024**

➤ **September 2023**

- Tuesday, September 5, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
- Tuesday, September 19, **Panda Express**, 10:30am-9pm (*Includes online pick-up & in-person orders*)

➤ **October 2023**

- Tuesday, October 3, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm

➤ **November 2023**

- Tuesday, November 7, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
- November 1-30th (all month), **Fazoli's**, (*must present a Northstar voucher when ordering*)

➤ **December 2023**

- Tuesday, December 5, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
- Thursday, December 14, **Panera**, 4pm-8pm (*must say you're from Northstar @ checkout*)

➤ **January 2024**

- Tuesday, January 2, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm (*falls over winter break*)
- Tuesday, January 16, **Panda Express**, 10:30am-9pm (*Includes online pick-up & in-person orders*)

➤ **February 2024**

- Tuesday, February 6, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
- Tuesday, February 20, **Panera**, 4pm-8pm (*must say you're from Northstar @ checkout*)

➤ **March 2024**

- Tuesday, March 5, **DQ Pinehurst**, 4pm-9pm
- Tuesday, March 19, **Burrachos**, 4pm-8pm (*must say you're from Northstar @ checkout*)

➤ **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!**