



NorthStar Middle School
PTSA Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:30 pm, Staff Lounge

Attendance: Andy Berg, Brenda Xiong, Michelle Olson, Ashley Sinette, Adam Keeton, Leah Waldie, Cindy Swing, Nicole Hoernke, Amelia Rohlik (student rep)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Welcome/Introductions/General Announcements (Ashley Sinette)
 - a. Ashley is new President for the remainder of the year (term is done at the end of this year)
 - b. No vice president currently
2. Secretary's Report (Nicole Hoernke)
 - a. September and October 2023 meeting minutes will be posted to Northstar website after this meeting and review and approval of the October 2023 meeting minutes will take place at the February meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report/Proposed Budget Review – None. We will look at next month.
4. Principal's Comments/Welcome (Adam Keeton)
 - a. Northstar attendance is at 93%. Target is 95% (total excused and unexcused absences count – truancy is at 10 days absent).
 - b. Behavior at Northstar is ok – 87% of students have 1 or less major incident.
 - c. 5th grade preview night is next Tuesday.
 - d. 8th grade went to visit North High School this week.
 - e. 6th and 7th grade registration will be in the next couple of weeks.
 - f. Projected enrollment is at 545 for the year.
 - g. End of the semester is January 19th.
 - h. E-squared recognition – fun ways for teachers to nominate students for something to recognize good behavior.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Open Committees (Ashley) – Vice President, President (for next school year – 2-year term, Treasurer, Concessions (try to get one staff member volunteer for each concession day) & Staff Appreciation
 - b. Scrip Sales and Season of Giving (Ashley) – Scrip sales are going ok and up some from last year. Need to spread the word for more to use. Season of giving went well.
6. New Business:
 - a. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities (Leah):
 - Wrestling meet 2/8 – need 3 volunteers
 - Forensics 2/22 from 3-8pm – need 10-12 volunteers (try to get students from North HS)
 - Staff appreciation in May
 - Polar Party 2/16 – could use a few more volunteers
 - Annual Food Drive 2/24 9-noon (National Junior Honor Society to help)
 - b. Concessions – Wrestling meet and Forensics help needed
 - c. Membership Updates (Nicole) – we currently have 31 members
 - d. Scrip Program Update (Ashley) – good but could promote more again.

- e. Upcoming Restaurant Fundraisers (Ashley) – Fazoli’s (haven’t received check yet), Panda Express is up next in January and DQ, Panera, Burrachos and Culvers all in the coming months.
- f. Family Teacher Conference/Staff Appreciation Meal 2/29 – need volunteers.

7. Teacher Comments

- a. 6th Grade (Michelle Olson)
 - Looking forward to PT conferences
 - Looking forward to taking 6th graders to Pablo (partially funded by PTSA).
- b. 7th Grade (Brenda Xiong)
 - Appreciate the added support at home from families to encourage their Polar to check Skyward and Canvas for missing work.
 - During science classes this month, students will be getting information about and registering for 8th grade classes on the 19th.
 - Encourage your Polar to charge their device and do weekly/monthly updates on their laptops.
- c. 8th Grade (Meg Linder)
 - Thanks you to the PTSA for the Guthrie Trip.
 - Registration for 9th grade classes was this week for our 8th graders.

8. Student Representatives Comments (Amelia Rohlik)

- On November 10th student council members held signs up outside of Northstar saying “thank you” to our Veteran’s for their service.
- In December, students participated in the Donut and Donate event to help raise funds for the Season of Giving.
- Student Council sponsored a Polar Party in December and were able to donate \$250 to the Season of Giving event. During the Polar Party students participated in swimming, karaoke, dancing, board games, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and enjoyed a hot chocolate bar and snacks. The next Polar Party is February 16th.
- Student Council greatly appreciates the staff and parents that help chaperone these events. They couldn’t do it without their support.

9. Family Advisory Committee (FAC) Report – Ashley Sinette read a summary of some email correspondence from FAC members

- Meetings have not been productive.
- The last meeting was not worth their time and discussions haven’t been about what should be discussed at the meetings.
- Many topics of the recent meetings haven’t been relevant (most about elementary advanced classes).

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!**