

St. Charles North High School
255 Red Gate Road
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ST. CHARLES NORTH PTO MINUTES
March 2, 2016

In Attendance:

Ellen Salyards, Co-President
Jane Harland, Co-President
Steph Porteous, Vice-President
Marisol Acevedo, Co-Treasurer
Jenny Montgomery, Secretary
Cole Hickerson, Student Council Rep
Tom Mullally, Boosters
Kim Klebe
Cathy Kruger
Laura Thomas
Audra Christenson, SCN Principal

Meeting commenced by Co-Presidents at 7:00pm

Today's quote to start the meeting:

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. Mark Twain

- Secretary's report by Jenny Montgomery:
Amend and submit last month's meeting minutes. Minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report by Marisol Acevedo: Financial statements were distributed and reviewed. St. Charles North PTO is finalizing their transition from one bank to another. Discussion was had regarding the Staff grant and how to proceed. We will review as a board and move forward as appropriate. Before the end of the school year, Marisol will meet with Laura Thomas to help with the treasury transition. Our gratitude for all Marisol does is huge. Thanks Marisol.
- Student Council report by Cole Hickerson: The winter dance was cancelled. Discussion and dialogue took place regarding how to improve the dance for next year to get a good amount of participants. Some ideas were to have a cross river dance or back to a "turn about". Mr. SCN takes place on March 24th. It is organized by the junior class. PTO co-president, Jane Harland plans to attend the student council meeting on March 16th. She will discuss the upcoming community event Cougars' game.

- * Co-President's Report: **Save the Date** for Wednesday, June 1st, 2016 for an all-star event at Cougars stadium. PTO is sponsoring an exciting event which will include the whole of North Star community. SCN PTO is getting an outside source to help with the revision of our scholarship application and process. The PTO plans to ask this outside source to be the Chairperson of the scholarship process. We will put a blurb in the Polaris and on the website regarding this scholarship.

- Principals Report by Audra Christenson: HOPE presentation took place yesterday and was very inspiring and successful. Project Dance had over 400 attendees. It was a great success. There will be no school on March 4th. Both Student Council's from North and East will provide breakfast for all the staff. It will also be an opportunity for a food drive from the staff. Pizza with the Principal has continued and is going well.

- Vice-President's report by Stephanie Porteous. The Potbelly fundraiser was a success which almost hit the \$300 mark. Stephanie will set up another one at the end of March corresponding with music programs held at North. Thanks Steph.

- DPTO report. There were two main speakers at last month's DPTO. Jennifer Mursu representing D303 early childhood program and Mark Moore, Executive Director of Human Resources at D303 discussing the hiring/firing process.

- New Business/Looking ahead: The SCN PTO is hoping to expand their social media presence. St. Charles North parent Karen Smith is volunteering to help up move forward. Kathy Kruger is in charge of ACT testing and getting volunteers to supply food/water and to help on the day of the test. Cathy has gotten sign-up genius going to get volunteers. Thanks to both these volunteers.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm