

## Northside PTA Meeting November 24, 2025

7:07pm Called to order and stand for Pledge

**President Report- Faith Dermody & Barbara Buckley** - Welcome message

**Principal Report- Given by Principle Mrs. Case**

- Halloween Parade was a success.
- Kindergarten pumpkin patch was a success
- Book Ninja night was on 11/20. 500 books were hidden in Levittown for students to find.
- A new parent/child book club will be starting. More information to follow.
- SEPTA will be giving Northside a sensory hallway.
- No school on 12/5. Half day on 12/6 for parent/teacher conferences.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP-** Kristen Ghisone- PTA currently has 202 members.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Corrine Molinet-** Miss Chocolate pie fundraiser was distributed on 11/24. Holiday wrapping fundraiser items will be going home with students on 12/2.

**4<sup>th</sup> VP- Ms. Cambria & Mrs. Atchison** -We would like to thank the PTA for the many events that took place this past month. The kids loved the Halloween party. They had to much fun dancing with the DJ and playing the games. PARP last week was also a success. The assemblies were very entertaining. Looking ahead there will be a lot of December spirit days coming up so look out for those notices or Parent Square.

**Treasurer- Natalia Martin** – Current bank balance \$42,430.86

**Recording Secretary- Allison Colby** – No corrections to last meeting. Minutes stand as written.

**Delegate Report** – Please see report attached

**Family Fun** – The annual Halloween party was a success. Thank you to all of the volunteers that made the day so much fun for the students. Everyone had a great time.

**Cultural Arts-** Held 2 assemblies (a magic show and one on being kind) Please let Barbara know any feedback your child has about the assemblies.

**Transportation-** Aids were offered additional money to be bus aids.

**SEPTA** –Held a Family Fun night on 11/21. SEPTA is currently running a pasta fundraiser. Please follow Levittown Septa on Instagram.

**Curriculum-** Please see plan on Levittown Website under BOE.

**PARP- Harry** Potter theme PARP week took place November 17th to the 21st. All of the students and staff seemed to enjoy the assemblies, guest readers, decorations, dress-up days and contests. The poster contest winners (1 per grade) will be receiving art kits and their poster enlarged and displayed. The challenge winners (4 will grade) will win gift bags filled with Harry Potter themed prizes and a gift card. Thank you all for a great week!

**Box Tops-** \$97

**Book Fair-** The PTA book fair will be held in February. Night shopping will also be offered. Additional info to follow.

**Reflections-** This year's theme is " I Belong" Due on 12/1. Please reach out to Cristina Hennelly or Giuseppina Stigler with any questions.

**Spirit Wear-** was delivered.

**Giving Tree-** Flyers will be going home this week. All toys are donated to the John Theissen Foundation.

**Honorary Life-** Information will be sent home soon.

**Holiday Boutique-** The holiday boutique will be held on 12/11 & 12/12. Flyer and budget envelope will be sent home. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Christina Porcelli

**Student Council-** meeting tomorrow 11/25 at 8:30am

**High School Liaison-** DAHS is having a candy gram fundraiser

**By-Laws-** Motion by Faith Dermody that the PTA renew the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Ginny Silvestro. All are in favor and none are opposed, motion passes.

**New Business-** Motion by Faith Dermody that the PTA use funds for ordering Cup Chain link fence decorations for the school. The motion was seconded by Cristina Hennelly. All are in favor and none are opposed, motion passes.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:28pm**

## **Delegate Report:**

The meeting was held on November 15th.

### Officer Reports

- First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary had no reports.

### Treasurer's Report:

Finances are stable and unchanged since the last report.

General Fund opened and closed at \$9,219.30.

Senior Award Fund opened and closed at \$18,536.41.

CD Account remained at \$9,063.90.

### Administrative Reports

Mr. Winch shared several updates:

First, congratulations to Mr. Costello, who was inducted into the Nassau County Athletics Hall of Fame!

Tomorrow is Professional Development Day, so there will be no school for students.

Dr. Ziropiannis has officially been named Deputy Superintendent.

The shelter in place and early dismissal drills were held this month; students were dismissed 10 minutes early.

There are ongoing discussions with the Board of Education about enhancing district security. While no decisions are expected for several months, this remains a priority.

Starting December 2, the Sandy Hook Promise Anonymous Reporting System will be available—online, through the app, and by phone—monitored 24/7.

Highlighted the career exploration program that continues to show great success.

For the first time ever, they hosted an NCAA Information Night—a new event for families and students interested in college athletics.

They strongly encouraged everyone to participate in upcoming holiday food drives and community service efforts.

And finally, Mr. Winch wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

### Committee Reports

SEPTA shared the following:

The next meeting was November 17, featuring Dorothy Daniels presenting on navigating the EWCD process.

Family Fun Night will be held on November 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Pasta Fundraiser runs through December.

There is a push to increase student memberships.

Standing committees—Audit, Budget, Curriculum, Equity and Education, Legislation, and Procedures—had no new reports.

#### Liaison Reports

Food Service – Janine reported:

The first food service meeting took place on October 15.

Cafeterias are running smoothly after early-year delays, and the high school lunch count has increased from 500 to 700 meals daily.

This month, Discovery Kitchen will launch in all schools, allowing students to sample and vote on new foods.

Reducing food waste remains a major focus, particularly in elementary schools.

A Halal option—grilled cheese—is now available daily. There is also discussion about adding a vegan grilled cheese to better support dietary needs and allergies.

Parents are encouraged to contact their principal or PTA president with any food service concerns.

#### Transportation Report:

There is still a shortage of bus drivers and aides—only 16 aides, while they normally have 35. Please share any openings with potential applicants.

#### Reflections Program:

- Theme: “I Belong”

The next meeting will be on January 5th.

