



## PTSA BOARD MEETING - AGENDA

October 17, 2011

Call to Order – Edana Peacock

### **Secretary's Report** – Molly Hegenderfer

Meeting minutes from the September 19, 2011 General Meeting were approved as printed. Alison Flash moved to approve Minutes as printed. Motion seconded by Taneka Ogden. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Sarah Herr & Taneka Ogden

Reconciliation does not reflect any of the wrapping paper deposits. Those will show up on October.

We have a Pay Pal account now available for payments to PTSA and Newcastle ASB. Monthly budget review presented. Specifics are on budget review documents.

Newcastle Elementary PTSA, Monthly Budget Review  
7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012, YTD October 16, 2011

#### Income:

1. Class of 2019 has a net income \$478.61 (\$1,038.00 – \$ 559.39).
2. Directory Sales is \$2,500 which is below budget by \$1,500.
3. Wrapping Paper Sale proceeds collected and deposited is \$19,341.
4. Business Membership is over budget by \$25.
5. Donated Staff Membership is over budget by \$114. Have collected enough funds to pay for all Newcastle staff.
6. Family and Individual PTSA Memberships collected and deposited is \$4,935 which covers membership for 375 members.

#### Expenses:

1. Paid district \$14,000 for EA time.
2. Paid out \$4,030.57 in Funding Requests approved at September meeting.
  - a. \$156.18 Cover sub cost for librarian to attend WLMA conference
  - b. \$3,624.39 U-Shaped Tables for Literacy Support
  - c. \$250.00 2nd Grade Science Toy Workshop
3. Paid \$4,620 for Science Enrichment.

### **Principal's Report** – Marla Newton

This month's character trait is responsibility. You will see that in our monthly newsletter and will be reinforced in the class rooms and throughout school activities.

November 17, training from Emily Hart for the teachers, district Thinking Skills.

### **Teachers' Report** – Kristen Thomas & Kelly Goddard

Listening stations would be a great asset to the book room.

### **Site Council Report** – Kim Plowman

First meeting was on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Community report from Richard Crispo, City Councilman.

- People are canvassing the neighborhoods, Council suggested having a conversation with your kiddos keep them safe and to secure your homes during the day. City of Newcastle is trying to become more user friendly when it comes to getting things done through the city. Library is behind schedule.
- Portable is scheduled to be here by the start of December. Book room will be on one side and Lions club will be on the other side.
- Jake Cooper and Sarah Negowski from the District presented the new Bond that will be on the ballot in the spring.

### **Teacher/Staff in the Spotlight** – First Grade, Katie Tinnea, Sarah McKenzie, Melissa Canedy

- Pie Night coming, donuts with Dads coming soon. Rotations are coming, health, 100 days of school.
- Currently getting trained on the new reading curriculum, attended their first training day on the new science curriculum last week.
- Read across America week is coming in Feb.
- Thanks to PTSA for Luncheon, Kidney reading tables will be a huge help with Literacy teaching. Tumble books are hugely helpful. Grade level allotments are so greatly appreciated. Hoping that the tradition of popcorn while they watch the Charlotte's web movie will continue.
- Things 1<sup>st</sup> grade team would like to see continue: class room and grade level allotments, brain pop, tumble books, field trips, caring through sharing is great. Mary Art is so fabulous as well as the Art Decent program.

### **Guest Speaker** - Susan Gierke – Director, VOICE Mentor Program [VOICEMENTORprogram.org](http://VOICEMENTORprogram.org)

The program is looking for a larger presence in Newcastle. Program is designed to help those students that need a little extra help. Currently working with 250 students matched with all 23 schools with the commitment of one hour per week, matched one on one with the student. Spread the word in your neighborhood, High school kids mentoring elementary schoolers, retirees, working from home professionals. This is so helpful for other families that don't have other resources. Skill building, playing games, listening. Mentor can work as an advocate for the kids for testing and special needs. Newcastle has the kids we just need the mentors to make the commitment and help out. Confidentiality is key to this program. Program is designed to offer consistency for the kids. December 1<sup>st</sup>, is a coffee for more information, details available on website.

### **Presentation of Written Reports**

None at this time

### **Oral Reports from Active Committees**

- **Community Liaison** – John Jensen

Diamond Awards presented on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Please nominate or please come. This Saturday Oct 22, invited the election candidates to speak at Golf Course, McKenna, Dun, Ferguson, Inslee. Kids are welcome. This will be a civil discussion opportunity, no head to head debate. In the interest of security, John reminded us that anyone selling things door to door in Newcastle should have a permit, don't hesitate to call 911!

- **Legislative** – Kim Plowman

Thanks to Marnie Maraldo, for attending the Legislative Assembly. Delegates adjusted our two year platform, though nothing changes until the following two year plan.

- **ISF** – Eileen Rubenstein

All in for Kids, just donate \$5 to \$600. Focused on online registration next date is 10/28<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation would love to know, how much donations by school, phone calling dates are 11/ 16,17,19<sup>th</sup>.

- **VIS** – Edana Peacock

Up for vote on the April 17<sup>th</sup> ballot will be a \$219,000,000 Bond. Bonds are for buildings, Levies are for learning. The voters must pass this bond with a 60% super majority. With the new bond our taxes will actually go down. Maywood and Liberty would receive over \$44M directly. PTSA is asking that we would advocate to pass this bond. Talk to parents and get them registered to vote. PTSA can't push any politics but we can endorse. Several of our teachers have already arranged to have direct deposit from their paychecks to help fund ISF and VIS. (Huge thank you from PTSA.)

- **Parent Ed** – Elizabeth Ury & Kris Blik

Jan Faull is our guest speaker this month. "Making the most of the middle years", seminar Tuesday 10/18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm. Establishing relationships with our kids, and foster the communication over the years. Open to the district.

- **Membership** – Julie Monetti

Currently registration is at 435 members. This includes community, staff, individual/family parents, business, currently putting us at 80%.

- **Art Docent** – Heidi Furman & Rachel Handsman

All classes are covered with the thanks for several mothers that are covering multiple classes. Salmon are done and city scape is going in the kiln end of this week.

- **Reflections** – Jahna Smith & Chris Longfellow

Due November 4<sup>th</sup>. Diversity

- **Student Banking** – Michele Maresh

Happening twice a month on Thursdays.

- **Geography Family Event/Geo Bee** – Stina Fleugge

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are participating in a geography bee. Event is Friday Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Evans, Magician Magic around the world. Scavenger hunt, sponge language group will her.

- **Fall Costume Carnival** – Wendy Thomas

Come and dress up 10/28<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

- **Innisbrook** – Meri Hartman & Michelle Riley

Orders continue to trickle in, \$26,572, 257 students participated. All payment is due on Thursday, still needing \$187. Delivery will happen in the first week of November. Big thank you goes out to the community for all your hard work.

- **Book Fair** – Lissa Wax

The Scholastic Book Fair to be held same week of conferences, 11/28/11. Plan is in place and need volunteers. Mrs. Thomas requested a list of the books that will be available so that teachers might make recommendations for their grade levels.

- **Directory Ad Sales** – Leanne Cole

Currently at 14 ads for a total \$4,125, we reached our goal!

- **Food Drive** – Kara Beal/Allison Flash

November 1-18. Food going to Issaquah food bank each Friday. Will share a list of foods that the food bank wants and doesn't want. Bulletin board is already posted. List is on the food banks web sites.

- **Polar Express** – Terri Catalani

This year we are revamping the program. Karen Herring Nurse for the district will collect information from the Issaquah food bank. Families will have to apply to the food bank and then we will get the requests. Try to get a registry with Target. More specifics to come as we get closer. Question asked, Can we get Innisbrook to donate some wrapping papers for the requirements of the program?

- **Kinder Connect** – Allison Flash

Tapatio dinner, 100 people are coming this next Sunday, 10/23<sup>rd</sup> 4-7pm.

### **Presentation of Committee Plan of Actions (POAs)**

Motion to accept submitted POA from Polar Express and Bulletin Board committee.

**Motion: “I move to approve the plan of action reports submitted as presented tonight,” by, Kim Plowman. Motion seconded by Georgia Forchuk. Motion passed.**

### **Special Funding Requests**

Funding request from Ann Coxon, for protective eye wear for the experiments that are part of SAGE class time. Total required for these \$100.67.

**Motion: “I move to approve this special funding request for protective eye wear in the amount of \$100.67,” by Kim Plowman. Motion seconded by Meri Hartman. Motion passed.**

Funding request. Movie Studio HD, Mariel Hanna, MJ Keller, Kelly Goddard, \$314.75. Benefits entire school, Video production club, all auction video, performance videos update to the software that we already use. Paying for 5 copies of software update to be installed on 4 video production computers as well as the musical editor’s computer.

**Motion: “I move to approve this special funding request for software update of Movie Studio HD in the amount of \$314.75,” by Kim Plowman. Motion seconded by Alison Flash. Motion passed.**

### **Announcements** – Kim Plowman

Grand Ridge Auction Volunteers – sign-up sheet, we have a commitment from help staff their auction (Sat Feb 11 2012 @ Hilton garden inn in Issaquah) and in return they will provide parent volunteers for our Mar 2013 auction.

Website – Please register on PTSA website, yourself and your contact information. Enter information about your children, so we know who you are connected to.

Open Chair positions

- Legislative Liaison
- Volunteers of Issaquah Schools (VIS) Liaison
- SUB
- Corporate Matching
- Gift-A-Book Laura Berry needs a parent to help out with everything
- Yearbook Sales

### **Upcoming Events**

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Parent Ed - Love & Logic Seminar, 7pm

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Hearing and Vision Screening

October 28<sup>th</sup> – Fall Costume Carnival, 6–8pm

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Next PTSA Meeting, 7pm

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Molly Hegenderfer, Newcastle Elementary PTSA Secretary