

PTSA BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

November 21, 2011

Call to Order – Edana Peacock

Secretary's Report – Molly Hegenderfer

Meeting minutes from the October 17, 2011 General Meeting were approved as printed.

Motion: "I move to approve Minutes as printed," by Rachel Handsman. Motion seconded by Cindy Buono. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Herr & Taneka Ogden

Budget summary is broken out now to match our budget that was approved in spring 2011.

Income:

1. Gift-A-Book to-date income is \$500.00. (\$2140)
2. Class of 2019 net income this year of \$1,580.61 (\$2,140.00- \$559.39)
3. Wrapping Paper Sales to-date gross income is \$22,014.00.

Expenses:

1. Wrapping paper expense to-date is \$13,027.17 (\$12,623.70 to Innisbrook and \$403.47 for prizes).
Wrapping Paper net Income to-date is \$8,986.83.
2. Paid out an additional \$393.54 in funding requests that were approved at last month's board meeting:
 - a. \$78.79 for science goggles, which was under the \$100 that was approved to be spent.
 - b. \$314.75 for video software for the video production club.
This brings the total funding requests expenditure year-to-date to \$4,424.11.
3. Costume Carnival expense to-date is \$646.53

Principal's Report – Marla Newton

Kindness is the character trait for this month and through the end of the year. Portable is nearly ready for book room set up and Lions Club to occupy.

Report cards will be out on the 23rd. Conferences will be the next week following Thanksgiving break.

One 2nd grade class had some strong opinions regarding the food drive. They shared these in a letter to PTA stating their concern about the competition between the "huskies" and the "cougars" and that didn't support our character trait during the month. PTSA will respond to the class.

Teacher's Report – Kristen Thomas & Kelly Goddard

This is the time of year to love your teachers and be generous with them, because they are getting ready for conferences and report cards. There is a lot on their plates. Video club has just started to use the software that PTSA funded.

Site Council Report – Edana Peacock

- City hall is now in new office space, there is a survey coming out from the city about parks.
- Can't use the lower lot for overflow parking because of the portable.
- South end schools will host after school care during the breaks.
- Please be aware that there are some children getting dropped off before the 9:00 hour as well as there are some guys that are not getting picked up until 4:23.

Presentation of Written Reports

None this month

Oral Reports from Active Committees

- **Community Liaison** – John Jensen
- **ISF** -- Eileen Rubenstein fundraising now over, raised over \$307K in pledges. Will also help fund the Literacy Initiative for the district.
- **VIS** – Edana Peacock will talk more about this in January regarding the bond that is coming up in spring.
- **Parent Ed** -- Elizabeth Ury & Kris Blik Over 30 people attended the Jan Faull guest speaker event. Very pleased with the turn out. Hand outs are available, if you email Elizabeth she will get them to us. Next up, they would like to look at computers and technology in a means to keep our kids safe; anyone with suggestions please share.
- **Art Docent** – Heidi Furman & Rachel Handsman, masks are almost done, and a new 4th grade glass project that is coming in the next couple days.
- **Membership** – Julie Monetti, if you know someone who hasn't joined invite them to!
- **Reflections** -- Jahna Smith & Chris Longfellow, 9 projects from Newcastle are going on to district in, photography, visual arts, and literature. There seems to be 30 to 50 % less participation this year. It is suspected that this is due to all the rules. Ms. Hanna suggested that communication to the teacher will help drum up the participation.
- **Book Fair** – Lissa Wax, Set up this morning, previews for the classrooms will be in the next couple of days. Teachers who wanted a list for recommendations there was not a list available. Opening Monday AM and will run through the week. The book selection is very impressive this year. Teachers will be able to make notes that they would recommend for the grades. All purchases from the book fair support the library.
- **Polar Express** – Terri Catalani, Newcastle has 8 adopted families with 30 people. Creating tags right now, and online through the Newcastle school web site and finally at target 'lists'. Asking for healthy snacks too. December 9th is the final date that gifts are due to school. Gift Cards will be fabulous, Safeway or target.
- **Food Drive** – Kara Beal/Allison Flash, 3200 items collected during the drive.
- **Geography Bee/Family Night** (4th & 5th Grade) – Stina Fleugge, Tentative date for the geography bee will be mid-January. At this time the committee is looking for volunteers to staff the event.
- **2013 Auction Update** – Georgia Forchuk, March 9, 16, or 23rd for the Auction in 2013. The team is coming together, now have an online auction manager, school class art projects are filled. Really needing a procurement volunteer, this is a full year volunteer position and will be supervising 7-10 others. Auctioneer recommendations; this is one of the first items that needs to be secured. Next will be the venue. Jeff Stokes, April Brown and John Curley. Fees include an M/C as well. Georgia provided a very detailed review of the three auctioneers. Discussion surrounding the pros and cons of each potential auctioneer. Need board approval to go with the recommendation of April Brown as determined from Georgia's review of each candidate.

Motion: "I move that we accept Georgia's recommendation to use April Brown as the auctioneer for the March 2013 auction and secure her for our event," by Rachel Handsman Motion seconded by Lani Pederson.

Motion passed.

Special Funding Requests

4 and 5th grade teachers for \$549.50 for 20 digital scales for science experiments. New scales are not detailed enough and have no unit of measurement to support the science experiments. These must be very precise. Each teacher has purchased one themselves and they are sharing among the classrooms. These scales would be used by all the other grades to help extend their teaching. It is possible that the district would go back to the company to ask them to replace the scales. We do have money for science so we could use that budget amount.

Motion: “I move that PTSA fund the request as stated to purchase 20 digital scales \$549.50,” by Cindy Buono. Motion seconded by Monique Bloch. Motion passed.

Mis-Placed Funding Request; Muriel Hannah introduced a funding request for stop watches. 5th grade teachers are in need of stop watches to track velocity and use with their force and motion unit. She will track this down and make the request at our next meeting in January.

Kristen Thomas opened the discussion about how to secure the additional funding set aside for science as the teachers work through the new science kits moving forward. She expressed some concern that there will be other items that are not up to speed. Board discussion at this time will be that we will take each as they come and turn our findings back on the district to supplement that additional funding.

Website – Please register we have about 415 of our 430 students registered. This is how we get the information about the school out to the community.

Nominating Committee Volunteer Slate (Nominations) We have 2 on our committee at this point, Shauna Cour and Erin Ford. We would like to have 5 on the committee and they need to be voted on in January.

Grand Ridge Auction – need volunteers (2/11/12); They will be helping out at our auction in the future 5-10:30 on the 11th of February.

Announcements – Edana Peacock

- Open Chair positions
 - Legislative Liaison
 - Volunteers of Issaquah Schools (VIS) Liaison
 - Corporate Matching
 - Yearbook Sales (Begins in Feb.)
- Gift a book through 11/23
- Ziplock donation is ending

Upcoming Events

November 23rd – Gift-A-Book Campaign Ends
November 24th & 25th – No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
November 28th – Ziploc Baggie Recycling Promo Ends
November 28th – December 2nd - Fall Scholastic Book Fair
November 30th & December 1st - No School – Elementary Conferences
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2 – First Winter Break – No School
January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
January 30th – Next PTSA General Meeting – 7pm – Newcastle Golf Course, Woolly Toad

Next meeting January will be held at the Woolly Toad, we will be voting in our nominating committee and will be discussing the Bond. Discussion of a large special request for a mobile computer lab for Newcastle.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Molly Hegenderfer, Newcastle Elementary PTSA Secretary