

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



PTSA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved

January 26, 2015

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – JuliAnne Diesch

Secretary's Report – Eileen Rubenstein

- Comment: Please modify Auction date to March 14th, 2015
- "I move to approve the January General Meeting minutes as presented and amended," by Laura Berry, seconded by Michelle Riley. Motion approved.

Principal's Report – Rich Mellish

- Survey – 1/3 of families responded.
- Grade specific testing is ongoing.
- This spring 2015 through spring 2016 will be a math curriculum adaption determination (common core aligned and depth of knowledge is desired)
- In meanwhile, district will continue to support teachers to help fill "holes" in Everyday math as it pertains to common core... Rich and teachers are meeting in workshops to further develop lessons pertaining to common core.

Teachers' Report – Laura Berry & Kristin Cakarnis

- Gift-a-book statistics – 171 new books purchased, 163 books participated. Process will be streamlined further next year.
- Laura Meserole – provided calming strategies for kids.

Oral Reports from Active Committees:

Volunteers - Allison Sweeney

- Next Staff appreciation Luncheon - February 10th. Luncheon will be hosted by 2nd and 3rd graders.

ParentED – Danielle Dixon and Stina Fluegge

- Linda Morgan will be speaking about Resiliency February 26th 7:00-7:45, The Commons

Membership – Rae Miller

- Rae Miller is working to determine Newcastle Elementary PTSA membership numbers (goal is 100%)

Art Docent – Chris Longfellow and Stefanie Williamson

- Art Projects are going smoothly. Great job!

Winter Family Night – Yvette Blauvelt and Stacy Tribble

- Winter Family Night is scheduled for Feb 5th. Dance theme party & Reflections art and Classroom art project will be previewed.
- Allison Sweeney will send volunteer spot sign-up tomorrow. Please let Allison know if you would like to sign up to help set up or clean up!

Kinder Connect - Samantha Chong and Huyen Sewell

- Next Family night: Wed April 29th at “The Rock” Pizza.

Coffee Talk with Rich Mellish – Mary McGuire Brown

- Numbers back up to 25 for attendance - Great success! Last meeting was predominately about Run/Fight/Hide. Rich did a great job presenting not only the training being taught, but also how Newcastle was planning and preparing. Rich also provided suggestions on what we, as parents, might like to discuss with our children.

Auction 2015 – Elysa Piha and Luisa Gass

- Currently, 69 guests registered. \$75 per person until 2/9. Then price increases. Raffle will be sold as well – Raffle is open for family members and community as well (grandparents, friends, doctors, etc)
- More wine is needed- Allison S is hosting “operation wine drop” on 1/30 for people to drop off wine for donation.
- Winter online auction (2/2 – 2/9) – will be for front row seats at Newcastle events (including 5th grade promotion), spa day, stay-cation at The Bellevue Club, etc.
- NEED Sparkling wine sponsor – pricing is around \$1500 - \$2000; however, price may be negotiable.
- Need volunteers for set up on day of.
- Need Night lead – looking both for someone local as well as perhaps someone from a different school. Then these ladies will reciprocate
- Holiday auction made was over \$5000
- On more auction will be in March 2- 9 is when the teacher experiences are offered. All teacher experiences are offered only online this time (none of these will be the night of).

Community Information

- Legislative Liaison - Denelle Wolff
 - PTSA Olympia Meeting: Denelle attended meeting in Olympia and had opportunity to speak with leaders from 3 districts.
 - Talking about building a new elementary school near elementary school. District has approval; however, king county is not approving because it is not adhering to development rules (urban development lines). Leaders are reaching out to state leaders to work to get this approved.
- ISF – Evelyn James
 - Nourish every mind
 - Luncheon Thursday, May 14th 11AM - Issaquah Community Center
- Breakfast Wednesday, May 20th 2015 - Eastridge Church Issaquah, 7-8:45
- Newcastle receives – SAGE, national board certification scholarships for teachers, Merlin, Voice mentor-ship, ukulele, Macinvia, professional development, balls for gym.

Presentation of Committee Plans of Action (POA)/Motion to accept submitted POA

5th Grade fundraising – Edana Peacock and Kathy Keegan

- Presented “Committee plan of action and Budget proposal form for 5th grade fundraising”
 - New Fundraising idea - Fundraising “Clothes for a Cause” collecting Textiles – 3 week program
 - See “Clothes for the Cause” attachment
 - Everything is taken – Any clothing, shoes, towels, quilts, throw rugs, table cloths, curtains, backpacks/bags, stuffed animals, purses, belts, gloves, hats
 - Reusable items will go to the needed
 - Ruined items will be re-purposed
- “I move to approve the 5th Grade Fundraising Committee Plan of Action as presented,” by Elysa Piha and seconded by Danielle Dixon. Motion approved.

Business

Special Funding Requests:

- Special Funding Request: Professional Conference - Seth Miller
 - “Special Funding Request Form for Sub-costs for Conference” was presented.
 - “I move to approve the Special Funding Request Form for Sub-costs for Conference as presented,” by Danielle Dixon and seconded by Michelle Riley. Motion approved.
- Special funding request: Toyman Workshop – Tonya Johnson - Toyman Workshop
 - Presented “Special Funding Request: Toyman workshop”.
 - Price increased this year – After Special funding is approved, the cost for the Toyman would translate to about \$10.00 per student. Newcastle supports Caring through Sharing to provide funding for parents who cannot afford. In this case, \$10 would need to be provided for each student who needs the scholarship funding.
 - Edana Peacock motioned an amendment – should bring the total funding to a value (around \$75)) ensure the cost is \$10 per person.
 - “I move to approve the Special Funding Request: Toyman Workshop as presented and amended,” by Denelle Wolff and seconded by Danielle Dixon. Motion is approved with addendum.
 - Rich will work with JuliAnne to determine information needed in order to discuss providing a guideline by which special funding is provided for field trips.
- Special Funding Request: GLAD - Mariel Laughlin
 - Presented “Special Funding Request: GLAD”
 - GLAD materials – Guided Language acquisition Design is a bundle of teacher strategies that are now being used by several teachers. (E.g. helps to see pictures on a map to cement new learning and concepts). Need funding for ink in order to print for teachers. Printed items are re-used year over year.
 - “I move to approve the Special Funding Request: GLAD as presented,” by Angela Oster and seconded by Michelle Riley. Motion approved.
 - Team should consider adding GLAD to the regularly budgeted line items. (Perhaps could be part of common core support)

Elect Co-secretary

- “I motion to nominate Therese Kosar as the Co-secretary,” by Eileen Rubenstein and seconded by Michelle Riley. Motion approved.

Nominating committee

- Elect Nominating Committee (3 members and 2 alternates)
 - Committee members: Danielle Wolf, Evelyn James and Katie Blechman. Leyann Cole is alternate. THANK YOU!!!!
- “I motion to nominate the team listed as the Nominating Committee,” by Chris Longfellow and seconded by Stina Fluegge. Motioned approved.

Golden Acorn Committee – Chris Longfellow & Meri Hartman

- Mary Hartman and Chris Longfellow are meeting with Michelle Riley and Georgia Forchuk to determine responsibilities.
- Recommended to have 3 people on committee.
- Winners will be announced on Auction Night.
- Please verify district deadlines. Check with Laura Derwin.
- Need to announce in Cub news.

Announcements - JuliAnne Diesch

- January 26th - February 6th: Stanford Testing (1st, 2nd, and 5th Grades)
- February 12th - Kindergarten Parent Orientation for Fall 2015
- March 11th, 10:00AAM - electronic lottery for Full-Day Kindergarten placement
- March 14th, 5:30 PM - *Inspire Greatness* Auction, Westin Bellevue

Adjournment

- “I motion to Adjourn this PTSA General Meeting,” by Therese Kosar and seconded by Chris Longfellow. Motion approved.