**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**January 29, 6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Newcastle Elementary Library**

**Attendees:**

Trisha Marshall (President), Tod Wood (Principal), Nami Kusunose (Staff), Nicole Anderson (VP Outreach), Mary Vickers (VP Volunteers) Mary McGuire Brown (Treasurer), Tammy Chin (VP Outreach), Allison Sweeney (VP Volunteers), Rebecca Nguyen (Secretary), Marcia O’Donoghue (VP Ways and Means)

**Minutes taken by Trisha Marshall**

**Call to Order –** Trisha Marshall called to order at 6:36pm

**Review and Approval of Sept. 25 meeting minutes** – Ali Bligh motioned for approval, Mary Vickers seconded; all approved

Vote on Nominating Committee was approved by Nicole Anderson and seconded. The motion was approved with no obstentions.

Dr. Wood spoke about a meeting where the 5th grade teachers went to Maywood to sit in on classes to better understand the transition to middle school.

Mary Brown asked Dr. Wood about the survey through ISD about missing school dates due to snow.

The Science Expo will need to change dates due to the parent visit at Maywood. It will most likely be postponed until May.

Volunteers are needed for Cougar Ridge and IVE auction; chairing next years auction and committees for next years auction.

**2020 Renewal Levy Discussion –** Jake Kuper (ISD CFO), Marnie Maraldo (ISD School Board) – Jake provided factual information re: the renewal levy; Marnie represented Volunteers in Issaquah Schools (VIS) and lobbied for levy approval and endorsement – it’s important that people get out and vote because a minimum number of voters are needed along with the minimum percentage to pass

**Financial Update/Special Funding Request** – Kristen Thomas, Mary Brown

* We have $1331 left in special funding; bank statements have been reviewed and are good with 2 small issues that have been resolved
* Kristen Thomas (1st grade teacher) – Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hooke requesting funding ($558) to attend a 1-day dyslexia workshop; currently there are no real resources in the school to address dyslexia; Dr. Wood will pay for subs; there are funds in the building funds for teacher ed, but right now Tod is utilizing those for building-wide opportunities; Ali Bligh moves for 2 people to attend at $558, Nicole Anderson seconded – all approved with no abstentions

**VOICE Program Update –** Heidi Kahler

* Heidi presented information and background on the VOICE program and how it operates in the district

**Vote on Levy Endorsement –** Trisha Marshall

* Allison Sweeney moved that the PTSA endorse the levy voted on in Feb. 11, 2020; Mary Vickers seconded; all approved with abstentions

**Principal’s Update –** Tod Wood

* Tod used part of his principal allotment last year towards meals for staff when they came to a training this summer for professional learning communities and he thanked the PTSA for helping make that happen
* Mission: Ensure every child at Newcastle learns at high levels

**For the Good of the Order –** Trisha Marshall

**Adjourn –** Trisha Marshall adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm

**General Membership Meeting Dates (All meetings 6:30-7:30pm in Library)**

* January 29, 2020
* April 29, 2020
* June 10, 2020

**Upcoming and Key Dates:**

11/22: Coffee Talk with Dr. Wood

11/25-26: Vision and Hearing Screening

11/28-29: Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

12/4 -5: School Conferences – No School

12/13: PTSA Board Meeting

12/23-1/3: First Winter Break – No School