

**Newcastle Elementary PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019, 6:30-7:30pm in Newcastle Elementary Library**

Members in Attendance: Sursesh Chahal, Alex Stoklas, Courtney Holmes, Huan Wang, Christina Hanson, Jennifer Goltz, Pam Calvo, Jansan Tgiong, Jamie Xu, Yvonne Yang, Kathy Noblat, Mary McGuire Brown, Tammy Chin, Mary Vickers, Allison Sweeney, Christina Lee, Lauren Mack, Prabina Dahal, Pushkar Pant, Angela Ursino, Sooyoung Hwang, Rebecca Nguyen, Dr. Tod Wood, Trisha Marshall, Nami Kusunose

**Call to order- Trisha Marshall**

- I. Review and vote on PTSA Mission and Goals
  - a. Trisha Marshall reviewed the 2019/2020 PTSA Mission and Goals
  - b. Allison Sweeney made a motion to approve the mission and goals; Mary Brown seconded the motion; Mission and Goals were unanimously approved with no abstentions.
- II. Review and vote on PTSA 2019/2020 Standing Rules
  - a. Trisha Marshall reviewed the proposed changes to the Standing Rules
  - b. Allison Sweeney made a motion to approve the revised Standing Rules; Tammy Chin seconded the motion; Standing Rules were unanimously approved with no abstentions.
  - c. Mission and Goals as well as Standing Rules can be found on the [Newcastle PTSA website](#).

**2019/2020 PTSA Budget Approval- Mary Brown**

- I. Mary Brown, Co-Treasurer, provided a high-level review of the proposed budget
  - a. Mary discussed that in the spring the board did a preliminary change on the budget. We need to use \$13,000 for the ASAP math budget which now needs to be funded by the PTSA instead of ISF. We are also 6K short on our budget for the playground. We added new programs such as robotics.
  - b. We started the year with \$212,000.
- II. Tammy Chin made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 budget; Kathy Noblat seconded the motion; budget was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

**Executive Board Voting- Trisha Marshall**

- I. Trisha Marshall introduced the slate of nominees – for Secretary, Elysa Piha and Rebecca Nguyen; for Co-VP Ways and Means, Marcia O'Donoghue
  - a. Allison Sweeney made a motion to approve the slate as presented; Kathy Noblat seconded the motion; the slate was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

- II. Trisha Marshall proposed adding Rebecca Nguyen as a check signer on the PTSA account. Mary Vickers made a motion to approve; Allison Sweeney seconded the motion; Rebecca Nguyen was approved as a check signer unanimously with no abstentions.

**Principal Update-** Tod Wood

Dr. Wood discussed the conference he attended with staff that emphasized greater efficacy in all our programs and teachers being more data driven. The goal of the conference was to view all children with the capability of learning at high levels and help them to reach their individual potentials.

- a. ASAP can now change now that it isn't ISFs program and PTSA is now funding it. It can be more individualized to the students it serves.
- b. The Playground project was discussed- The playground is moving forward and will have a rubberized play surface. It is being leveled. In a couple weeks it will have the new equipment and then rubberized surface.

**Teacher Update –** Kathy Noblat and Nami Kusonose

Nami introduced the Tuesday Game Room at recess and asked that membership consider volunteering to help it run.

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

Trisha opened the floor to members for discussion. A suggestion was made to provide some parent education for those new to the school district and especially for those new to the US school system. Dr. Wood asked the requester to contact him directly to discuss the need. Trisha Marshall invited all membership to provide her and Dr. Wood with ideas for Parent Education topics. Angela Ursino explained the background of the ParentWiser program and encouraged membership to look for events.

**Trisha Marshall adjourned the meeting**

**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:**

10/4: Coffee Talk with Dr. Wood

10/14: No School – Teacher Work Day

10/16: Kindergarten Mom’s Night Out at Vino’s at the Landing:

10/16-10/30: Food Drive

10/18: Costume Carnival and Spooky Spaghetti

10/22: Crocktober Staff Lunch

11/5: Picture Retake Day

11/11: No School – Veteran’s Day

11/22: Coffee Talk with Dr. Wood

11/25-26: Vision and Hearing Screening