

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle PTSA Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 27, 2024
Newcastle Elementary School Library
5p

In attendance: Sangeeta, Mindy, Shellie, Fiorella, Danielle, Alice, Stephanie, Nicole, Katie, Kathryn, Alicia
Start - 5.10pm

Topics

Dr. Wood Update - Shellie and Mindy meeting with Dr,Wood every month so they can get updates and Dr Wood not attend every PTSA meeting
Playworks - Waiting for board approval, we cannot hire until the money is allocated.
Classroom move is all done. Art nook is all cleaned out and moved to portable as well.

President Update

- a) "Get to Know" PTSA on communications platforms
 - a. Send BIOs to President email - All board members send a BIO, blurb about family and why did you join the board to the president email.
- b) CMY on first day/Leo - Card my Yard is reserved. Johanna will be Leo the lion, will be there for day 1.
- c) Everyone join PTSA? - All board members have joined
- d) Reach out to volunteers - There is a delay in getting volunteer applications approved, we have sent a priority list to ISD
- e) Training – PTA Leaders, almost everyone has completed the training, rest to be done by 09/01.
- f) Popsicles for meet the Teacher - Table will be setup right outside lunchroom. The board will help folks join the PTSA but not actually sign them up. We will have QR codes and how-to fliers.
- g) All board members who need Canva access will get it.
- h) Curriculum Night Table Help - one slide from Board to talk about PTSA, including QR code to help join
- i) Teacher allotment changes - Not all allotments were used, so might need to change it. Current allotment is \$500 per class. Proposal is to do \$400 per class and use the rest towards grants.

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Volunteer Update

- a) Do we have any openings? - A lot of positions still to be filled, especially chair positions. If we don't get these positions filled, we may have to cancel those programs. Lion Art needs volunteers and docents from each grade to function.
- b) First two weeks of school - 27 people signed up but only 6 folks have signed up for actual positions. Only 2 out of those 6 are approved to volunteer yet. Help needed for drop off, lunch, and greeters in the evening to help kids get off. Alice to email the list of approved volunteers to request them to sign up.

Ways and Means Update

- a) Spirit Wear/Teachers & Staff Links - Link ready to go, closing 9/20.
- b) Mariners Game – Sept 28, 6:40p. Tickets will be \$28, 100 tickets
- c) Dine out events being scheduled. MOD scheduled. Reached out to Frosty Barrel, yet to hear back. Will reach out to Coalman.
- d) Auction Update - Jessica Burnham working with A&E events. There will be a flier about the fb page to be brought to curriculum night.
- e) Other fundraising opps - Wonder Math, etc. To be tabled for now. Will be looked into later.

Programs Update

- a) Lion Art
- b) Chess and Robotics clubs are set
- c) Popcorn will be once a month. First Friday of each month.
- d) Dates decided for all the events
 - a. Movie nights - Nov, Dec and Jan. License has been renewed.
 - b. Auction - March
 - c. No events in Sept, Feb
 - d. Fall festival - Do it in school this year, make it a family potluck, decorate their own table, trick or treat at the bus loop. 10/25 6-8pm

Outreach Update

- e) Kinder Connect - happening on 08/31.
- f) President to get the new families list from Pam and forward it to Stephanie. Welcome packet to be sent to them.
- g) Not going to do principal talks/Coffee with the principal this year.

Treasurer Update

- h) All Check signers
- i) Katie, Fiorella and Kathryn to review last year's budget and sign off.

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- j) Needs a deep dive on scholastic line items in the budget - it is currently negative but we did make money off the book fair.
- k) Update 2024-2025 budget with missing events like multicultural night, spring fling, fall festival, STEM night.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Wednesday, August 28	Meet the Teacher, Popsicles on the Playground
Thursday, August 29	First Day 1-5 grades
Wednesday, September 4	First Day Kindergarten
Tuesday, September 10	Curriculum Night