



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 5:30-6:30p
Newcastle Elementary Library

Attendance: Mindy, Katie, Sangeeta, Danielle, Stephanie, Alicia, Kathryn, Fiorella, Dr. Wood, Ms. Thomas, Jill Binks
Guest: Shelly Ward ISD, Ms. Trowbridge, Ms. Butler
Called to order: 5:35pm

1) Dr. Wood Update

School won a state reward - 1:16 schools to receive recognition - 23-24 Growth English Learning and Low Income Students. Will receive a banner to hang in school.

Guests: Shelly Ward MTS District Specialist, Ms. Trombridge, Ms. Butler

Topic: Safe, Kind, Responsible

Dr. Wood - Given recent events happening within the school district, discussed the importance of providing support to students, privacy rights, structure and emphasis to make sure the students feel safe in our schools.

Shelly Ward - Discussed how the school district provides Tiered Support - Academic, Attendance, Behavior, Social-Emotional

ISD Foundation for All: Behavior & Social/Emotional - Second Step Program, Lion Code, Safety on playground, Data.

Foundation Check: Use data across systems for support for schools.

Recent 4th/5th Grade Survey - asked "I Feel Safe at School": 84% agreed, 16% did not

Key is to determine behind the behavior - to avoid happening again

Key Considerations: Content, Motivation, Underlying Need

Additional Support - understanding specific needs for students and helping students to not report.

Possible Consequences - will review based on laws, content, individual student, action.

Discussed how it is difficult to do "If, then" seniors since each situation can have individual context.

Importance of Family Support - PTSA can support families by directing them to Dr. Wood, Mrs. Trowbridge.

Stephanie commented the PTSA parent volunteers are likely not the audience that needs to hear/understand. Proposed guidelines are shared with parents so they understand how things will be handled.

Claire agreed our site could use some updates, with new law changes in the works, updates are being made.

Importance of understanding expectations. Basic information. Where families can go to help/understand situations.

Incident questions should be addressed with school leadership.

Discussion of staffing needs - Butler commented more adult supervision, more paras, could be helpful.

School board - advocates for school needs. School funding is being cut with new laws.

3) Teacher Representative - Kristen Thomas

4) President Update

a. Golden Acorn Winners - Nicole Danley & Kelsey White - celebrations

b. Grant Request - Jill Binks - 5th Grade - expanding flexible seating to give students improved focus, academic performance. \$262 for adjustable seating. Total teacher grants \$10,000 - earmarked - spent \$5,000 to date. Board Voted to approve \$262 to purchase adjustable seating for Ms. Binks adjustable seating. Voted passed.

Ms. Branda- Requested \$323 to purchase round stools, plastic bar stools, and a variety of places to work to approve academic achievement. Board voted to approve \$323 for additional flexible seating. Vote approved.

Kussuba -Requested \$3,000 with tax to purchase something similar to the library couch. Long lasting, willing to start with one piece and build. Discussion was held regarding the amount, other options. Board voted on the total amount. Denied. Board Voted to approval for \$550 to purchase 1 piece - approved.

Kinder team (3 classes) - replenish Kinder supplies - construction paper, take home folders, etc. Reading, writing and take home folders, Mr Sketch markers, stickers. 2025-2026 school year. Requesting \$560 for 4 kinder classes. Board Voted to approve \$560. Passed. Discussed adding line item for budget in next year and for the green folders to have it stay with the students year over year. "Stay Roarrganized"

c. Budget Committee/End of Year Financial Review - our school is more self sustained to cover our costs, for now. Given demographics are changing, looking forward may not have auction similar to how they have been in the past.

D. Room Rep - emails sent out

3) Volunteer Update

a. Gourminis Food Truck - June 25th - drinks, chips, sandwich, dessert

b. Teacher Appreciation Week - successfully received food, flowers bouquet well received, Spring Fling sign ups coming up

Volunteer Gifts - being sent out this month

4) Ways & Means Update

a. Pedalheads - bicycle camp for the summer, sign up using QR code and portion of proceeds will go to Newcastle.

5) Programs Update

a. Multicultural Night - May 16th 6-8PM - This Friday

d. Spring Fling - June 23rd - sent out survey to students, will have Blitz, similar to same as last year with field activities, craft table, face painting, tattoos,

Popcorn - every Friday thru end of the year

6) Outreach Update

a. Issaquah Clothing Drive - lost and found will be donated

b. May 12th-June 14th - Requesting gently used clothing for K-12 - drop off at ISD Admin building swift storage box

C. Kinder connect - need Kinder list from Pam for incoming Kinders (event to be held July 19th or July 26)

7) Secretary Update

a. Yearbook- Final Design Submitted - April 11th - 30 remaining of 360 SOLD - already takes out teacher yearbooks

b. Directory - done - out - no issues with students not receiving one

8) Treasurer Update

a. Check Requests Submitted by June - reimbursement checks deposits before end of June

Final auction net \$69k - will need to review budget and determine budget cuts

Income year: \$78k income (not including passthru); \$62k expenses - \$102k budget expenses - dipping into reserves by \$32k - \$167k current reserves; Current year fundraising goal: \$2,000 (funding goal not including auction including dine outs, Ms game)- \$3,700 raised to date



Calendar of Events:

May	May
Wednesday, May 14th: PTSA General Membership Meeting	Wednesday, June 11th - General Membership Meeting - PTSA Board Candidates will be voted on.
Friday, May 16th - Multicultural Family Night	Thursday, June 12th - School Board Meeting

Monday, May 26th - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day	Sunday, June 15th - Father's Day
Thursday, May 29th - School Board Meeting	Thursday, June 19th - NO SCHOOL - Juneteenth
	Monday, June 23rd - SPRING FLING
	Tuesday, June 24th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Full Day of School)
	Wednesday, June 25th - Staff Appreciation Luncheon - Gourminis Food Truck (non preparation)