



Newcastle Elementary PTSA General Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 6:30-7:30p

Newcastle Elementary Library

Attendees – Katie, Sangeeta, Kathryn, Paul, Danielle, Fiorella, Ms. Thomas, Mindy, Dr. Wood, Jill Binks, Alicia, Stephanie, Alice Kim, Nicole, Melissa Federhar

Call to Order – 6.43pm

1) Nomination Committee - Present Nomination for the 2025/2026 PTSA Board • Vote in New Board Members

Election of 2025/2026 Executive Board

President – Fiorella Tapiarene/ 1 position open

VP of volunteers – Stephanie Shujman

VP of Outreach – Lynnyetta Keller and Jill Binks

VP of Program – 2 positions open

Secretary – Katie Green/Sangeeta Iyer

VP of Ways and Means – Alicia Singh and Melissa Federhar

Treasurer -- Paul Graves and Chai Dasari

Melissa Federhar, co-chair of nominating committee, read aloud the report of the committee and announced that all candidates meet the requirements of the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws:

The signed report was handed to President Mindy Niehaus, and the committee was thanked for its work. President Niehaus re-read the proposed slate of officers. President Niehaus asked for nominations from the floor for president, VP of volunteers, VP of Outreach, VP of Program, secretary, VP of Ways and Means and treasurer, in turn. There were no additional nominations, and the president declared the nominations closed. Nominees were elected by voice vote in accordance with WSPTA Bylaws Article 5 Section 6B.

2) Principal End-of-Year Review

- a. Liberty High Schill Senior Walk through happened June 11, for the first time. Successful event. Goal is to try to maintain this event in the years ahead.
- b. Staffing Updates – Dr. Wood will send an update on this shortly. Added a new Kindergarten section and hired a new teacher. 2nd grade – Ms. Farmer will leave, and Ms. Vanourek will be back. 4th grade – Mr. Bland is moving. Emily Beckford will be back instead.
- c. Ms. Martin is leaving. We are looking for music and PE overload positions. ISD will handle that.
- d. Need more volunteers for spring fling

2) Teacher Representative

- a. No major updates, moving to end of year.

3) President Update

- a. Gourminis Food Truck - June 18th –
- b. Yearbooks - Monday, June 16th @ 12:00 PM – They are in. Labeling and sorting on 6/16. Potentially sell extra year books on Wed/Fri.
- c. School Toolbox - 126 sold, 177 was sold last year in comparison. Will come in over summer.
- d. Open Board Position for 2025/2026 – Looking into creating 1 President and 1 VP position.
- e. Get check requests in.
- f. Angel program is tapping out – less donors, more students needing assistance.

5) Activities Update

- **Volunteers** – . Volunteer Appreciation – Dropped volunteer appreciation gifts off at the office. Teachers will put them in student's box.
- b. Incoming Kindergarten families will not do EVP so need other ways to reach out to those families to sign up for PTSA.
- **Ways and Means** – Planning for a Walkathon in fall, readathon in spring -idea for 2025-2026

- **Program** – No new updates

- **Outreach** – No new updates

6) Treasure Update - Budget Committee – income is \$87K. Expenses - \$70K. 144K\$ in bank reserves. Financial Audit to be scheduled in summer before the next school year starts.

7) Secretary Update - No new updates

Appendix

Full Nominating Committee Handbook and other resources

- Find it at www.wastatepta.org
- Go to PTA Leaders, then Leader Resources, then Leadership Guides
- Username: PTALeader Password: Advocate