

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 5:30-6:30p
Newcastle Elementary Library

Meeting called to order: 5:33pm

In attendance: Katie, Nicole, Danielle, Mindy, Dr. Wood, Mrs. Thomas, Stephanie, Alicea, Lynetta, Fio, Kathryn, Sangeeta

1) Dr. Wood Update

Discussed Bond Update for ISD - proposed updates from the District: reduced from the first - 63% less funding requested, focused on safety and space for the new high school. Also looking at contingent plans if the second bond doesn't pass. Ex. reconfigure grade levels at the HS, Middle and Elementary (ie. HS 10-12, MS 7-9, ES K-6)
Tues - Jan 21st - Funding Our School Forum - 6-7pm @ Cougar Mountain Middle School - Hosted by Heather Superintendent
Or 23rd - 7-8:30 @ ISD Admin Building
Voting day will be Feb. 11th

2) President Update

- a. Housekeeping - Teacher Rep Mrs. Thomas
 - a. Auction - extra recess - Mrs. Thomas indicated the teachers are not aware which classes had rewards. Clarification of classes that were not awarded, another opportunity at the live auction
 - b. Ellen Lubbers - Feb 3rd - Book Fair scheduled - 2 family night to reduce lines, 3 registers
- b. Grant Request - Author Visits - Ellie Peterson additional \$300 (Totaling \$600)
 - a. Ellie Peterson - February - half day \$900 plus assembly visit: \$1000. Vote was made for approval to up original grant request from \$1600 total to \$1900. All aye. Grant passed
- c. Membership Drive - 70% - Final count 321 Memberships - based on if at least 1 parent signed up (per student). Discussed technical issue with matching the names when the official ID does not match
 - a. 2 classes won the silly string, various won Leo the Lion visits- looking for volunteer to help chaperone
- d. Nominating Committee - Email names to President
 - a. Need 3 volunteers to be on the committee - Mindy sent email to Room Reps - end of January need to secure. Requirements: need to be non-board member.

3) Volunteer Update

Dec Cookie Exchange - so many cookies & lots of variety - Thank you!
Jan. 21st - Staff Appreciation Lunch - 4th/5th grades, Feb - and week of May 5 - dates TBD

4) Ways & Means Update

- a. Auction 2025 - waiting on finalization of online auction payments to determine final December fundraiser
Committee working on raise the paddle items for big auction items
Discussed what the auction raise the paddle will be used for - ideas painting the blacktop for activities, blacktop gravel area with sun covers with picnic tables
Ellie stepped down from Event Planning group - Alyson running by herself

B. Dine outs: Tapitao - raised \$700, Moms Night Out Jan. 15th upcoming (27 Mom's signed up), Jan 31st Chuck E Cheese dine out (Chuck will visit day of to wave at kids when they pass to promote the event)

5) Programs Update

- a. Movie Night - Jan. 24 - 4th/5th Grades, Feb will be 2nd/3rd, TK-1st Grade - rescheduled to March 14th
- b. Spring Events
 - Stem, Multicultural night, Spring Fling - working on updating calendar to send out sign up genius
 - Spring clubs: Lego club, Spanish
 - Lion Art - program is going well - scheduling is planned thru May - for classes that were skipped, up to Docent and Teacher if they rescheduled

6) Outreach Update

Coordination for the weather needs went well, powerpacks are being delivered by school district (30 every Friday)
Angel Program - Christmas Gifts delivered, nearly all items in Amazon wish list were provided. Question was raised if families are approached for additional assistance or up to them to reach out. Discussed based on teacher feedback or counselor feedback both are done. Could also use lightly used clothes donations any time of the year.

7) Secretary Update

- a. Yearbook Check-in - Katie Afman Yr. Book Chair - Cover is picked, 5th grade dedication pages - are not up for sale yet, will also be included for raise the paddle at the auction. Discussion was had around 5th grade dedication pages not being equitable, suggestions to pool 5th grade families in advance to determine size of the pages, vs limit to only a set number of students. Suggestions to reduce the costs, ie. soft cover vs hard cover. Stephanie volunteered to take on updating to be more fair. Cover photo - opportunity to resubmit. Discussed another idea to do published artwork/poem instead of 5th grade pages.
- b. Directory - Begin planning - Giveback only has current year listing so will use that and sibling listing to only provide 1 Directory per Family - Mindy to get current class listing

8) Treasurer Update

Profit and Loss and Balance sheet emailed to Board members - YTD \$19k income raised - budgeting \$140k

Meeting adjourned: 6:54pm

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