

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle PTSA Board Meeting
October 22, 2025
Newcastle Library
6pm-7pm

In attendance: Dr. Wood, Sangeeta, Katie, Jill Binks, Alicia Singh, Stephanie, Lynnyetta, Bindi

Call to order: 6.06pm

Approval of Minutes - September meeting minutes - Approved

Principal Report - Dr. Wood

- Fall festival was a great success, students and teachers enjoyed it.

Teacher Representative - Mrs. Thomas – Not in Attendance

Officers/Committee Reports

President

- Grant Requests - \$219 - Kinder Composition Notebooks for 100 TK/K students - Submitted by Katie Afman - all approved via chat on 9/19/25.
- Grants – Budgeted 8K\$ for the year, spend 3100\$ so far. Have 4.9K\$ left.
- Grants today
 - \$1007.50 Mrs.Beeck for Light Sensory table. LRC2 – supports students from KG to Grade 4. – **Approving \$557** of grant money towards this. Katie initiated the motion, all approved. The rest will come from teacher allotment.
 - \$1798 - KG team and Mrs.Miller – Toy maker workshop for all of KGs (80 students) – Discussion was had regarding prior year funding and cost to each student. We are **approving \$440** towards the toy maker workshop. Katie motioned, all approved. The rest of it, parents will pay.
 - \$190 Ms.Kassuba 5th grade make your own mixture for modeling magic science unit – Katie motioned, all approved.
- Open Board Positions
 - VP of Programs – Emily has resigned. So we have a vacancy. Nikita is moving back to India in Dec. so VP Volunteers will also be open too.
 - Secretary - co open
- Auction - Playground Improvements. Given lack of raise the paddle funding, blacktop and covering a portion of the playground is not an option. We still want to improve

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based on funds raised from auction that meet the needs for a covered space. Dr. Wood to check if we can get a private sponsor to help subsidize funding for covering the playground, with a plaque giving credit to the sponsor. Will work on painting improvements now.

- f) Nominating Committee - We need names for this committee, and they should be voted in during Dec 2025 general meeting.

Treasurer

- a) Monthly Financial Report. YTD income \$29K. YTD expenses \$29K. \$19k of expenses was to cover prior year expenses (Auction, yearbooks which were not paid before fiscal year end). We owe membership dues for Oct.
- b) Yearbook – We need to decide how much to sell 5th grade pages for. Each family gets ¼ page
- c) Membership drive to be done at the end of November/early Dec.

Volunteers

NA

Ways and Means

- a) Spirit Wear - Raised \$483 - provided nearly \$500 in new teacher donations
- b) Charleston Wrap Fundraiser – Raised - \$5.2K - fundraiser will go thru Dec. 8th but no longer able to receive prizes, but school still will get portion of sales.
- c) 5th Grade Camp – Brown Bear car wash sales raised \$4K for camp to reduce cost per student
- d) Newcastle Ice - Starting now ongoing until March 31, 2026. The school receives 25% of all sales during open skating. Team deciding on a school wide date in Jan/Feb.
- e) MOD Pizza - Dine out 11/6
- f) Upcoming Events: Drumroll wine and Island books at Mercer Island (Nov 16th).

Programs Update

- a) Fall Festival – Great attendance. 450-500 people in attendance. Costco messed up pizza orders, so next year maybe consider food trucks.
 - a. Total spend for event was 2000\$ and we raised 2000\$, so we broke even.
- b) Reflections – Got couple of art entries. We will do another room rep email push. Keep entry deadline open until Oct. 31st.

Outreach Update

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- a) Food drive – Will be delivered tomorrow.

Secretary

- a) Training - 2 board members still need to complete their training. The WA state PTA page is updating their training list, and existing resources have been moved to <https://www.wastatepta.org/pta-leaders/leader-resources/leadership-guides/>

Adjourned 7.20pm