



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 5:30-6:30p
Newcastle Elementary Library

Attendance: Katie, Mindy, Stephanie, Dr. Wood, Fio, Kathryn, Paul, Melissa Federhar, Ms. Thomas, Alicia

Call to Order: 5:38pm

1) Nominating Committee - Melissa Federhar, Sara Kuffel

Melissa attended and discussed timing for the nominating committee, emails will be sent to potential candidates about open positions for the 2025-2026 school year. Will need confirmations by the next General meeting (May 14th) in order to vote in new members.

2) Dr. Wood Update

- 1) Library leak - unknown source of leak, still looking into possible pipes over the break as the roof doesn't appear to have any gaps.
- 2) Playworks: Dr. Wood emphasized the importance of the PTSA funding as an investment in Playworks. Discussed role Alicia plays in facilitating with Junior coaches leading. Dr. Woods thought we have a good foundation and asked PTSA to prioritize funding, of which Claire Trobrige agrees.

3) Teacher Representative - Kristen Thomas

- 1) Discussed more on Playworks and involvement with teachers - weekly newsletter sent to all teachers to inform them of the games being played. Great program for all kids to participate. Also requested to keep it up year over year. Alicia commented on lots of growth and interest. Lower interest in 4th and 5th grades. 15-20 kids at any time are being involved - 2nd/3rd and TK-1st are heavy interest users. Music on Fridays is popular as is Floor is Lava, Flag Football. Junior Coaches - lots of 3rd grade helpers (less of 4th/5th).
- 2) Teacher Check request - must be deposited by the end of June - request to submit any request by June 6th.

4) President Update

- a. ISF Luncheon - Invite Friends - Board members requested to attend (event is free). Goal is to promote activities, raffle, invite friends to attend. School with the most reps. wins Blitz visit for free. Participation based on percentage of kids at school, not in total count.
- b. Board Positions - Transition Binders/Google Drive references - Good time to begin preparing for hand off of positions to new members. What was done in past year, timeline, etc. Will help ease next board member.

c. Yearbook - Angle Program - asking for 12 (per family) or 18 (for each child)
- Currently sold 267/360 - 30 set aside for staff. Kaley Mutter 18 kids requested for Angel program, 12 families. Discussed using other funds to buy yearbooks but discussed Angel funding is only allocated for Angel Program only.

d. School Toolbox - using same company as prior year. Still getting teacher requests (missing a few grades). Have school toolbox kits reserves, \$312 prior year vs CY funds.

e.. Grand Request

Noblat Request to reserve the Dizzy Bus for the TK students since they miss Spring Fling Event. Considered on campus, Field trip. Voted to approve \$425/1hr of rental. Grant request for Dizzy Bus. passed. Discussed adding as a recurring item on budget.

3) Volunteer Update

- 1) May 6th last Teacher lunch - TK-1st luncheon. Panera lunch expense is missing \$500 for teacher/staff appreciation. June 25th will host end of year lunch 12:15-1:45pm
- 2) Volunteer gifts - team will reach out to teachers for who volunteered for end of year gifts, Art Docents, Recess, Popcorn Fridays, Library, EVP Chairs, Book Fair, Power Packs and other Events.
- 3) Social Media - move responsibility over to Volunteers Program

4) Ways & Means Update

a. Auction 2025 - Update

\$119k in sales - less expenses - net \$80k. Initially projected \$150k budget. Will address end of year balances to determine next year's budget. Still have last chance online auction sales to come. Raising the paddle only raised \$8k - was to be used to fill in black top area on playground. Will look into lower cost items.

b. Mariners Game - April 26th @ 6:30PM - 45 of 200 SOLD

Send class email to promote. PTSA is only responsible for tickets sold.

5) Programs Update

a. Stem Night - Chair/Volunteers Needed - Robotics LHS, Family Display and sign ups day of

c. Multicultural Night - Date ___ May 16th 6-8pm - speaking with Dance company, Pinatas being donated - use candy from Fall Festival

d. Spring Fling - Date June 23rd (Monday) - Bounce house/slide reserved, will have lawn games, craft table, shaved ice.

E. Art Docent - Required to be a PTSA member present during lesson. Teacher can count.

6) Outreach Update

Kinder requirements by EOM. Kinder Chairs and spring donations for IMS Hygiene drive.

7) Secretary Update

- a. Yearbook- Final Design Due - April 11th - 267 of 360 SOLD
- b. Directory - put in teacher boxes 4.7.25 - distributed to oldest sibling for multiple students in same household, have a few extras (less than 20) in PTSA office if needed.

8) Treasurer Update - Distributed and reviewed budget to actuals report