

Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting

Wednesday Oct. 26th, 7pm.

In attendance: Dr. Wood, Bisa Meek, Danielle Colatosti, Ali Bligh, Allison Sweeney, Ellie Diaz, Janis Yu, Jennifer, Mary Vickers

Mary began the meeting at 7:05pm.

Janis gave the soup can to Ellie for her great work on the auction.

1) President Update

- A. Mary went over the parent survey results: activities parents wanted were robotics, lego, band, and running club
- B. Mary gave an update on the toymaker workshop and it was decided after some discussion that parents should pay for this in school field trip.
- C. Art supplies for teachers was discussed
- D. After school programs beginning was discussed
- E. A membership chair was found; we may have a membership drive

2) Auction update: Ellie Diaz

- a. Raise the Paddle: the idea of a readerboard and security update was discussed. After much discussion some board members felt we could still get a readerboard but it didn't need to be with the raise the paddle funds, and the raise the paddle should go to something that directly impacted the students and interests the parents. Having the raise the paddle be more generic was discussed so the funds could be dispersed.
The cost of the sign and security was discussed:
Readerboard sign: \$74,200 closer to the school it will have less limitations
Location of the signs was discussed, Dr. Wood felt the entrance to the bus loop would be a good location
\$25,000 security cameras:
Allison brought up that together these projects are more expensive than we had raised during raise the paddle beforehand.
- b. Dr. Wood needs to think about ideas that would benefit teachers and students and he will ask the teachers their opinions.

3) Dr. Wood Update

- a. Email from girl scouts who wants to do a drive for east side baby corner: We agreed this was fine because the drive was taking place at a different time than the food drive.

Mary- Membership numbers

Trisha Snyder requested two author visits

\$500 and \$400 Danielle motioned to approve, Bisa seconded the motion

Toy maker workshop. Telling Mrs. Pitingoro if it is a field trip parents can pay for it. If there is a need we can talk to Carla about getting funds.

Roya Williams has been extremely helpful with art

It was a suggestion that there was an art area for teachers \$1200-\$2400 for supplies: possibly bring this up during the membership meeting

Girls on the run budget and paying teachers for their time was discussed. Should we pay them from ptsa funds? There was district \$ available.

After School programs going great, leap for kidz sold out and added additional date

Spirit Wear Numbers

Fall Festival Diane Pruett is doing a great job, high schoolers are helping, no adult volunteers

Food donations, adult volunteer for traffic control,

Spelling bee could be at home

Yvette would like to phase herself out in Dec

As parents start getting involved they

Roya is getting her hours so most likely finishing in Dec

Popcorn Fridays starting soon we have a chair discuss with the nurse about allergies

Cultural night in Dec or Jan Bisa got a grant from the school district but we are not in need

Danielle is going to get bisa in contact with a face coordinator to help with cultural fair

Winter event

Outreach

New families

Rita and Danielle talking about a playdate in the park for new families

Danielle met with Face (family and community engagement)