



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting

Monday January 10, 1p-230p

Mary's House or Zoom

Attendees: Mary Vickers, Brooke Weller, Kelli Medak, Allison Sweeney, Bettina Vuong, Mei Atangan, Abigail Abu, Marcia O'Donoghue, Dr. Wood

Call to Order: 1:09pm

1) Principal Update

a. Information regarding ISD guidelines updated for COVID quarantine protocols. When someone tests positive, this is considered day zero. Five days of quarantine minimum. Day 6 students can return as long as they are symptom free. If symptoms remain on Day 6 then the student must wait 24hrs. Specialist teachers may be brought in to keep classrooms open. At this point, there is no remote/virtual plan in place. Benchmark for Covid infections leading to school closures and virtual school is unknown. Sign up for a student laptop in order to prepare for any closures. District will be emailing parents and teachers with further information.

2) President Update:

- a. Membership Drive: classroom rewards discussed for various percentages of PTA enrolments reached. The drive may be postponed until February when Covid infection numbers decrease.
- b. Yearbook - on track and moving forward with completion.
- c. 5th Grade Promotion- reaching out to fifth grade parents to find out what ideas they have.
- d. Switching dates for board/general meeting- General PTSA meeting moved from February 7th to February 28th at 7:00pm.

3) Volunteer Update

- a. Gaga Ball pit potential volunteers discussed.

4) Ways and Means Update

- a. Read-a-Thon Fundraiser-March 2022

b. Card My Yard made a donation in December and is willing to include the signs promotions throughout the year.

5) Programs Update

a. LionArt update- spring take-home art project details will be provided shortly.

6) Outreach Update

a. Gift barn/Food Drive- many donated items. The Angel Program was a big success. Food Drive will be postponed due to Covid but will occur February 12th.

7) Treasurer Update-none

8) Secretary Update

a. Two members still need to submit training information and have been notified.

b. Directory—virtual this year, will publish after membership drives in February.

Upcoming Important Dates

January 17th	No School—MLK
January 20th 7p	Parent Wisen—Confronting Stress, Anxiety & Depression
January 28th	No School—teacher work day
February 7th 1p	SCHEDULE CHANGE—PTSA Board Meeting
February 14th 1p	SCHEDULE CHANGE—PTSA General Meeting + Principal Chat
February 21st-25th	No School—Midwinter Break
February 28th	7:00pm General Membership Meeting