

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6p-7p
Newcastle Elementary Library

In attendance: Mary Vickers, Danielle Colatasti, Bisa Meek, Jen Choi, Janis Yu, Tod Wood, Ellie Diaz, Ali Bligh, Rita Breazile

606p meeting called to order.

Topics

Principal Update

Student request: Want to start a Harry Potter Club. Two students are asking for a volunteer to come to school and “watch us.” A sponsor. 830a-905a every Thursday. They would do crafts and talk about Harry Potter. They will have a permission form. Volunteer could have a child that is interested.

Shared directory litigation. New practice is that PTSA members go into the directory, not the entire school.

Question raised about names of students in a class without their personal address info. Dr. Wood will find out about class lists.

Auction Update

Mariners Opportunity

50% off mariners tickets. We would purchase at a discounted price and mark up to actual price. Almost all games but some blackout dates. We can choose a date and then use as a “community experience.”

Filming for auction video. Dr. Wood will check on how to get approval from families to film students. Will need 3 hours for auction video donated by Sherlock. Will have a set number of kids involved in the actual video. Need to come up with a date to film.

Tickets this year are \$90 each. Are we providing teacher sponsorships again? If so how many? Ellie will ask Allison Sweeney & Trisha Marshall how it was done in the past.

President Update

Membership Drive—success. 383 total members now. Some classes won a spirit day and each teacher has \$250 to spend toward this activity.

Added a general membership meeting March 8th. Changed dates for two meetings as they now conflict with choir performances. Meetings for the remainder of the school year are as follows:

February 1

Board Meeting ONLY 7p

March 8

Board Meeting 6p—CHANGE

General Meeting 7p—CHANGE

April 5

Board Meeting ONLY 7p

May 3

Board Meeting 6p

General Meeting 7p

June 14

Board Meeting ONLY 7p

Genereaux grant for Scholastic News magazine for all of 2nd grade, \$574.56

Bisa motions to approve

Ali seconds

Approved with no objections or abstentions

Ali brought up that we may consider putting into the budget so all grades each year can take advantage.

Kallevig—Grant for Student Leadership shirts

Student Leadership shirts

Dr. Wood explained this program comes up with ideas on how to support kids, celebrations, announcements, reminders for noise in cafeteria/appropriate behavior/voice levels

Danielle motions
Ali seconds
grant approved

Yearbook Cover Contest, deadline is Friday the 13th.

Volunteer Update

None

Ways and Means Update

None

Programs Update

Popcorn

Light bulb is not working, need to find popcorn with sunflower oil since old company now uses coconut and too many possible allergies. Goal is to begin 1/20.

Cultural Fair

February 15th at 5-7p. Still figuring out a date. Still need to do facility request. Three people are volunteering. Family centered, booths, performances, parades. Would like videographer. Sherlock family mentioned. Ellie Diaz will ask.

Outreach Update

Food Drive—tomorrow is the deadline and will be taking all items to the foodbank. Lots of donations have been pouring in.

Angel Program Holiday Update-13 families served

Principal chat on 1/20.

Treasurer Update

Secretary Update

Training status—no new pta board members trained.

Directory 383 members, maybe print 400? Need to find out about printing class lists in the directory.

Adjourn 656p

Upcoming Important Dates

January 16th	No School–MLK
January 18th	Parent Wiser–Cultivating Resilience
January 27th	No School–teacher work day
February 8th 7p	PTSA Board Meeting
February 21st-25th	No School–Midwinter Break