

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting
Tuesday January 12, 530p-7p
Newcastle Elementary Library

Attendees: Mary, Mindy, Dr. Wood, Shellie, Alice, Danielle, Katie, Fiorella, Sangeeta, Anand, Jen, Bisa, Janis

Call to order: 5:30pm

Topics

Principal Update

1. Playworks - discussed key ways to make it sustainable for future use - mimic the Art Docent program. Parents from each room 1x month teaching kids in the classroom a game. Opportunity to involve more Dads and get more student investment/buy in. Dr Wood will be working with student leaders to help vote on what games to play. Ellie Diaz coordinating as Ad Hoc interim leader.. Discussion around fewer kids at a time, hopefully will help drive more involvement as kids are choosing games to play.

President Update

1. Auction 2025 - looking into locations, possible Pickering Barn. Still need to identify Auction Chair/Co-Chairs.
2. Nominating Committee/2024-2025 Board - Dana Kinghorn - on committee last year and agreed to do it again this year, plus 2 others to assist. Starting process to identify returning board members (2 years typical term), plus 2 other members
3. Newcastle Hoops - Green/Gold basket game against teachers. Typically every other year as auction item, looking to move it to every year. Would host end of June, Wednesday afternoon.
4. 100% Participate in Washington PTSA participation!

Volunteer Update

1. Staff Development Night - Hosting staff professional development - volunteers for food items were low, used PTSA funding and few volunteers donations.
2. Second Staff Appreciation Lunch - in Feb - around Valentines Day - Italian - 2nd/3rd

graders

3. Cookie Exchange - very successful!

Ways and Means Update

1. Read-A-Thon - Planner suggested end of April, early May. Too close to the spring fundraiser event. Looking into post mid winter break, Feb. 26th - March 8th
2. Orange Ruler - Chris Eastwood update - kick off assembly April 16th - 2 full weeks to collect. May 3rd Fun Run (funds due by April 30th). Prizes given out at lunch (2x per grade, top class reward, ice cream party for meeting goal, will promote for Chair/coChair in eNews, kid mail.
3. Mariners Fundraising - Spring Game 250 seats procured. Sat. April 27th - 6:40pm vs Diamondbacks - funds are due 2 weeks prior (March 27th) - seats are \$18 cost - will charge \$25 per ticket. Seats are in 100 section, on the 3rd baseline. To purchase tickets folks will include Name, Phone, Email - use PTA website, seats then assigned once tickets are purchased.
4. Book Fair - March 15th

Programs Update

1. Popcorn - going well, new sign ups out for rest of year
2. Multi-Cultural Fair- March 6th
3. Bingo Night - new date March 27th - at school, Pizza/prizes
4. Canceled the New Years Ball idea.
5. Movie Nights - scheduled, 4th/5th graders voting on movie - popcorn volunteers
6. LionArt - adding two people for Technology/Community Comms (Crystal Irandez to lead) & Pod liaison (organizing) - still need volunteer

Outreach Update

1. Principal Talk - scheduled for Jan. 19th, March - canceling due to low attendance

Treasurer Update -

Working on quickbooks

Secretary Update

1. Directory - still in progress, have required info, process delayed
2. Yearbooks - submissions collection (Nita). Submissions will be narrowed down to top 3-5. Deadline to submit to Dorian for front cover by Mid Jan.

Meeting adjourned 6:40pm