

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting
Wed March 8th, 6p

In attendance: Bisa, Allison, Danielle, Tod, Mary, Janis

Meeting called to order at 609p

Topics

1) Auction Update

In TWO DAYS! Things are going well, please attend!

2) President Update

Directory—Dr. Wood brought up the idea that we still do it (now that we have approval from the district) at the end of the year and mention to families it's a great way to stay connected over the summer. Mary will talk with Mei and see if she would be willing since she has completed the work in our auction catalog.

Taproot Theater—coming Monday, to the school and will do an assembly for all students on the topic of anti-bullying.

Video production We've got George Conway for the two choir performances. (budget is \$3k) 1st/2nd grade on March 28th at 6:30pm and 3rd/4th grade on April 27th at 6:30pm.

Golden Acorn

Nominations are being taken through 3/17.

3) Volunteer Update

Staff appreciation luncheon went well. Another coming up in May hosted by Kinder and 1st and during teacher appreciation week.

4) Ways and Means Update

Nothing new

5) Programs Update

Change “chairs” to “committees”

Multi-Cultural Fair—great success! Co-chairs were very helpful.

SCIENCE EXPO: STEM week—Jon Gass chairing May 5th. 5p-7p, or 5-8p

Movie nights—Gotta figure these out. April 7th is a tentative date. Will want to use BluRay or a digital copy. Sign up will need to be plates & foods. Use mats for people to sit on.

Need to start planning spring fling

6) Outreach Update

Power Packs for break will be happening for Spring Break

7) Treasurer Update

Ali Bligh’s email regarding the updated budget:

1. The Auction line item is a NET number. We have made \$13K so far but have high hopes for Friday! This incorporates all of the upfront costs that are paid for the event at the Hyatt, so I think the fact that we are not “in the red” at this point is great!
2. Of the \$20K budgeted for Teacher Allotments, we have issued checks for \$6.5K. There is still a lot of money left in the budget for teachers to use if they choose. **We did inform Ms. Afman, teacher rep, who will once again remind teachers to submit check requests. It was brought up that perhaps some may not be able to “front” the funds and wait for reimbursement, so Ms. Afman will let them know that we are willing to make the purchases on their behalf.**
3. We have not used any of the \$3K in After School Enrichments/Teacher Incentives. Why? Are we not needing teachers to stay after school for the coding programs or other events? Will we need to use this for Girls on the Run? **We had the understanding that we were not able to pay the teachers for GOTR due to the “equity” issue by the district and we were no longer able to pay for paraprofessionals payroll. However, this is believed to be a non-issue since they are not working during school hours, rather, supporting the school with after school programs. Mary will contact Ms. Herr, who had initially inquired about this.**
4. Of the \$10K budgeted for Grants, we have issued checks for only ~\$700! **Again, Ms. Afman will let teachers know.**
5. We have used about 75% of our \$10K LionArt budget.
6. We have not received any receipts for Kinder Connect, Family Engagement, Reflections or Cultural Fair. Please remind the chairs to submit receipts in a timely manner. 😊 **Reminded board members to please follow up with their chairs and get receipts in asap.**

8) Secretary Update

Upcoming Important Dates

April 5th 7p	PTSA Board Meeting
April 10-14th	NO SCHOOL–Spring Break
May 1st	STEM Week
May 3rd 6p	PTSA Board & Membership Meetings