

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Board Meeting 4/5/23

In attendance: Mary Vickers, Dr. Wood, Ali Bligh, Allison Sweeney, Bisa Meek, Rita Hu, Jennifer Choi, Janis Yu

Dr. Wood Update:

- A. Very excited about playworks
 - 1. PTSA could fund playworks for the following year for approximately \$16K

Mariners partnership with them helping beautify the playground

- 1) President Update
 - a. Golden Acorn: Awarded to: Mary Vickers, Ellie Diaz, Lifetime Membership Award to Yvette for her help with art
 - b. Grants- Ms. Butler's grant for 1st grade scholastic news \$611
 - 1. Ali Bligh motioned to approve, Bisa Meek seconded the motion, there were no abstentions or objections
 - 2. Grant request from Trisha Synder for modular furniture for the library. We would give her \$952.53. Allison Sweeney motioned to approve the grant, and Janis Yu seconded the motion. There were no abstentions or objections.
 - 3. Priscilla Hooke is asking for \$600 for decodable reading books
 - a. Rebecca Nguyen motioned to approve the grant, Allison Sweeney seconded the motion, there were no abstentions or objections
 - 4. Ms. Wilhelm is asking for \$58 for teachers pay teachers for their reading and writing curriculum
 - a. Ali Bligh motioned to approve the grant, Allison Sweeney seconded, there were no abstentions or objections
 - 5. Taylor Kassuba- \$91 for science materials for science projects related to chemical reactions, The motion was approved and there were no abstentions or objections
 - B. After School Enrichment: Girls on The Run: 120 hours, teachers are getting paid for 20 hours total; They are working 30 hours total. We discussed how this may not be equitable because only 30 girls are participating. We need to find out more information.

- C. Ideas for Auctions moving forward: We had a thorough discussion about building community vs. fundraising with an auction. We discussed how the auction might not be accessible for all and how we may reduce the cost moving forward. We also discussed how the revenue from the auction allows us to fund many school events without charging admission.
 - D. Dr. Wood spoke about how he would like to build an equity team. People from different faiths, socioeconomic groups, race
- 2) Volunteer Update
 - a. Teacher Appreciation Week- bagels, crumbl cookies, luncheon, coffee bar, Mexican meal, bring a card for teachers
 - 3) Program Update:
 - a. Science Expo going great
 - b. Movie Night 6:30pm April 21st- Kids vote on the movie they would like to watch 3rd-5th grade
 - 4) Chess
 - a. Before school \$14 per class, per kid. Still in talks.

Treasury

- Ali Filed report with secretary of state, budget updated as of Monday April 3rd
- 300k in our bank accounts