

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021 1:00-2:30pm
7911 129th Pl SE, Newcastle, WA 98056 / Zoom

Attendees: Mary Vickers, Allison Sweeney, Bettina Vuong, Brooke Weller, Dr. Wood, Bisa Meek, Marcia O'Donoghue, Ali Bligh, Kelli Medak

Call to Order- Mary Vickers -1:09pm

Dr. Wood Update

- Volunteers / Board Member approval - PTSA special events only and based on phases as indicated by the state/county Covid protocols
- Boo Thru - looks likely as a vehicular option; but not likely as a walk through.
- Curriculum night on Tuesday, September 14th from 6:00-7:15pm
- Drop Off - car pool lane confusion causing altercations and consternation among staff/students/ parents/ neighborhood. Dr. Wood is open to any solutions people may have!

President Update

- Memberships- 168 members so far. No Membership Chair but Mary will collate until a volunteer emerges.
- Room Reps- Almost all Room Reps recorded.
- Communications- request for anyone who is interested in running the social media account otherwise Mary will continue with the role.
- Advocacy Chair - Ellen Lubbers
- Review of the PTSA survey and request for input and feedback.
- Discussion of potential programs/ opportunities for off site educational experiences the PTSA could sponsor / support. How to bring programs to kids within the limits of the Covid protocols was explored.

Volunteer Update

- Openings to fill: Membership Chair, Spring Book Fair collaborator, School Supplies Chair for next year, End of Year field day Coordinator.

Ways and Means

- Dining for Dollars - Frosty Barrel September 22nd
- Spirit Wear- Order before the deadline

Programs Update

- The Fall event will consist of the Boo Thru via drive-thru format. This Halloween event will have several stations in the Bus loop. People in costume and candy provided. Friday, October 29th is the date proposed.
- The Winter event was proposed as a watch/viewing party for a seasonal film. Logistics of providing students with a film to view and snack were discussed.
- Art program discussion centered on incorporating the Lion Art program and PTSA involvement in a shared arts program where take home kits were discussed as a means to include art in the classroom. Art programs will be limited due to volunteer access and be limited to art take home kits or something students can create off site and bring back to school. Discussion of monetary funds to support Lion Art suggested that we use some of those funds to bring Lion Art to students via the PTSA since traditional concepts of in-class Lion Art are currently suspended. Potential collaboration with the Lion Art program, supplies, projects and the means to implement a remote Arts program were discussed.

Outreach Update

- Discussion of increasing the KinderConnect budget in order to recruit new volunteers/ members.
- Angel Program was able to provide school supplies for 12 students in need. Snacks delivered to students who required assistance. Volunteers will help with Power Packs.
- Kinder Connect- Card My Yard for Kindergarten was a success and a free PTSA card was provided by the company for future use as a token of appreciation.

Treasurer Update

- Review of proposed changes for final budget to vote at the General Membership meeting on September 27th
Kinder Connect program financial needs and need to increase budget to provide a more dynamic experience for families resulted in increasing the budget. With the focus on creating family engagement; Marcia made the motion to raise the budget to \$500.00. The motion was seconded and after discussion and amendment, the following motion was adopted to provide KinderConnect with a \$500.00 budget. No oppositions or abstentions noted.
- Family Engagement was suggested to be increased to \$1000.00 due to the new mascot costs and future needs of engaging families at the school. Ali Bligh made the motion to increase the Family Engagement budget to \$1000.00. The motion was seconded and after discussion and amendment, the following motion was adopted to increase the Family Engagement budget to \$1000.00. No oppositions or abstentions noted.

Secretary Update

- Submit training as soon as possible
- EMail all members regarding the General PTSA meeting schedule

Important Upcoming Dates

- September 27th 6:30pm General PTSA Membership Meeting and Principal Chat
- September 22nd Dining for Dollars at Frosty Barrel
- October 11th 6:00pm PTSA Board Meeting
- October 18th Teacher Work Day - No School