

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Newcastle Elementary Library

Attendees: Mary Vickers, Sangeeta Iyer, Anand Patel, Fiorella Tapiarene, Bisa Meek (remote), Janis Yu, Dr. Wood, Danielle Colotosti, Katie Green, Shellie Colby, Katheryn Sciba, Jenn Choi, Mindy Niehaus

Call to order: 5:34

Topics

1) Dr. Wood Update

TK students started today

Update on Playworks - Casey met with all the teachers, and will be here Sep 21-22 to assess, and to measure the impact of the program. We will start with recruiting 3-4 grade students, older students help with activities, act as coaches for younger students, parent volunteers to also become junior coaches.

2) President Update

- a. Everyone join PTSA? - Confirmed
- b. Grant for Taproot Theater -
 - i. Grant request from Ms. Mutter for \$1000 for in person or \$300 for virtual visit. Host it in kindness week in Feb. 2 performances same day for in person or unlimited streaming for 1 week for virtual option. Total invoice is for \$1031 including travel.
 - ii. Danielle made the motion to approve the \$1,000 grant request for Ms. Mutter, motion was seconded and all Aye in favor. Approved for \$1031.
- c. Parent Survey - Reviewed the survey results
 - i. Discussion around be SMART campaign - safe storage of guns. WA state law requires schools to raise awareness about safe storage laws. They have offered to schedule a 20 mins free consultation at the next PTSA membership meeting. Attendees in favor of having them over onsite, will invite them for the Nov general meeting, as well as send them out online for folks who cannot attend.

- ii. Staff survey results - reviewed. Discussion around request for more free events, feedback about bringing back costume carnival, smaller BINGO nights to bring families into school.
- d. After School Programs - discussion around more Art programs, Chess and Lego lined up, starting early october. Drama will not be coming back.
- e. Friday morning principal chat with parents, need a PTSA rep. for site council

3) Volunteer Update

- a. Do we have openings to fill? - No chair Fall Festival
- b. Coffee talk with Dr Wood - need volunteers
- c. Vision and hearing screening - signup in progress

4) Ways and Means Update

- a. Spirit Wear/Teachers & Staff Link—September 1st-25th - In progress
- b. Read-A-Thon Timing - Ms. Butler suggested Spring, Fall is too busy.
- c. Booster - Fundraising activities, video to be shared with the team. Dr. Wood checked into regulations, we cannot have captive audience indoors but we can have it in the playground. Challenge is how/what/when of the event planning.
- d. MOD pizza fundraiser is Oct 26
- e. OL Reign is Oct 6, Megan Rapinoe farewell game
- f. Frosty Barrell - looking into a fall date

5) Programs Update

- a. LionArt Updates - On track, syncing with Poornima. Teachers still to submit art docents for all classes.
- b. Fall Festival - check request into Jen for event , still need volunteers to chair the event.
- c. Popcorn - Dalyn is on track to start on the Sept 22nd, we have volunteers and will continue to ask for more volunteers.
- d. Discussed having Liberty HS students volunteering at fall event at Fletchers farm

6) Outreach Update

- a. Power Packs - Ms. Mutter/co-chair setting it up
- b. FACE - Reached out to all volunteers/co-chairs and getting folks started. Food bank is Nov 18.
- c. Get communication out for talk with Dr. Wood sept 29

7) Treasurer Update

- a. EVP totals - Reviewed the budget and EVP income.
203 total memberships
- b. Review proposed changes for final budget to vote at general membership meeting tonight
 - i. Increase volunteer appreciation to \$2000 from \$1500
 - ii. End of year teacher appreciation lunch

8) Secretary Update

- a. Training totals
- b. Discuss videographer - removed from budget, will have parent record vs pay
- c. Directory - in progress for Nov. delivery
- d. Yearbook - in progress

Meeting adjourned 6:32

Upcoming Important Dates

Tuesday, October 10	Board Meeting 530p? or 6p
Thursday, October 12	Picture Day
Monday, October 23	No School–Teacher Work Day
Friday, October 27	Fall Festival @ Fletcher Farms