



Newcastle Elementary PTSA Board Meeting
Monday, December 13, 6p-730p
Mary's House / Zoom

Attendees: Mary Vickers, Dr. Wood, Brooke Weller, Mei Atangan, Abigail Abu, Marcia O'Donoghue, Allison Sweeney, Kelli Medak, Bisa Meek, Ali Bligh, Lara Velasco

Call to Order- 6:06pm

Principal Update- Coordinating with parents/volunteers regarding any future opportunities. Currently events that include parents and other volunteers are limited due to Covid-19 protocols. The school will continue to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 by not gathering large groups of students together, continuing to wear masks on school grounds and limiting volunteers and events.

President Update

- a. Membership Drive- exploring various ways to increase membership and reach more members. Campaign for volunteers in individual classrooms may help and will take place in the new year. 240 members total.
- b. Grant Requests--\$640.50 increased to \$708.05 for Scholastic Mrs. Crawford 3rd Grade classroom resource. Mei motions and Marcia seconds to approve the grant adjustment. Without any abstentions or objections the grand adjustment was approved.
- c. Lost and Found - everything unclaimed will be donated to Eastside Baby Corner. Various ideas are explored to ensure lost clothing finds the original owner. If no one claims the lost items and the date for donation is reached, the clothing will be donated to a clothing bank.

Volunteer Update

- a. Cookie Exchange- Wednesday, December 15th / Thursday, December 16th drop off cookies so Lara and Allison can dileante cookies to teachers.

Ways and Means Update

- a. Read-a-Thon Fundraiser-trying to find a chair to assist with fundraising.
- b. Dining for Dollars may occur in the new year. Staffing issues and shortage in staff are limiting options for restaurants.

Programs Update

- a. Science Fair is still taking shape and may be in-person or not. Planning options need to be discussed and determined as to whether it's virtual or not.
- b. Spelling Bee is not happening this year, but will occur next year. Planning takes place beginning in August.
- c. Geography Bee has a \$1000.00 grant. \$700.00 has been used. The program may or may not happen but we may table the event for another year.
- d. Lion Art is occurring in the classroom and at home. Volunteers may be allowed to come into the class and help prepare and package art kits so that teachers can complete art in the classroom.

Outreach Update

- a. Angel program donors have provided an abundance of gifts for students in need.
- b. The Food Drive will occur in January
- c. The Powerpack drive will occur in the new year around springtime

Treasurer Update

- a. 2019/2020 tax return has been accepted by the IRS. All back taxes are complete. The gambling license has been renewed.

Secretary Update

- a. Training status - 9 members have provided information regarding their training completion status. 3 members remain and have been contacted regarding submitting their training.
- b. Directory- the directory will be online again this year and will be completed after the membership drives occur in the new year.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Dec. 20th-Dec 31st No School–winter break
- December 15th Last day for winter drive
- January 10th 1p Board Meeting