

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle Elementary PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022 7:00pm

Newcastle Library

Attendees: Mary Vickers, Dr. Wood, Brooke Weller, Meghan Shaw, Whitney Walker, Ali Bligh, Ellie Diaz, Marcia O'Donoghue, Hilary Doherty, Lara Velasco, Mei Atangan, Mary Brown, Bisa Meek,

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Vote to Approve the February 28th meeting minutes

- a. February 28th meeting minutes voted on for approval. Marcia O'Donoghue motions to approve the meeting minutes and Lara seconds the motion. Without any abstentions or objections the meeting minutes are approved.

Grant Requests

- a. Becky Butler requests a grant approval for \$184.38 for first grade materials (markers/play doh/ plastic work sleeves/ dry erase markers). Ali motions to approve the grant and Hilary seconds the motion. Without any abstentions or objections the grant request is approved.

President Update

- a. Golden Acorn Awards: Congratulations to Mary Brown, Ali Bligh, Marcia O'Donoghue
- b. STEM week was a great success and staff and students appreciated the event.

Nominating Committee Update

- a. A number of roles are available for next year, some of which include: treasurer, ways and means, programs. Continue to reach out to parents and teachers for potential people to nominate for vacant roles.

Advocacy Update

- a. Auction chairs for the March 10, 2023 auction are Ellie Diaz and Jen McAleer

Issaquah Schools Foundation Update

- a. Hilary provided an update on the Nourish Every Mind Issaquah Schools Foundation fundraiser. Throughout the month of May the foundation is highlighting online the various programs that are supported by the foundation. The goal is to reach \$400,000 and continued support is needed. E-News will communicate to parents potential ways of supporting the foundation.

Financial Update

- a. The budget still allows for further financial support for teachers this year. Teachers will be reminded to submit requests for their various needs until the end of the school year.
- b. Ways of streamlining communication to teachers as to how to access funds were discussed. Lara suggests finding ways to simplify the process for providing funds to teachers and to encourage teachers to utilize the funds. Discussion as to how to make the process as simple, clear and quick were mentioned.

Activities Update- Outreach, Programs VP - Marcia O'Donoghue

- a. Outreach, Programs VP Marcia O'Donoghue outlined how the Angel program is working with families and the school counselor to coordinate transitioning families to the next school year. Distribution of gift cards from the school to families in need of meals was also discussed, however, clarification as to the exact way the food cards will be delineated was still needing further insight.
- b. STEM week was a success and now attention has turned to the end of the year festivities and possibilities for getting families involved.
- c. Wednesday, June 15th is the 5th Grade Celebration
- d. Ways and Means developed the ReadATHon fundraiser May 9th-May 22nd. Details are outlined in the ReadATHon handout.
- e. Volunteer update for staff appreciation week includes flowers for teachers, thank you notes, a luncheon for first and fourth grade teachers.

Adjourn PTSA Meeting: 8:08pm Mary Vickers adjourns the General Membership meeting.