

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



General Membership Meeting 9/14/22

In Attendance: Tod Wood, Diane Pruett, Rebecca Nguyen, Allison Sweeney, Danielle Colatosti, Jennifer Choi, Janis Yu, Ali Bligh, Jennifer Holtz, Ellen Lubbers, Hilary Doherty, Nathalie Aholt, Pam Calk, Jenny Martin, Ali Webb, Katie Afman, Chad Porter, Katie Green, Jamie Xu

1) Vote to approve June 6th PTSA General Meeting Minutes- Mary Vickers

Ali Bligh motions and Bisa Meek seconds the motion.

2) Vote to approve Standing Rules- Mary Vickers, Mary had to make some small changes in the standing rules and went over these changes. Our current board had a few changes. Hilary Doherty motioned to approve and Allison Sweeney seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.

3) Budget approval- Ali Bligh

- a) Popcorn machine and popcorn \$3,925
- b) We budgeted \$4,625 for spirit wear for teachers
- c) We set an auction goal of \$200,000
- d) Communication expenses, we make donations to several organizations in the district, we will zero out summer school scholarships because its never been something we have paid for. We donated \$250 to CMMS last year and we can donate more to help them, Allison Sweeney discussed this. We have a budget surplus is what Hilary Doherty brought up and Ali Bligh suggested donating \$1,000. Allison Sweeney motioned to donate 1K and Rebecca Nguyen seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and there were no abstentions and the vote was agreed upon.
- e) Ali went over the budget: Teacher allocations, grant requests, 5th grade camp, fall festival, science fair, spring event, kinder connect events, we have over \$200,000 in our bank account because of covid and not having activities for so long. We would like to bring back many programs.
- f) Mary brought up we need to vote on the popcorn budget, Jennifer Gold motions to raise the popcorn budget by \$2,000 and Katie Green seconds the motion. The vote went through with no abstentions. We needed to vote the budget as proposed. Hilary Doherty motioned to approve the budget and another member seconded that and the budget was approved with no abstentions.

Advocacy Updates- Ellen Lubbers

- a) Ellen discussed how ISD is working with the state on many issues such as suicide and gun violence, mental health, educational funding, equity, funding for students with disabilities

ISF Update- Hilary Doherty: our first fundraiser is Step Up for the Kids and culminates with the Monster 5K. Hilary can be a resource for teacher grants and also cultural resources.

Angel Program: Hilary Doherty is the chair: If you are interested in being an angel donor please sign up on the PTSA website. Angel program is an anonymous program that helps students in need for the holidays, food, anything they need. We are going to do a drive of outgrown spirit wear.

Teacher Rep- Katie for Afman: She introduced herself and thanked PTSA

Music Teachers- bringing music performances into other events such as a cultural events, movie nights, make it more low key, linking performances with an event that is already happening, more like sharing rather than having pressure

Auction Update- Neighborhood procurement and business procurement, people love experiences and parties

Staff Appreciation Lunch: Crocktober and stocking the breakroom with goodies for staff

Programs: Fletcher farms was discussed and after school programs

Adjourn PTSA Meeting: 8:14pm