

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021 7-8:30pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Brooke Weller, Mary Vickers, Ellen Lubbers, Lara Velasco, Shaun Cornwall, Ali Bligh, Albert Kim, Bisa Meek, Kelli Medak, Hilary Doherty, Scott Vickers, Kayla Torres, Pam Calvo, Mei Atangan, Raina Christlieb, Randi Belcher, Karen Kim, Ellie Diaz, Marcia O'Donoghue, Betting Vuong, Scott Vickers, Allison Sweeney, Karen Kim, Hamida Abu, Jamie, Ken He, Randi Belcher, Dr. Wood

Call to Order- Mary Vickers 7:05pm

Vote To Approve June 14th PTSA General Meeting Minutes

- Mary Vickers introduces the minutes for members to review
- Lara Velasco motions and Bisa Meek seconds. The minutes are approved by the board without any noted abstentions or objections.

Vote To Approve Standing Rules

- Mary Vickers introduces the Standing Rules for members to review
- Ali Bligh motions and Kayla Torres seconds the motion. The Standing Rules are approved without any noted abstentions or objections.

Advocacy Chair

- Ellen Lubbers provided an update on her role and the legislative priorities and objectives. The issues of equity, safety and funding were highlighted.

Financial Review

- Ali Bligh introduced the final 2021/2022 PTSA budget for a review and vote.
- Update on the 2022-2022 financial review revealed all of the documents are up to date and in good standing. Last fiscal year ended with a balance of \$226,000, providing a strong fiscal situation for this year's budget. Preliminary budget was reviewed and focused on funding various activities in order to respond to the needs of parents and teachers in order to allow flexibility with funding programs and engagement.
- Vote to Approve the final 2021/2022 PTSA budget.

- Allison Sweeney motioned and Lara Velasco seconded the motion and after discussion, the following motion was adopted. No abstentions or objections noted.
- The goal of raising \$50,000 for fundraising this year was discussed.

Fall Activities Update

- Welcome back activities were discussed for Dr. Wood's return.
- Family welcome back events may include another playdate at Lake Boren; or perhaps a pumpkin/fall event at a pumpkin patch.
- Angel Program update on program resources and procedures for helping students and families in need.
- Program/Event update. Boo Thru date suggestions discussed.
- Fall Art program details will be revealed in a follow up email.
- The Arts program will consist of at-home kits with details to follow via email.
- Reflections will be headed by Alice Kim.
- Hilary Doherty highlighted the fall campaign for Step Up for Kids and the focus of encouraging past participants. The Monster Mash 5K event will happen October 30th at the boat launch at Lake Sammamish and follow Covid protocols
- Dining for Dollars Fall fundraiser raised \$175.00 from Frosty Barrel
- The Amazon Smile program was highlighted by Laura as another fundraising opportunity to support programs run by the Newcastle PTSA