

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



General Membership Meeting Agenda November 9, 7pm-8:30pm Newcastle Elementary Library

Attendance: Tod Wood, Danielle Colatasti, Jennifer Choi, Ali Bligh, Mary McGuire Brown, Diane Pruet, Ellen Lubbers, Katie Afman, Whitney Walker, Rita Hu, Ellie Diaz

Call to Order – Mary Vickers 704p

Vote to approve September 14th PTSA General Meeting Minutes – Mary Vickers
Diane motions, Ali seconds, no oppositions or abstentions, minutes are approved as presented.

Auction Update – Ellie Diaz

Online auction: Uploading all info into catalog, kidmail going out next week. You can preview what we have but not everything is there 11/27-12/4 it will be up. Procurement is going well. Some items saved for the gala in March and smaller items will be on the online holiday auction. Still looking for sponsorship opportunities.

Vote to approve Teacher Art Allotment - \$2400 – Mary Vickers

Ms Afman talked about having art supplies readily available was helpful. Instead of asking for supplies. They can sign in and out of usage.

Danielle motioned, Bisa seconded, no oppositions or abstentions, budget of \$2400 for art supplies approved.

Teacher Grant for Author Visit – Mary Vickers

Ms. Snyder submitted a grant request for an author visit and workshop for 5th graders for \$1600. Motioned by Ellie, Ellen seconds. No oppositions or abstentions. Grant approved as presented.

Teacher Representative – Katie Afman

Will discuss with teachers that there is still quite a bit of teacher allotment money remaining.

Advocacy Chair – Ellen Lubbers

<https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/focus-on-advocacy/>

Focus on advocacy week 2/20-24th, where various PTSA's go and meet with legislators and talk about priorities to raise awareness.

Book Fair – Ellen Lubbers

Diane Pruett co-chairing with Ellen. Week of Nov 28-Dec 2nd. Will send out sign-up genius to volunteers who signed up through EVP. Will be open during conference days to shop with kids. There's an e-wallet option. Setting up on 11/22. Working with Angel Program to figure out kids who need books and how to pay for it. Snyder will be hanging up posters. Will be in e-news.

Issaquah Schools Foundation Update -- Hilary Doherty

Hilary sent an email that Mary read with updates: ISF raised \$50k from their sold out Monster Mash. Foundation is wrapping up it's month long campaign "step up for the kids" and launching into the spring event, Nourishing Every Mind and looking for volunteers. They are expanding volunteer and board positions. If interested, contact Hilary.

To be included in the exclusive group of ISF Leadership Circle, it only takes \$83.33/month or \$1k in annual donations.

Angel Program: Donors are in the midst of the month-long school spirit drive. Donors have been able to fulfill clothing, snack requests for various students. Working on back up clothing for the health room. Will be starting to plan for hte holiday gifts for angel students over the next couple of weeks. Always looking for more angel volunteers.

Financial Update – Ali Bligh, Jennifer Choi

Only \$2800 of 20k of teacher allotments have been spent! Katie will send out an email to teachers encouraging them to spend their \$500

Activities Update – Outreach, Programs, Volunteer VPs

Holiday Gift Barn this year will not be toys, etc it will be gift cards to IFCB by November 28th. January is the food drive for the food bank. 23rd is Coffee Talk with Dr. Wood. Thanksgiving baskets through the PTSAs in the district will be sent out to families to participate and receive. Popcorn is coming back, Fall festival went well
Cultural fair week of Feb, need a chair

For the Good of the Order – Mary Vickers

Adjourn PTSA Meeting – Mary Vickers

Ellie;;An idea on how to get families intermingling, a social time. A parent event so families can reconnect.

Meeting adjourned at 802p
