

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



## General Membership Meeting

February 6, 2024

6:30p-8p

Zoom

In Attendance: Katie Afman, Alice Kim, Anada Patel, Bisa Meek, Christine McClure, Dana Kay, Danielle, Ellen Lubbers, Fiore, Janis Yu, Karen Kim, Mindy Neighaus, Sangeeta Iyer, Shellie, Stephanie, Trisha Marshall, Katie Green

Start: 6.34 pm

**Vote to approve November 14th PTSA General Meeting Minutes** – Mary Vickers proposed to approve the meeting minutes from our previous general meeting held on Nov. 14, 2023. Danielle motioned to approve, Fiore seconds. All aye. 1 abstention. Minutes approved.

**Issaquah Schools Foundation Update** -- Mary shared slideshow on ISF. We utilize their grant for our math club. Mary is a table captain and is inviting everyone for fundraiser lunch on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Issaquah community center. A formal invite will be sent out. Mary Nom from Komo4 will be the MC. Trisha Marshall - current board president, was present and mentioned no cost to attend, opportunity to hear more about what ISF does, hear from students how the funding impacts their lives, time to mingle.

**Teacher Representative** – Katie Afman. Nita Kelly has sent an email asking for pictures for yearbook. Younger grade teachers have lot of pictures to upload, not so much for older grades. Teachers requesting room parents or volunteers to come and take pictures to upload for yearbook. Teachers also need more time to do any picture printouts, at least a week lead time. Teachers appreciate the art nook. Prefer to get communication over the inbox rather than email.

**Nominating Committee Vote**—Mary Vickers, Mindy Niehaus

President Mary Vickers outlined WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 5A regarding the election of the nominating committee, and asked for nominations. Dana Kay nominated Stephanie. Stephanie accepted. Stephanie nominated Christine. Christine accepted. Christine McClure nominated Dana Kay. Dana accepted. There were no other nominations and a voice vote was held. Christine, Stephanie and Dana were unanimously elected to serve on the 2024-

25 nominating committee by voice vote. President Mary Vickers verified that the nominating committee members are eligible to serve per the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws.

**Ellen Lubbers** – Spoke on book fair. Scheduled for March 18. March is a good time to host this, and hopefully this will be the norm for future years. Working with the librarian to confirm times for shopping. Will also seek volunteers for setup, and tear down. Venue will be at the library since it worked so well last year. Looking at suggestions to get families into shopping at the book fair as well. Due to construction, no one is allowed after hours into the building. We will decide at the end of February, based on construction status. Ellen will also seek a co-chair, just to ensure money is handled well, during busy times. Sign up genius link to be sent to volunteers next week. We have some scholastic credit (\$4K) from prior year which a portion will be used for angel program. Ellen to work with teachers to identify how to distribute coupons to angel program recipients. Teachers are encouraged to use eWallet. Need to check if an eWallet balance is refunded to kids or if any unspent balance is just lost.

**Financial Update** – Kathryn Sciba, no update in meeting. Financials are available on the PTSA website.

#### **Activities Update –**

**Outreach**, - Looking at next year, at Kinder Connect. We have 2 chairs for the event. Lunch for the break on track.

**Programs** – Because of school construction, we may have some programs being canceled or rescheduled, to be decided. Upcoming programs as of today!

March 1–Movie Night 4th/5th.

March 6–Multicultural Fair – Looking for volunteers - possible use of Library (vs Gym)

March 8–Movie Night 2nd/3rd

March 27–Bingo – Orthodontic excellence will provide free pizzas. There will be raffles.

April 26–STEM Night

May 17–Movie Night TK-1st

June 14–Spring Fling/Field Day

**Volunteers** – Staff appreciation luncheon hosted by 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families next week, food signup is great but seeking clean up volunteers.

#### **Ways & Means –**

Feb 26th -Mar 10th - Read-A-Thon, kids get 2 full weeks to read, and fundraise. Flat donation or given based on how many minutes reading. Will be prizes even if a student reads, regardless of fundraising. Fundraising goal \$35,000

March 18-22 Book Fair

March 27—Mariners Game, 100 section level tickets. We have protected seat prices at \$25, typically they go for \$100 or more. 182 tickets remaining, sold 68.

April 16—Orange Ruler kickoff - large fundraiser for the school, fundraising goal \$50,000. Will do 2 drawings per lunch for a prize during lunch, based on various criteria. 10 days during school. Various activities during the 10 days, ex. kids decorate mechanical pig. Looking for a Chair, leverage materials and to work directly with Orange Ruler Rep.

Friday May 3—Orange Ruler Fun Run!! on the Field outside. Will be 20 minutes worth of running.

**For the Good of the Order** – Mary Vickers, adjourned at 7:26pm.