

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



General Membership Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 11, 6:30-7:30p
Newcastle Elementary Library

Attendees: Mindy, Shellie, Katie, Alica, Alice, Nicole, Fio, Danielle, Kathryn, Stephanie, Kristen Thomas (Teacher Rep), Dr. Wood, Lynnyetta Keller, Martin Turney (ISD), Sangeeta (remote), Harlan Gallinger (ISD Board)

Call to Order – Mindy Niehaus & Shellie Colby - call to order 6:49pm

Vote to approve May PTSA General Meeting Minutes – Mindy Niehaus & Shellie Colby - Minutes posted for review on the PTSA website, no updates. Minutes stand approved as posted.

Teacher Representative – Kristen Thomas

Expressed gratitude and thanks for budget approval for classroom supplies.

President Update

School supply storage - in PTSA office

Advocacy Chair update – Ellen Lubbers - Ellen not able to attend, tabled discussion

Fall Book Fair – Ellen Lubbers (Rena Han will Co-Chair)

VIS Speaker – Harlan Gallinger, Director, Issaquah School District VIS - Katie Green was on the bond committee throughout the prior school year, she had shared with the group various updates/thoughts.

Harlan - President of Issaq. School Board - [Presented slide deck](#) and discussed various points:

- 994 City of Newcastle residents enrolled in ISD (407 at Newcastle Elementary)
- Bond committee comprised of 8 meetings, 80 community members - presented to ISD board
- Focused on Right Sizing Capacity in HS, Safety and Securing, Building Modernization & Sustainability,
- Discussed difficulty in overcrowded schools, how it impacts safety of students, not enough space to hold entire school meetings, school shootings (connect 1 adult to every student to reduce threat)
- Largest bucket in the bond - Building Modernization - \$317m - HVAC, replace roofs, climate action plan, record number of projected enrollment in HS at 6500 students (current enrollment 5400)
- HS Innovation - \$80m - remodel current space, focused career clusters,
- What is would cost: 2024 Bond \$642.3m 13 year (\$270m at 4.5% rate - ex. \$1.20 per

day - \$1.5m house

- The ask: Voting - by Nov. 5th, sharing with other community members, promoting support
- Timeline: HS built 2 years from passing, other action items implemented within the year

Review & Approve 2024-2025 Budget – Kathryn Sciba - Stephanie motions to approve the 2024-2025 budget, all approved, no objections/abstentions, motion passed

Activities update - Outreach, Programs, Volunteer, Ways & Means

Two board positions still available to co-chair

Picture Day, Vision and Screening coming up

Spirit Wear - in progress, will end next Friday

Mariners Game - 13 tickets remaining

MOD Pizza - (date tbd)

Coalman - Mom's Night Out - Oct 14th 4th/5th, Nov. 6th 2nd/3rd, Jan. 15th TK/K/1st-

Percentage of sales back to PTSA - Capacity is 30 pp so will be limited to first 30 to sign up

Lion Art - Will focus on learning aspect in addition to the activity

Popcorn Fridays - 1x month, Spring 2x month

After School Activities - Spanish, Chess, Lego's, Robotics currently available

Fall Festival - Oct. 25th - Venue TBD.

Stephanie - suggested a What's Up group chat to pair new families with veteran families - not just for news for the school, but extracurricular activities,

Adjourn PTSA meeting – Mindy Niehaus & Shellie Colby - meeting adjourned 7:54pm