

# Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association



Newcastle PTSA Board Meeting  
January 13, 2026  
Newcastle Library  
6pm-7pm

**In attendance: Katie, Fio, Alicia, Dr. Wood, Stephanie, Paul, Jill, Bindi, Melissa (Remote: Sangetta, Lynnetta)**

**Call to order: 6:04pm**

**Approval of December 2025 Minutes**

**Principal Report - Dr. Wood** – Dr. Wood is retiring at the end of this year :( Interviews will start but no one has been identified for replacement yet.

**Teacher Representative updates** – Mrs. Thomas – back to school has been slow to get back into rhythm.

## **President:**

1. Vote: Auction or Casino Night 2026  
Katie discussed given the nature of demographics in the school, large auctions aren't as well received as it was in the past. Lots of effort to put on, procure items, planning, so proposed idea on a casino night as opposed to an auction. Can hire tables/dealers, big ticket silent auction, chips can be cashed in for raffle prizes, light appetizers/drinks/chips provided with ticket. Still will be big fundraiser but feel more like a fun parent night out. Board discussed and agreed to proceed with Casino night approved.
2. Board positions 2026-2027 school year - email if you plan to stay on board or switch positions, plus suggestion(s) of folks to recommend. Reminded the board to get back to President email. Could use other members to be on the committee.
3. "Raise the Paddle" project asap: Mrs. Thomas & Alicia Presentation  
We approved playground painting games and Gym-Nee Goal instead of the cover. Mrs Thomas and Alicia will bring \$ info next meeting.
4. Yearbook - 242 sold - 5th Grade Dedication pages due - Jan. 31st  
We will share posts and stories with reminders

## **Treasurer**

1. Financial Report - P&L thru December

## **Volunteers**

1. Update on sign-up for 4th & 5th grade teacher lunch.

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## Ways and Means

1. Ladies Night Yoga - 6pm on Friday, 1/16 - sign ups are low, hopefully folks show up day of that didn't RSVP. The holiday weekend makes attendance low.
2. Sno King community skate 1/19 @10:45am - teachers to help promote and advertise bringing non-parisable item.
3. Spiritwear Sale 1/19 — updated designs, joggers instead of pajama pants, slimmer fit tops for women's long sleeve. Student shirt design winner
4. Temp check on Infinity Farms: Farm Day & Egg Hunt. April 2nd, 3rd or 4th — preference would be April 4th -Event would include viewing the farm, feeding animals, optional egg hunt. \$40 per car - PTSA would receive 25% of proceeds. Board discussed and agreed to shoot for Sat Apr 4.
5. Booster Fun Run - Feb 23rd - March 4th  
Outdoors. Requested teacher packets for week of activities
6. Book Fair - March 16-20 - evening shopping night March 18th - Bindi will connect with Chairs Ellen Lubbers and Lulu Patel for facilitates request.

## Programs Update

1. Switch Stem Night for Game Night (Need a chair)  
Tentative date March 18th - Game night to be on one of the nights with book fair.  
Includes various board games, bingo, etc. Family friendly event. Possibly provide a food truck.

## Outreach Update

1. collecting nonperishables at the MLK skate event 1/19
2. planning 2nd food drive for end of February-end of March

**Secretary** - Directory has been completed and is now ready to send to parents. To save the \$3k in printing costs, we budgeted this year for online only, no printed directories. Will be restricted on website to PTSA members only. Includes all members contact info that opted in to have their information shared via the district (EVP).

## Other Items

Have volunteer for Webmaster - will help organize and update the site content  
Happy Birthday Alicia!!

**Adjourned – 7:24pm**