

November 20, 2011 Nashua PTA Meeting

In Attendance

Christy Boyer Eva Payne Kelly Cowan
Sandi Brown Tracy Cooper Billi Erickson
Craig Grant Jen Robert Edie Buchanan Erica Campbell Paige Roberts Ke
rrie Glasgow Jessica Martin Trena Morrison Stephanie Simpson Donna S
hepard Melissa Leath Polly Feigly Brandi Frazier Shannon McCarthy He
ather Howard Stacy Armstrong Sharon Watts Paula Shaw

Opening

Meeting called to order and guest speaker, Chris Lamb, is introduced. Mr. Lamb is with the Kansas City Cyber Squad and gave attendees a condensed education about safety while online.

Principal's Report

Jessica Martin distributed a formal Principal's Report to the attendees and provided a quick overview. Enrollment has increased at Nashua to 368 students. Dr. Martin also notes that Mr. Dieckman has taken on teaching the students soccer fundamentals. Dr. Martin also went over some of the results from the recent parent survey and notes there are some areas she would like to see improvement on, including communication. She intends to start sending out more phone mail information to help with communication to parents.

Book Fair Update

Christy Boyer recaps the Book Fair. Totals sales were \$3,896, \$500 in cash goes to PTA income and \$1,218 was earned in Scholastic dollars.

Fundraiser Update

Christy reports that the fall fundraiser earned \$7,476 in profit. This is a shortfall to the schedule budget amount of \$10,000. We will need to decide in 2013 if we will host a second fundraiser to make up these funds.

CD Player Update

Sandi Brown reports that she gathered more information regarding CD players. Total CD players purchased would be 16. This would be a total of \$865.86. A total of 10 splitters are needed, which are eight way junction boxes for multiple users.

The proposal would be to spend \$900 of surplus funds to supply the teachers, who wish to have them, with CD players and splitters. The money would be

used from surplus funds. Sandi also notes that this may be an issue when looking at the current shortfall to the fundraiser. At one time PTA had close to \$20,000 in surplus and this number has quickly gone down, due to shortfalls to the budget, in recent years. As well as, new playground equipment, the purchase of new trees along the blacktop and contributing to an ice machine for the teachers. The current shortfall to fundraiser is roughly \$2,500. PTA also allocated \$800 on the purchase of new rugs this school year from surplus funds. If PTA does not have a second fundraiser this school year, the purchase of the CD players and splitters would put the excess funds spent this year at more than \$3,000. After further discussion, the group decided to go through with the purchase of CD players and splitters. Sandi Brown motions that \$900 be spent on CD players and splitters from the excess PTA funds (slush fund). Donna Shepard seconds the motion, motion passes.

Art Display Cabinet Request

Mrs. Doolittle, Nashua Art Teacher, request that PTA consider purchasing an Art Display Cabinet to be housed in the hallway just outside the Art Room. The cabinet cost \$900 and is able to be locked and has a light to show off items. Typically, the art projects made by students, like ceramics, are placed on the window shelves in the Library. Mrs. Doolittle would rather projects be with her. She feels like the projects would be safer since they are vulnerable to accidents by all the people traffic in the Library. This would also give her a place to show off works during Nashua themed nights and conferences. Sandi Brown states that this is a great idea, however with the current budget situation the PTA needs to get a realistic look at their budget and what amount remains available for spending after the year wraps up. The cabinet may be something that we have to look at hosting a Math-A-Thon to raise money for; like the curtain on the stage in the gym. Request will be tabled until PTA can look at their budget and surplus funds.