

## **August 16, 2011 Nashua PTA Meeting**

### **In Attendance**

Christy Boyer	Billi Ericson	Brandi Frazier
Sandi Brown	Julie Spry	Polly Feigly
Erica Campbell	Anna Miceli	Jeff Rodgers
Kelly Cowan	Eddie Buchanan	Jenny Rodgers
Jessica Martin	Mark Dieckman	
Leah King	Amy Kralik	
Linda Burtis	Trena Morrison	

### **Opening**

Jeff and Jenny Rodgers give an informational talk about their upcoming mission trip to Sierra Leone in Africa where they will help out at an orphanage. Mr. Rodgers has a goal of talking with the students back at Nashua via Skype while he is in Africa.

Mr. Rodgers would like for the PTA to help promote a collection drive of very small items to help the kids at the orphanage. Further discussion results in the teachers working to divide the items up into grade levels and encouraging students in each grade to bring the corresponding item.

### **Principal's Report**

Dr. Martin distributes a formal principal's report as well as a year long calendar noting specific events for the school.

It is noted that the date for the Fall Book Fair will most likely change to correspond with the Fall Conferences.

New Teachers/Staff for the 2011-2012 school year are noted.

Dr. Martin gives an overview of Nashua's MAP Test Results.

Introduction of Vertical Focus Friday and what it will look like.

This will replace responsibility recess.

### **Old Business**

Christy Boyer notes that the new benches, which were voted on last school year, were purchased and installed. *Cheers!*

Sandi Brown reports that last school year the PTA also voted to install new benches out back on the black top. However, quotes were not obtained for those benches and this would be a project that PTA would need to complete.

Sandi will make the necessary phone calls to continue with this.

Christy also brings up the topic of Teacher Reimbursement Funds and the time consuming paperwork that is put on the Treasurer to complete the requests.

In an effort to make this easier on the PTA Treasurer, PTA would like to discuss purchasing Gift Cards to the Supply Closet and present each teacher with one. Then the PTA Treasurer will no longer have to take on the process of Teacher Reimbursement.

Mark Dieckman reports that he does not always buy from Supply Closet (they tend to be pricey).

Other teachers note that they would prefer to be able to shop the best price for the classroom supplies that they need.

Suggestion is submitted on whether the PTA could purchase Visa Gift Cards instead.

Replies note that Visa Gift Cards cost money and tend to have penalties if they are not used within a certain time frame.

Sandi Brown asks if there is a way to just give the teachers cash to make their purchases.

Christy Boyer reports that we cannot give teachers cash because the PTA has to have receipts for every dollar for accountability.

Sandi Brown notes that one of the reasons PTA would like to look at getting rid of the reimbursement is the Treasurer has had messes of receipts given to her at the end of the year with no organization or categorization. This makes reimbursement very difficult and time consuming.

Kelly Cowan informs the group that along with accounting issues the PTA also does not want the teachers using funds to purchase food. For instance...post MAP pizza parties. The money is to be used for classroom supplies.

Christy Boyer states that if we continue to have PTA Reimbursement, we will have to have guidelines for the teachers to work from.

Erica Campbell notes that perhaps the Teacher Reimbursement Funds need to follow the same guidelines that the District has in place for Field Trips...if it does not have some impact on grade level curriculum, it should not be purchased.

Final Thoughts...The PTA will have a separate meeting with teachers to go over and come up with Teacher Reimbursement Guidelines. Participants will include Christy Boyer, Sandi Brown, Erica Campbell, Kelly Cowan, Mark Dieckman, Jessica Martin and Amy Kralik.

### **Meet The Teacher**

A brief discussion takes place regarding yearbooks...yearbooks will cost \$13 and will be available in color only. The price will increase after these events. Craig Grant would like to know when yearbooks are distributed. Answer...by the teachers on the last day of school.

Craig reports that his son's yearbook was given to the bus driver for an autograph on the last day of school, but he never got it back. They have called transportation and were given another student's yearbook.

Discussion leads to having Rita print off name labels for every student so that they can be stuck inside the cover of the yearbook...this is a possible option.

Lianna Shelley will look into the possibility of having "this book belongs to" on the title page of each book.

**Regarding the Student Directory**...the permission signed on the enrollment forms is not able to be used for the Student Directory. The PTA has to have a separate request for permission.

Teachers are asked to remind parents at Parent Orientation to fill out their directory form.

## **Ice Machine**

Trena Morrison has been looking into an ice machine for the teachers. Her research indicates a cost of \$1,017.

Christy Boyer explained that the PTA Budget has to be looked at and perhaps amended from the previous year. PTA is working with a new Field Trip budget and lower returns on fund raising from the previous years. Right now the PTA does not know if there are funds available to consider looking into helping the teachers purchase an ice machine.

Kelly Cowan asks Sandi Brown about her research, which was done last summer, on the ice machine.

Sandi agrees with a hard look at the PTA Budget and running the new Field

Trip program for the year before we consider such a big ticket item.

Craig Grant asks if anyone has considered looking into getting an ice machine for free from a folded business or restaurant.

Trena reports that the teachers do not have time to do that kind of research, however Craig is welcome to look into this.

Craig will try to find out if there is a machine available.