

March 8, 2011 Nashua PTA Meeting

In Attendance

Christy Boyer	Jill Hoover	Shannon McCarthy
Sandi Brown	Edie Buchanan	Barb Flemming
Craig Grant	Jerilee Hendrich	
Jessica Martin	Jill Coulter	
Eva Payne	Kristen Keilman	
Lisa Sparks	Mike Spry	
Kelly Cowan	Julie Spry	

Opening

The meeting was called to order by Jill Hoover. A formal agenda was distributed.

A copy of the PTA Meeting Minutes was distributed via e-mail for review.

Motion to approve the minutes from Lisa Sparks, second from Shannon McCarthy. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

Kelly Cowan distributes the latest Treasurer's Report and gives an overview.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from Craig Grant, second Mike Spry. Motion passes.

Principal's Report

Jessica Martin distributes and explains the formal Principals Report.

Literature Festival – Jill Hoover

In the February Meeting PTA voted to pay for the second charter bus for Literature Festival transportation (roughly \$1,300). Generally, only one bus travels to Lit Fest, but with so many 4th and 5th graders qualifying to go a second bus was needed, but not budgeted. The extra funds will come out of Big Ticket.

PTA needs to discuss changing the Lit Fest line item for the future.

Jill Hoover also suggests that perhaps the PTA needs to have a representative that partners with the teachers in helping to plan field trips and transportation since it can be difficult for teachers to make phone calls and receive return phone calls in a day.

Julie Spry asks how and why the \$15 Lit Fest transportation charge for parents came about. In the past, parents did not pay to go to Lit Fest on the bus. Parent's names were drawn (lottery style) to be able to ride the bus. This additional charge made Lit Fest a \$30 Field Trip for parents.

Mrs. Martin explains that the teachers thought it would be a nice thing to reimburse the PTA for some of the transportation costs to Lit Fest. Especially since the PTA was paying the extra \$1,300 for the second bus. \$15 was decided upon once the cost of auto fuel and mileage was considered.

Bench Update

Lisa Sparks gives an update of costs for new benches out in front of the

school. PTA is looking at replacing the benches out front because we are carrying a surplus in the budget and the benches need replaced.

Jill Hoover notes that there is a large difference in pricing and asks Lisa to call and discuss the difference with the vendors...it would be nice to know what puts the pricing so far apart.

Sandi Brown asks if there is any way that we can add bolts or something of the like to the backs of the benches to stop the skateboarders from ruining the coating when the skateboards go across them. It would be nice to protect our investment.

Mike Spry motions that PTA replace the five benches out front and add two additional benches out back (8 feet long) using a dollar amount of no more than \$5,500. Second Barb Flemming, motion passes.

Fundraising

Discussion opens regarding the Math-A-Thon and if we want to sponsor a Math-A-thon this year. Typically a Math-A-Thon takes place when PTA is trying to raise money to achieve a specific goal.

Craig Grant would like to see a Math-A-Thon this year to cover the cost of the benches.

Lisa Sparks notes that PTA already has the money for the benches and PTA's goal is to only sponsor one fund raiser per school year as to not make parents feel as though they are always being asked for money.

Discussion continues to the fund raising line item and the fact that PTA has not yet made budget with the two fundraisers we have done this year.

It is determined that the PTA does not have any additional Big Ticket items that need to be covered from the budget for this school year (other than the second bus for Lit Fest) therefore we do not need to sponsor a Math-A-Thon.

Kelly Cowan motions that PTA *not* sponsor a Math-A-Thon fund raiser for this school year. Second Lisa Sparks. Motion passes.

Open Discussion

Erica Campbell reports that she called Dotte Brothers catering regarding providing out foods for the Carnival. Dotte Brothers provided a bid and actually came in cheaper than our previous vendor.

Erica notes that she is having a Carnival Meeting on March 29th for anyone that wishes to help with the event.

Christy Boyer reports that Barb Flemming has agreed to handle the fund raising for the 2011-2012 school year. Also, Amy Hand will help Carol Cobb. Edie Buchanan and Tracy Cooper will continue to do the PTA Bulletin Board.

Christy reports that we still need a Room Party Chair and a Staff Appreciation Chair for the 2011-2012 school year.

Discussion regarding Room Party Chair and how to pay for the food/supplies that are purchased for the parties.

Christy Janeczko comments that PTA needs to discuss and iron out payment to representatives in a timely manner.

Lisa Sparks stats that it is the Treasurer's job to have a 3 day turn around time for reimbursement of funds.

Edie Buchanan asks about PTA having a credit card for the Room Party Chair. Lisa Sparks states that is not against (what she believes) Missouri PTA regulations for a PTA to have a credit card.

Kristen Keilman requests that the PTA pay for the costs of t-shirts for the Kindness Leadership Committee , so that the students involved can have like shirts to wear as a reward for going above and beyond for others. The costs of the shirts would be between \$5-\$6 and there would be a total of 40 shirts.

Sandi Brown states that she has two daughters in KLC and she loves the t-shirt idea, but this is not what PTA is to spend their funds for. T-shirts are a luxury item at Nashua and PTA does not purchase shirts for any students. If PTA started purchasing shirts for certain students then they would have to purchase a shirt for every student. Parents of students in Strings and Speed Stacking would expect that students be provided with shirts. This would not be possible.

Lisa Sparks comments that when shirts are available to students, they are expected to buy their own. PTA cannot decide that the 40 students in KLC are more special that any others students at Nashua.

Mrs. Martin states that she was not aware of this and she too has concerns about PTA purchasing shirts for KLC. She also wonders what would happen next school year.

Discussion turns to the possibility of Kristen look into a business that might sponsor KLC (like New Mark Care Center) to see if they would help defer some or all of the costs.

Sandi Brown suggests that Kristen look into something less expensive like lanyards which would make the total cost much less than t-shirts.

Eagle Scout Project

Mike Spry brings up that he has a Scout that needs an Eagle Scout Project and is looking for some ideas of perhaps school beautification where the Scout would oversee the project, get the supplies and complete the project. Mike would like some ideas and a contact person to talk with.