

September 22, 2009 Nashua PTA Meeting

In Attendance

Kathy D'Anza	Eva Payne	Donna Shepard
Liana Shelley	Billi Erickson	Rick Shepard
Nancy Flynn	Lindsay Villigran	Terri Bunge
Jill Hoover	Tracy Cooper	Shannon McCarthy
Polly Feigly	Shelly Jones	Anna Miceli
Sandi Brown	Christy Boyer	Amy Kralik
<u>Mark Dieckman</u>	Kelly Cowan	<u>Stephanie Prohaska</u>
Sherry Thomas	Julie Spry	Brandi Fraizer
Erica Campbell	Lori Brown	Linda Burtis
Michele Huiatt		

Opening

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

Terri Bunge motions to pass the May Meeting Minutes. Second by Liana Shelley – motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Hoover distributed the Treasurer's Report with explanations to where dollars were being added and taken away on specific line items

Jill reports that the PTA does balance for the yearend audit.

Rick Shepard motions to approve the Budget with changes. Second by Erica Campbell – motion passes.

Principal's Report

Kathy D'Anza reported the following information

Currently there are 367 students enrolled.

Kathy expresses a huge amount of thanks to all of the parents who volunteered to help in the lunch room the first week of school.

Kathy welcomes new staff members Valerie Dawson and Debbie Crussafelli.

Kathy reports that the new black top improvements will be installed Monday and Tuesday.

Billi Erickson would like to know how the rule of one class at a time on the playground came to be the case for students.

Mark Dieckman and Kathy D'Anza both answer that it is a safety issue to keep the number of kids on the playground at a minimum.

Calendar Information...

Room Representative Tea	September 28 th 6-8pm
Star Spirit Day	October 2 nd
Winnwood Skating Party	October 5 th
McTeacher Night (Barry Road)	October 6 th 4-8pm
No School	October 12 th
Kindergarten Field Trip – Red Barn Farm	October 14 th

Grade Card Distribution	October 16 th
PTA Meeting	October 20 th 6pm
Book Fair Week	October 19-23 rd
Parent Teachers Conferences	October 27 th 4-8pm
Picture Retakes	October 28 th
Parent teacher Conferences	October 29 th 4-8pm
NKCS D Early Dismissal	October 29 th 12:00
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New Business

Memberships... Sherry Thomas reports that we have 86 PTA Memberships to date. Ten of those are Business Memberships.

Terri Bunge asks if we have contest for PTA Membership participation.

To date the PTA does not have any contest for PTA participation.

Jill Hoover asks Terry to discuss with Sherry her past experiences with PTA Membership contest.

Book Fair... Sherry Thomas reports that the Book Fair will take place the week of October 19th. Ending on October 23rd. The theme is Read Around the World.

The Book Fair will be open late on Thursday, October 22.

Sherry also reports that this year we will have a morning dedicated to Dads/ Donuts and Moms/Muffins.

Room Parties... Julie Spry reports that the Room Representative Tea has been scheduled for September 28th.

Nancy Flynn gives a brief explanation of how room parties are handled by the PTA as well as the structure of the room party committee.

Each grade has one part who is dedicated to organizing the volunteers for their specific grade. The grade representative then makes phone calls to the room representatives, reminding them to call their volunteers to remind them of what they signed up to do.

Dr. White, Big Rocks... Lori Brown gave the PTA a summary of Dr. White's Big Rocks objectives.

Nancy Flynn explained that Dr. White's changes include no longer requesting money from parents to go on Field Trips. Clarification concludes the following, PTA's can request funds from parents for one field trip per year.

Shannon McCarthy asks how this will play into students attending Literature Festival.

Jill Hoover explains that this decision does not have any impact on Lit Fest as our PTA designates a specific line of the budget to cover the cost of Lit Fest.

A discussion begins regarding getting grant money for field trips.

Mr. Dieckman reports that the problem with grants is many aren't awarded until February, which could cause an entire class to not get a field trip because they may have been waiting on the grant to come through.

Terri Bunge asks if anyone has checked into a group called Art Partners.

She is familiar with this program and how they assist with school going on Field Trips.

Jill Hoover will talk with Terri more about this program to see if it can be of any help to us.

Fund Raising... Nancy Flynn reports that Entertainment Books will be going home this week. Nancy also reports that Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough fund raiser will begin the end of October.

Nancy also reminds the PTA that we are in desperate need of a Ways and Means (fund raising) chair.

Sandi Brown reminds the PTA that had Nancy Flynn not stepped up to take on Ways and Means, we would have no fund raising happening. It is critical that we do our fund raisers to be able to provide for our school/students and faculty.

Lindsay Villigran reminds everyone that we still have Edge Gymnastics waiting on a response for a fund raiser night. Further discussion puts the scheduling in January when it is cold and kids need some activity.

Jill Hoover also reminds the PTA that we need a Special Events Coordinator.

Spirit Wear... Sandi Brown reports that an order has been placed with Mac's Screen Printing for additional Spirit Wear in youth sizes only-due to the abundance of adult sizes we have on hand.

Nancy Flynn reports that we have a couple of sample shirts that Mac's gave to us for size comparison. The shirts are blank and she would like to give them to Nurse Connie for instances where a child needs a fresh shirt to wear.

Sandi Brown motions for the sample size clothing to be given to Nurse Connie. Second Amy Kralik - motion passes.

Student Directory... Liana Shelley reports that she has sent out final notices regarding the Student Directory. She hopes to have the directory available in mid -October.

Staff Appreciation... Gina Nosal reports that Nashua Baptist church will be supplying the teachers with dinner on October 29th during Parent Teacher Conferences. PTA will need to supply drinks, paper goods and desserts.

PBIS (Star Bucks)... Amy Kralik would like to have the PTA purchase some type of trinkets for the students to purchase with their Star Buck rewards. She is looking at small wrist bands for the kids.

Terri Bunge motions that funds from Carlitto's be used to purchase the bracelets once Amy has shopped to find a vendor. Motion passes.

Jill Hoover explains to Amy Kralik to go ahead and place the order because the PTA currently has the funds available and Carlitto's does not end until October 31st.

Library Request... Sandi Brown (speaking on behalf of Valerie Dawson) explained that Mrs. Dawson would like a new "feature" shelf for the Library. The shelf would be used to showcase new material available in the Library.

Paper work for Mrs. Dawson's top shelf choices was distributed to PTA Members.

Sandi explained that Mrs. Dawson does not want to contribute any of her Library budget to the cost of the new shelf due to the fact that she is working

on bringing the selections in the Library current. Mrs. Dawson reports that the Library average age is from 1993. This is the average age of book copy write dates, which makes our Library over 20 years old. Mrs. Dawson has done a lot of work purging the older books and brought the current age to 1998. Mrs. Dawson will be using nearly all of her budget to try to bring in more current books.

Sandi reports that the average cost of a Library Bound new book is about \$20, which will eat up a budget very quick.

Sandi also reports that our budget is determined based on the number of students – Nashua is a small elementary school, so is the budget.

A brief discussion takes place regarding the need for more copies of Mark Twain Award Nominees to be available in the Library. We just don't have enough to keep all the potential Lit Fest participants fulfilled.

Nancy Flynn asks if the credits that we currently have through Scholastic could be used for fixtures.

Sandi will talk with Valerie about finding out that information. Perhaps our Scholastic credits could purchase a shelf she would like.

Sandi reports that she has asked Valerie to attend the October PTA Meeting to answer more questions and provide more information, which she will plan to attend.

Topic/request is tabled until October.