

# Nashua PTA Meeting

## September 15, 2015

### In Attendance

Emmy Berry	Amanda Timmermeyer	Christy Boyer	Cassie Musick
Lana Valentine	Stephanie Prohaska	Stephen Roth	Erica Campbell
Kristin Rice	Stephanie Simpson	Liana Shelley	Carol Cobb
Polly Blair	Brook Sheller	Jennifer Ramsey	Katie Jones
Jennifer Walters	Jeanene Morris	Heather Stukey	Rita Benskin
Rhianna Elkins	Stacey Croley	Billi Erickson	Sarah Reynolds
Lindsey Doolittle	Melissa Dieker	Meridith Lamb	Jennifer Robert

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

### New Secretary

Motion from Jen Walters to elect Cassie Musick as secretary. Motion seconded by Rhianna Elkins. Motion passed. Cassie is our new secretary.

### Approval of Minutes

May meeting minutes are posted on website. No corrections at this time.

### Treasurer's Report - Jen Walters

Erica Campbell motioned to approve the audit. Motion seconded by Lana Valentine. Motion passed.

2 donation checks have been received so far this year. Shoparoo earned Nashua a \$152 check. It only requires taking pictures of receipts with your smart phone. See link on Nashua PTA website. Coke Rewards earned Nashua a \$25 check.

### Big Ticket Budget Update - Jen Robert

Following National PTA recommendations, we keep a balance in our bank account that equals 75% of our budget. So we have a \$7,266.01 surplus. We voted to use \$1,575 to reduce the amount we need to fundraise this year. So we have \$5,691.01 available for projects for this school year.

### Ink Cartridge Recycling - Jen Robert

To make money with our new ink cartridge program we will need volume - please turn in cartridges if you can.

### Website - Jen Robert

Website changed to [nashuapta.my-pta.org](http://nashuapta.my-pta.org). Please send in feedback.

### Bylaws - Jen Robert

Our bylaws will expire in March. We need to review and re-approve the bylaws, so if you have ideas for changes, now would be the time. See our [current bylaws](#) on the website.

### Restaurant Nights - Jen Robert for Amy Poolman

Papa John's night - total sales about \$700. Nashua earned a check for \$127.

Also made enough for a free pizza party - 4 large pizzas - need suggestions where the party could be used.

### Staff Appreciation - Jen Robert for Heidi Hiebert

Oct 12-16 - National School Lunch Week - recognizing food services staff

Oct 19-23 - National School Bus Safety Week / Walk & Bike to School Month - recognizing bus drivers and crossing guard

Oct 22 - Nashua Baptist Church is providing soup and sandwich dinner for teachers during conferences.

Oct. 27 - Taco feast provided by parents during conferences. Online sign up sheet will be sent out soon.

### **Trash Bags - Jen Robert for Donna Shepard**

82 rolls of yellow bags now down to 44 rolls.  
On sale for \$9 / roll until they are gone.

### **Fall Book Fair - Melissa Dieker**

Oct 19-26 - Online volunteer signup will be sent out soon.  
Red Ribbon Week and United Way Collection may also be occurring during that time.

### **Bulletin Board - Jeanene Morris**

Moved to the first bulletin outside of the office. Info for Shoparoo. All important info for PTA. If you can't find something on the website, all hard copies will be located there.

### **Field Trip Liaison - Jeanene Morris**

New role for this year to help coordinate efforts of the teachers and PTA.

### **Labels - Meridith Lamb**

Updated collection list coming soon. Will probably eliminate Coke Rewards and Kellogg's Rewards.  
Coke Rewards has eliminated their coordinator position and code entry has become very time consuming.  
You can still do it on your own and donate points to Nashua.

### **School Board Advocate - Meridith Lamb**

Split classes didn't make it on score card, but school board is still reviewing the issue.  
See the attached School Board Meeting Report for more information from the 8/25 and 9/8 board meetings.

### **Spirit Wear - Rhianna Elkins**

Looking to order hoodies, pull over and zip up. Due to cost and requirement to order a minimum of 50 of each type, would like pre-orders. Paper form will be sent out with pictures of options. Considering a discount if order is pre-paid.

### **Room Parties - Stephanie Prohaska**

Sign up sheets were passed around. Sign up sheets may be available online at a later time.

### **Yearbooks - Jen Robert for Emily Garrett and Brandi Fraizer**

Emily is deciding if we will continue to use the same yearbook company. Online signup is available for volunteers to take pics on dress up days.  
Send pictures to [pta.nashua@gmail.com](mailto:pta.nashua@gmail.com). Include teacher or grade in subject line.

### **Fundraising - Jen Robert for Melissa Nammavaly**

No prizes, no selling anything. Hosting a Read-A-Thon  
Sponsors can use flat payments or per minute.  
Goal is \$25/ per student or about \$7,400. If we can hit that goal, PTA is done with fundraisers for the year.  
Funding assemblies, field trips and classroom supplies.  
Trying to keep money within the school rather than keeping a percentage selling a product.  
School reading goal is 1 million pages by May - school reward has not been set yet - Read-A-Thon will count towards school goal.  
Need to communicate to parents that PTA is focusing more on money going to school instead of fundraisers with products.  
In previous sales, we sold \$16,000 in products but only received roughly \$6,000.  
Communicate up front to parents what our goal for the year is, and that if we meet it we are done fundraising.  
Point out what the dollars are going towards.  
Major Saver is a school district fundraiser not a PTA fundraiser.  
Mention \$25 suggested donation several ways.

### **Skating - Katie Jones**

44 skaters on first skating night.

When we hit 50, we receive money back.

Katie Jones may need help covering when basketball season approaches, email PTA or Katie if you are able to help out

### **Mercury Gym - Jen Robert for Heidi Hiebert**

40 kids attended.

When we hit 50, we receive money back.

### **Proposal for Art Room Mirrors - Mrs. Doolittle**

Requesting \$200 for self portrait mirrors. They are shatter proof and scratch resistant. Would like 30 mirrors. They are \$6.39 each plus shipping thru Dick Blick.

Rhianna Elkins motioned for an amount not to exceed \$200 from the Big Ticket Budget to purchase the mirrors. Motion seconded by Jen Walters. Motion passed.

### **Friendship Bench - Mrs Cobb**

Concept: if a student is feeling lonely, they can go sit on the bench. When another student sees them, they could go over and see if student would like to play.

Need ideas: designate a picnic table outside? Eagle Scouts project? May have to avoid wood due to safety and maintenance concerns. Plastic wood may be a possibility? How to anchor bench in place?

Jen will post links from Mrs. Cobb on our website. Looking for creative ideas that consider safety as well.

Past experience indicates that would be well-received within our community of students.

### **October PTA Meeting**

Changed to the 13th to avoid conflict with book fair.

### **Door Prizes**

#23 - Billy Erickson

#7 - Stephanie Prohaska

#18- Jeanene Morris

### **Spirit Wear Collection - Rhianna Elkins**

If you have spirit wear that your children have outgrown, please consider donating it. Collecting spirit wear for the school to distribute to kids who cannot purchase spirit wear. Contact Rhianna if you have donations.

### **Youth Friends - Mrs. Cobb**

If you are interested in volunteering at the school as a Youth Friend, or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Cobb.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

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- Treasurer's Report

Proposed Tax Rate

Paul Harrell, CFO, reported that before September 1, 2015, the Board of Education is required to set the tax rate to file with Clay & Platte Counties to be used in calculating tax bills to be paid by 12/31/15. The 2015 total tax rate will be \$6.4333. This is a decrease of \$.08 from the prior year.

Final Budget

Missouri State Legislature added \$90 million to Elementary & Secondary Schools  
\$3.9 million to NKC School District (Governor has signed off on this)  
All schools will get the same funding as last year

- MAP Scores-can't compare last years test to previous years because it was a completely different test (more rigorous curriculum) however, NKC had the largest increase in advanced & proficient in ELA, Math went down across the board but NKC went down the least, NKC 3<sup>rd</sup> in Science out of 16 districts, SS NKC was at the top. More info to come at Sept & Oct meetings.
- Enrollment: Steady. 19,373 first day of school. Hired 129 new teachers, 17 administrators, 65 paraprofessionals, and 83 employees to fill existing vacancies. **No more empty classrooms in the district. Bell Prairie now full. Boundaries changed to reduce student population at Northview by 80 students.**
- Food & Nutrition: Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act hurt the program. Cost the program \$215,000. Food cost went up 15% and participation fell. 62% increase in fresh produce so they used govt commodities instead. Took off top 5 expensive meals. Took away some labor. Worked with Harvesters, NorthWest Missouri State, and other vendor relationships to get \$41,000 in free food. Were originally on track to lose \$1 million but instead made \$650,000 which they used to remodel Winnetonka's cafeteria. NKC ranks #1 in ADP-feed 3.4 million meals on \$10 million budget. Trying to use Local Produce but is still expensive. Only the 2<sup>nd</sup> district in the area to get rid of alternate meals and avoid a collections agency.

- Summer projects: \$18 million spent on facilities. Winnetonka-new gym, 100's of classrooms painted, turf replacement at District Football Stadium, New Mark-new roof, new lockers, 2 computer lab room conversions. Elementary schools-new paint, carpet, 7 comp lab conversions, lighting, bathroom remodels. 26 new buses. Northland Innovation Center on N Oak-Phase One of the project calls for the construction of a five-story, 92,000-square-foot building at 6889 N. Oak. Sixty-thousand square feet has been leased by North Kansas City Schools for an advanced professional studies program, and a gifted and talented center. The rest of the building is to be leased by a university to establish a branch campus in the Northland. Phase Two will include a 50,000-square-foot office building with a library, a performing arts theater, and a parking garage. **Open Aug 2016 with 20 year lease.**
- Navitas-Energy savings performance contract. Nashua will be in Phase III (approval at Sept mtg) interior and exterior lighting upgrades, water efficiency upgrades, HVAC building automation system, and weatherization. To be completed through the year. **Total cost of \$24 million of improvements that will provide \$40.7 million over 15 years.**
- **Balanced Scorecard**  
**Student: Continue focus on academic achievement, monitor and assist year-round schools (Crestview & Winwood), Identify learning needs of all students, Increase student engagement in the community, Develop Ready/Respectful/Responsible students.**