

NASHUA PTA MEETING

MAY 17, 2016

In Attendance

Stacey Croley	Amy Poolman	Jen Walters
Catherine Munson	Debbie Crisafulli	Meridith Lamb
Jeff Rodgers	Robyn Tuwei	Amanda Timmermeyer
Thomas Robert	Rhianna Elkins	Heidi Hiebert
Amy Wazac	Jen Robert	Melissa Dieker
Jeanene Morris	Sarah Storie	Corina Mabery
Polly Blair		

4th Grade presentation

- Shared information about F&P reading levels and testing

April meeting minutes are approved.

Treasurer report

- Most of the teacher funds were spent this year
- There will be two additional classroom teachers next year and we have not previously included the strings special as part of teacher funds. Stacey Croley motioned to increase teacher funds from \$2500 to \$2800 next year to cover additional teachers. Heidi Hiebert seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Reviewed teacher funds reimbursement guidelines. Recently received a request to reimburse purchase of snacks and food for classroom rewards. Guidelines have said that the PTA prefers that the money not be used to purchase snacks and food for rewards, but this comment has been unchanged since 2011. After discussion, we concluded that this prohibition is no longer necessary and these comments will be removed from the guidelines.
- There will be a new reimbursement, invoice, deposit and change request form next year. Copies were viewed at the meeting.

Big Ticket Budget

- \$4204.31 balance - didn't change from last month

Officer Elections

- Meridith Lamb volunteered and was elected Secretary for 2016-2018.

President:

- Fall Event - Amy Wazac and Jeanene Morris volunteered to help work on it
- Still have some open positions, including Kindergarten Roundup Chair

- Would like a chair to find raffle prizes for skating nights as that seemed to help attendance when it was tried

Family Fun Night

- PTA made about \$1000.

Field Trips

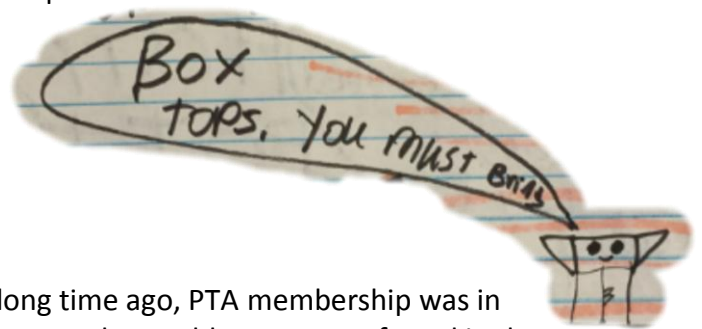
- Jeanene went through list of field trips from this year
- 4th grade decided not to go to fire station (they went to zoo and science city)
- We still had budget left for field trips. Jeanene will continue to work with teachers next year so we can avoid charging students extra fees for trips as long as we still have budget available.
- Enrollment is probably going up, so we will likely need to revisit the amount budgeted in September.

Fundraising

- Meridith announced the fall fundraiser. It will be cookie dough and gift items from Great American Fundraising. Cookie dough has been the most profitable type of fundraiser we do. We will make 40% on the cookie dough and 50% on the gift items. Samples will be available at Back to School Night. Great American has a scholarship incentive that may be interesting to parents.
- The Fun Run we talked about last meeting was not chosen. They required a \$1000-\$2000 dollar payment upfront.
- The fundraiser will be in September.

Labels For Kids

- Discussed incentives and reminders to get people to turn in more labels
- PTA used to count labels per class and award parties, but it was very time consuming. Suggestion to weigh labels instead.
- Jen will be chairing labels next year and her preference to keep things as simple as possible. Wants to try having one day per month where kids get to wear PJs, hats, etc., in return for bringing in a baggie of labels and see if that reminder/reward helps, rather than going all the way to time-consuming reward parties and classroom counts.



Membership

- Other schools have membership drives
- The gym is a mess on Back to School Night. A long time ago, PTA membership was in the hallways instead. Were able to attract more people to table. Parents often skip the gym due to crowding.

- Need to also consider how that would affect number of volunteers required (we currently sell memberships, room party fees and yearbooks at the same table - would we separate these? - how many volunteers would we need?). And how it would affect spirit wear - we currently run spirit wear to the check out table so people can write one check. If we are in different areas, that probably won't work and we will need to require separate payment at spirit wear.
- Also noted that some feel that PTA used to feel more like a community than it does now and that people used to want to join.
- Further noted that a membership drive may have little impact on how many people actually volunteer to help (we have some very good helpers that never join and many who join who do not volunteer or attend meetings). And that a membership drive will not likely have much impact on our financial bottom line, as we only make \$1.75 per membership. Trying to determine how to make the PTA feel more like a community, however, would be a good thing to brainstorm solutions to.

Restaurant Nights

- Please take the survey if you have not.

School Board Advocate

- Report attached

Spirit Wear

- Inventory needed for audit in July

Staff Appreciation

- Thank you to all that helped this year!

Yearbooks

- No lottery next year. Will just buy 300 total and take orders until they are sold out.
- 5th grade cover contest is being planned for next year

Big Ticket Proposal - Buddy Bench

- Mrs. Munson brought an update to the buddy bench that Mrs. Cobb talked about earlier this year. They have found a bench that the district is ok with and district maintenance will install it. The bench is currently on sale.
- Sarah Storie motioned to buy a buddy bench for Nashua, not to exceed \$800. Jeanene Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Door prizes were awarded.

End of Meeting

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MAY 10, 2016

- Mr. Tim Harris, President of Star Development, would like to donate approximately 40 acres of land to the North Kansas City School District. The property is located at the SW corner of 108th St. and N. Eastern Ave in Kansas City, MO.
A condition of the gift is the District cannot sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of the property within 3 years of the contribution. The property is suitable for building purposes and is located in an area of the school district that is targeted for new student growth.
- Using the Paid Lunch Equity Tool, our SY 2016-17 federally required lunch price increase is \$.10. To meet the requirements of the law, the proposed 2016-17 lunch prices reflecting a \$.10 increase are as follows: Elementary Lunch \$2.30 Secondary Lunch \$2.55 The proposed increases will bring our department a projected \$50,000 in additional revenue. Unless the law is changed, it is likely that we will be required to increase lunch prices every year until the paid lunch price plus federal reimbursement received for a paid meal is equal to or more than the amount of federal reimbursement received for a free meal. With these price increases we will still be below many districts in the KC Metro area and surrounding districts.
- Bid summary/tab:
List Price each Discount per each \$573.00 \$11.46
Elementary Demo Classrooms devices (120)
Administration Recommendation:
Discounted Price each \$561.54
\$67,384.80
The recommendation to the Board of Education is to award the purchase of iPads for the Elementary Demo Classrooms to Apple Computer for \$67,384.80.
- In March 2016, we were asked to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction Management Agency Services to support our school district in future construction and renovation projects as it continues to grow. Within the RFP, CM Agencies were given information on the following three projects: 1. Renovation of an existing high school plus an addition, 2. a new

elementary school on a green space, and 3. a second elementary or sixth grade center on a green space. On April 11th, the RFP was released and advertised. On April 25th, four (4) CM Agencies submitted proposals.

- As we are acutely aware, one of the academic opportunities that we have in North Kansas City Schools is to close the academic “dip” that occurs between the 5th grade year and the 6th grade year for our students. This can certainly be a challenging transition time for many students, so it is essential that we re-visit academic programming at the middle level in order to ensure that the 5th to 6th grade transition provides our students with the support needed to increase academic achievement.

One of the options for consideration, to support our students, is the development of a 6th grade center. Within a 6th grade center model, the environment can be developed to adequately support the emotional and social needs of a 6th grader while also providing transitional support for the academic expectations of secondary education. Revisiting 6 grade academic programming is imperative to increase academic outcomes; we will re-visit the academic programming in grades 7 and 8 as well.

In re-visiting academic programming at the middle level, I would recommend exploring and developing a plan with leaders and teachers at the middle level that includes four broad categories. These would include the use of instructional time, social and emotional development, relationships, and learning space. The integration, and exploration, of these four topics in relation to the middle level student will assist us in developing a plan that will not only improve academic outcomes in the near future, but for a sustainable period of time.

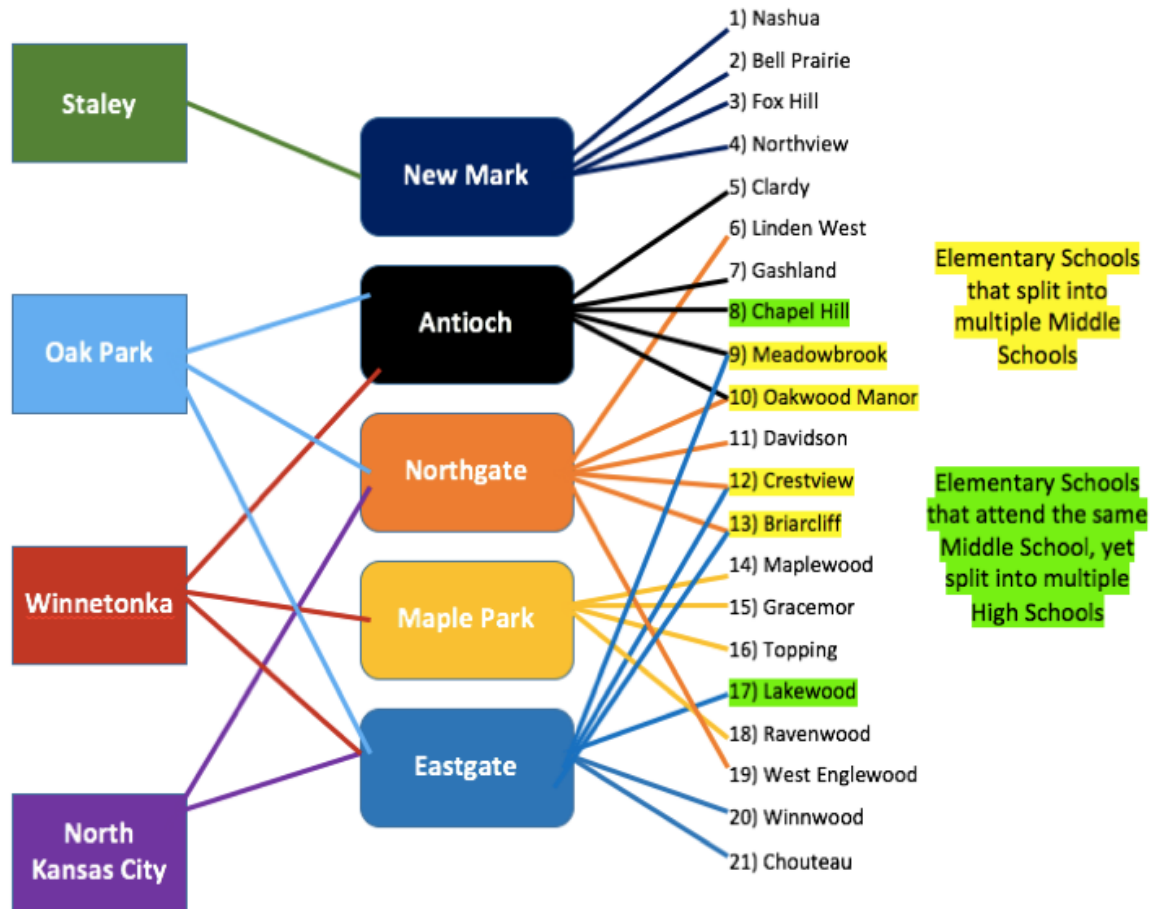
What Can a 6th Grade Center “The North Kansas City Way” Provide for Students?

An entire staff that is committed and trained to support the academic and social needs of students transitioning from childhood to adolescence. Currently, approximately 1/3 of the middle school staff is committed to the academic and social development needs of 6th graders.

Stronger relationships between students and teachers

Increased time spent in the core content areas

Continued appropriate exploratory options



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- Next Steps: Engage Middle School Teachers and Leaders in a study of current systems, capitalize on best practices and design next practices for Middle Level Education in the North Kansas City School District.