

January 20, 2009 Nashua PTA Meeting

In Attendance

Kathy D'Anza	Linda Burtis	Eva Payne
Kristen Reel	Jill Hoover	Billi Erikson
Nancy Flynn	Lindsay Villigran	Liana Shelley
Sandi Brown	Angie Baker	Jaclyn Smail
Courtney Wheeler	Sherry Thomas	Polly Feigly
Anna Miceli		

Opening

The meeting was called to order by Kristen Reel at 6:05pm and a formal agenda was distributed.

All attendees introduced themselves for new members attending.

Nancy Flynn motioned to approve the November Meeting Minutes. Second by Liana Shelley. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was distributed with a brief explanation by Jill Hoover.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made and passed.

Principal's Report

Kathy D'Anza reported the following information...

Calendar

January	27 th Wendy's Night
	28 th 2 nd and 3 rd Grade Field Trip – Folly Theater
	29 th Family Fitness Night 6-7pm
February	2 nd Skating Party
	4 th Grade Field Trip KC Symphony Orchestra
	5 th Cici's Night
	12 th Valentine's Parties 2:30pm
	13 th No School
	16 th No School President's Day
	17 th PTA Meeting 6:00pm
	17 th 1 st Grade Program 7:00pm
	19 th Chuck E Cheese Night 3:00 – 9:00pm

New Business

Labels for Education

Lindsay Villigran and Angie Baker are now the Label Chair Persons

Mrs. Feigly reports that her class received their Labels Contest Prize. The Student Store was brought to her room and each student was given a \$1 voucher to spend toward merchandise. It was a HUGE hit!

Nancy Flynn asks if Mrs. Feigly had any problems with students once they received their prizes. Mrs. Feigly reports no problems.

Angie Baker asks who she should make the check out to for the dollar amount on the vouchers. Kathy D'Anza suggests she speak to Rita.

Lindsay Villigran requests that a date be set for the next labels contest.

Further discussion concludes that the next Labels Contest will be from April 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009.

Nancy Flynn motions that the same prize be given (\$1 voucher to spend at the student store). Second by Sandi Brown. Motion passed.

Lindsay also reports that she plans to start sending out monthly reminders about Labels Collection.

Nancy Flynn questions what we are saving Campbell's Labels towards – what is the goal to get out of the catalog?

After further discussion, Nancy request that the Campbell's Catalog be given to Kathy D'Anza to look through and decide on a possible item(s).

Lindsay reports that she has information on an Edge Gymnastics Friday Night Fundraiser that provides 50% money back. Basically a Pay and Play night.

Lindsay reports that we will have to provide 4-5 volunteers to help with the fundraiser evening.

Nancy Flynn motions that Lindsay check on either February 13 or February 27 as possible Friday Nights as well as the minimum age of kids that can be dropped off. Second by Liana Shelly. Motion passes.

Motion made to charge \$5 cover charge. Second by Sandi Brown. Motion passes.

Nancy Flynn requests that Lindsay check on the Ecocentive Program that Mary Botts had requested a motion on – changing the recycle bin to take more items.

Lindsay will look into this and report back.

Jill Hoover reminds everyone that any discussion on new/additional playground equipment was put on hold by her contact at District.

Jill also reminds everyone that when new playground equipment is purchased, it must come from a District approved source. The cost to have a Supervisor on site to oversee the installation is terribly high. Therefore, if we do decide to purchase new equipment, we will want to do multiple items at once (if possible) since the Supervisor is so costly on funds.

Eva Payne asks if there are teacher/class wish list(s)?

Kristen Reel reports that we have to be careful of certain teacher's receiving an over abundance of classroom items as gifts. As well as having parents wondering where/what their tax dollars are paying for.

Sandi Brown reports that the PTA provides each teacher with \$187.50 worth of reimbursement for classroom expenses that they incur.

Polly Feigly reports that she just feels a bit awkward asking parents for things.

Sandi Brown also reports that Pam Knapp (Staff Appreciation Chair) keeps a list of teacher personal favorites that can be obtained by parents too.

SpiritWear Report

Kristen Reel reports that she has asked the SpiritWear Chair to step down.

Kristen reports that there was an order placed for \$5,800 worth of SpiritWear, which is roughly ¼ of our operating budget.

Nancy Flynn reports that is roughly 350 SpiritWear items.

Kristen wants to sell SpiritWear at every event the school has left to recoup

some of the cost.

Billi Erikson reports that there are not a lot of opportunities to purchase SpiritWear so perhaps many parents are not thinking about doing so.

Further discussion notes that most agree we do not have SpiritWear readily available for a few reasons...there are so many boxes of merchandise that one person can't be expected to get it to every event and we have limited participants from PTA willing to help set up and sell merchandise.

Kristen Reel requests that we make a decision to reduce SpiritWear prices...or perhaps make a flat 20% mark up from cost to begin to lighten the load.

Jill Hoover motions that we reassess the SpiritWear pricing. Second by Nancy Flynn. Motion passed.

Nancy Flynn suggested that the PTA set some guidelines for the amount of money spent on committees.

Jill Hoover suggested that Chairs need to look at line items regarding spending as well as when we "pass the torch" to a new committee chair.

Yearbook

Money has been collected for many who did not purchase yearbooks at the beginning of the school year to hopefully avoid the rush of parents trying to by the last day of school.

Nancy reports that any pictures to be considered for the yearbook can be provided to the PTA on the CD that is labels with the class and/or event.

Nancy reports that the PTA purchased three new digital cameras that are cataloged and available in the library for teachers to check out.

Nancy also reports that each teacher received their own memory (SD) card to use in the cameras.

Nancy reports that committee members will be assigned passwords to work on specific pages in hopes that we can take the creation of the yearbook to all digital.

Room Parties

Nancy Flynn states that several class rooms, for the Winter Party, struggled to receive parent participation despite phone calls to parents and notes going home with students.

Nancy worked extremely hard (sending home notes and making phone calls) trying to get one parent to come for a particular class, but no one came so she and the teacher ran the party. This forces her to miss out on some of her own child's party to keep another class room running. Sandi Brown also had trouble getting parent participation in a class room. She also notes that many times phone calls are not returned because stating that you are with the PTA implies that some kind of help is needed.

Nancy also reports that when no one shows up for a class it forces the PTA to scramble to find a game for the students and they then have no extra snack (treat/goody bag) to take home. As kids get older extra snacks and drinks are

quite necessary since the kids are bigger and eat so much more.
Nancy requests that anyone who has ideas on how to get parents to sign up and participate in the class parties – please contact the PTA.
Sandi Brown suggests that we have back up games available at school for when these crisis occur. That way the class has some game to play.
Nancy notes that there were some questions regarding food provided at the parties and having healthier options.

The PTA does not ever get 100% participation on the \$5 room party fund. This forces the PTA to rely on New Mark Sun Fresh for any donations they will make to Nashua for nearly 400 students. The manager at Sun Fresh is VERY good to us. EXAMPLE: Sun Fresh cannot donate sport drinks for that many students, but they almost always supply the Capri Suns.

Making \$5 stretch for one student having three parties is not easy. However, if the class has good parent participation, parents could certainly provide fresh fruit and/or vegetable trays for the students to snack on.

NOTE: For the Spring Party the PTA will provide cheese pizza, a brownie and a drink. As well as the paper goods for the party.

Carnival

Kristen Reel reports that Fun Services has been booked for the Carnival. The date set is May 1, 2009 from 5:00 – 8:00pm. This is a NKCS D half day.
Nancy Flynn notes that the carnival is not a fund raiser for the PTA – it is basically a wash.

Jill Hoover asks if we should consider getting rid of the raffle baskets altogether.

Sandi Brown states that she thinks the PTA should consider have at least one free raffle.

Book Fair

Linda Burtis reports that the Spring Book Fair will be March 3-6. She will be sending home requests for volunteers.

Extra Items

Jill Hoover reminds members that someone will need to have a table set up at Line Creek for the ice skating night with a change box and tickets.

Responsible parties will then need to settle up with Line Creek at the end of the evening.

Angie Baker and Sherry Thomas will be attending and help with this.

Angie Baker notes that she is becoming very busy and would like help with the Treasurer's position.

After further discussion the PTA decides that we need to start advertising open positions in the next PTA Newsletter for President, 1st VP and for Treasurer.

Sherry Thomas states the Nashua Baptist Church Adult Women's Sunday School would like to know if Nashua could use help with the Backpack Program which provides healthy food items in backpacks on Fridays to students who may not get enough to eat on the weekends.

Lit Fest

Kathy D'Anza suggests that Sherry check with Carol Cobb.