

March 24, 2009 Nashua PTA Meeting

In Attendance

Kathy D'Anza	Kristen Reel	Eva Payne
Liana Shelley	Polly Feigly	Billi Erickson
Lisa Sparks	Sandi Brown	Andi Narron
Nancy Flynn	Melissa Gordon	Mike Gordon
Jill Hoover	Angela Kerr	Lindsay Villigran
Courtney Wheeler	Tracy Carver	Angie Baker

Opening

The meeting was called to order by Jill Hoover, with Kristen Reel in attendance. A formal agenda was distributed.

Polly Feigly motions to pass the January Meeting Minutes. Second by Nancy Flynn – motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

Angie Baker distributed the Treasurer's Report.

Angie Reports that all of the teachers are now aware of their remaining reimbursement funds.

Angie also reports that one teacher has gone over the \$187.50 allotment. We will need to revisit where to pull the money from (to cover the overage) at the end of the school year.

Sandi Brown motions to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second from Lisa Sparks – motion passes.

Principal's Report

Kathy D'Anza reported the following information

Currently there are 383 students enrolled.

Extended Summer Learning (XLT) will be at Nashua this year and will have only Nashua Students.

Due to the bond that was passed for the new high school, there are funds available to put a projector (ceiling) in every class room. This cuts the cost on adding Smart Boards greatly – as a ceiling projector must be purchased and installed as part of the Smart Board. Therefore, eight new Smart Boards are being purchased and added to the class rooms at Nashua.

The third and fifth graders will be attending School Day at the K on May 8th.

Sandi Brown reports that last school year, the students did not see most of the experiments because of late arrival. By the time they were in the stadium and seated they saw 2-3 experiments and then they had to exit the stadium for lunch and were brought back in for the game. This may not be able to be avoided due to the Districts bus schedule in the morning.

Discussion regarding donating funds to Belle Prairie for PTA start up costs. Motion by Nancy Flynn to donate \$50 to Belle Prairie PTA for start up costs. Second by Lisa Sparks – motion passes.

Calendar Information...

Grade card Distribution	March 27 th
Literature Festival (4 th and 5 th grades)	March 27 th
Labels for Education Contest	April 1 st
Cici's Night	April 2 nd
MAP Testing Window	April 6 th – 17 th
Kindergarten Roundup	April 14 th
Line Creek Skating	April 14 th
Speed Stacking Begins (2 nd -5 th grades)	April 14 th
4 th Grade to Jefferson City	April 15 th
PTA Meeting – 5:30pm	April 21 st
Kindergarten Program 7:00pm	April 21 st
Earth Day	April 22 nd
Take Your Child to Work	April 23 rd
Student Led Conferences 4-8pm	April 28 th
Labels Contest Ends	April 30 th
Nashua Carnival	May 1 st
Field Day	May 15 th

Make up Field Day will be May 20th.

New Business

Andi Narron discusses the 4th Grade Field Trip to Jefferson City, which will be on April 15th.

Sunset Tours (Coach Buses) will provide two buses for transportation at a cost of \$930 per bus. Departing at 7:00am and arriving back to Nashua at 6:00pm.

Last school year the PTA voted to pay for one bus to go to Jefferson City and to plan to discuss a line item to remain in the budget for future 4th grades to continue to make this trip.

Last year the PTA talked to Mrs. Narron about possible fund raising ideas to cover the cost of the second bus. ie: Sonic Cards.

Mrs. Narron reports that the buses would take 73 students, 3 teachers and 18 parents.

Sandi Brown asks Mrs. Narron what the cost will be per student to cover the cost of the second bus. First indications are roughly \$10.75 per student.

Lisa Sparks asks Mrs. Narron how she plans to cover the kids (families) who cannot pay. Mrs. Narron reports that she has not thought that far ahead.

Nancy Flynn reports she intended for profits from the Entertainment Books, which were sold school wide, would be used to help offset the cost of the Jefferson City Field Trip.

Lisa Sparks reports that the selling of the Entertainment Books was not presented as a fund raiser for the 4th Grade Field Trip to Jefferson City and she is not sure that we can do that with the profits.

Kristen Reel reports that she does not recall that we as a PTA ever voted to sell Entertainment Books.

Jill Hoover reports that we probably should have had a discussion and voted on this matter as well as been clear about what the selling of the

Entertainment Books was for.

Sandi Brown asks Angie Baker what the profits were from the selling of the Entertainment Books.

Angie reports we had a profit of \$607.50.

Motion made to use the profits from the sales of the Entertainment Books (\$607.50) to offset the cost of the second bus to take the 4th Graders to Jefferson City.

Motion passes.

Angela Kerr, Technology Coordinator at Northtown, sets up and demonstrated the Digital Document Cameras

The Doc Cams are a modern replacement to the overhead machines that have been used for many years.

The Doc Cam takes a digital image of any item and the using the ceiling projector(s) can project the image on the wall, screen or Smart Board.

Doc Cams are portable and can be taken from room to room.

Doc Cams cost about \$800 per camera, however, with the District placing a large order the cost has been reduced to \$520 by the manufacturer.

Doc Cams might be something for the PTA and school to think about in furthering our technology.

Billi Erickson requests a clarification on what a PTA Business Membership is.

Kristen Reel explained that for \$10 a business membership can be purchased.

The PTA Newsletter will advertise a business card sized as on the back of the monthly PTA Newsletter for each month of the school year.

Kristen also explained that there are benefits (discounts) through the National PTA Organization as well.

Playground Update

Jill Hoover reports that her contact at the District told her that they have no plans to add any new playground equipment.

Jill also talked with the teachers who stated that they would like to have more tables, like what is currently out by the playground as well as upgrades to the existing equipment.

Jill will continue working and coordinating upgrades/improvements to the playground.