

## **April 15, 2008 Nashua PTA Meeting**

### **In Attendance**

Kathy D'Anza	Kristen Reel	Polly Feigly
Lisa Sparks	Sandi Brown	Lori Brown
Pam Knapp	Shannon McCarthy	Jerilee Hendrich
Nancy Flynn	Trina Gibson	Linda Burtis
Mary Botts	Jill Hoover	

### **Opening**

The meeting was opened by Kristen Reel with an agenda distributed.  
The motion was made by Nancy Flynn to pass the March Minutes. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jill Hoover distributed the Treasurer's Report from February.

The motion was made by Nancy Flynn to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion was seconded by Trina Gibson. Motion passed.

Jill Hoover also distributed a proposed budget for the 2008-09 school year with certain income items asterisked for discussion.

An open discussion regarding the trash bags that are sold by the PTA took place.

Nancy Flynn reports that the PTA's cost for trash bags will be increasing and suggested to raise the selling price and lower the proposed amount.

More open discussion took place regarding the fall fundraiser, recycling, skating parties. All discussions were represented and agreed upon by members.

Additional open discussion took place regarding the proposed expenses, some of which were asterisked by Jill.

Several involved members noted that generally the PTA Carnival is a wash and it was agreed upon to cut the current proposed expenses by half.

Members that attended the March meeting agreed that the changes to the amount of Field Trip expense was necessary for the PTA to continue to help the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes go to Jefferson City.

Reading/Math Family Night was agreed upon to be changed as well.

Sandi Brown opened a discussion regarding Reading Counts Quizzes and whether or not the Library was adequately stocked with quizzes and if we need to provide more funds toward this.

Further discussion indicates that we do not know much about the quizzes. Sandi Brown offered to contact Courtney Wheeler to find out more.

**\*\* The information below is from PTA e-mail correspondence.**

**From Courtney Wheeler...** It costs about \$2.75 a quiz that I order. I usually put in a huge fiction order in the fall so I also do a big quiz order in the fall. Scholastic usually runs a special in October. For example this past Oct. I got 180 quizzes for \$374.08, which works out to be a little over \$2 a quiz. In order to get that deal I had to order a

180 quizzes so I just did it and took the rest of the money out of the other library budget. Now that it is spring, I am out of money and have kids that have asked for quizzes on books that I have put on the shelf recently. I also like to order quizzes for next year's award nominees so that they are ready for the beginning of the school year, which is usually around \$54.00.

As for the collection analysis that runs around \$125.00 and then it would be nice to be able to purchase quizzes for some of the nonfiction books.

The above information was distributed to members via e-mail.

Sandi Brown put forth the following motion via e-mail... I motion that we allocate any money, from April's Wendy's and Cici's night, to the Library for more Reading Counts Quizzes and a Collection Analysis (to see what we still need).

The motion was seconded by Polly Feigly.

Final Proposed Budget discussion was concluded and Jill Hoover offered to send a revised proposed budget to members via e-mail. Members would reply to Kristen Reel with their decision.

### **Principal's Report**

Kathy D'Anza reported the following information

Currently there are 340 students enrolled.

#### **Calendar Information...**

April	Wendy's Night	April 22
	Administrative Professionals Day	April 23
	Take Your Child to Work/Career Fair	April 24
	Kindergarten Roundup	April 24 6:00-7:30pm
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade to the Coterie Theater	April 25
	Pizza Factory	April 29
	Kindergarten FT Deanna Rose Farm	April 30
May	12:00 Early Dismissal	May 2
	<b>Nashua Carnival FUNI FUNI FUNI</b>	<b>May 2 5:30-8:00</b>
	Teacher Appreciation Week	May 5-9 <sup>th</sup>
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visits New Mark	May 5
	School Nurse Day	May 6
	DARE Field Trip	May 8
	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade FT Kansas City Zoo	May 9
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade FT Nelson Atkins Museum	May 9
	Last Day for Library Check Out	May 9
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program DARE Graduation	May 12
	Limo Ride	May 14
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade School Day at the K	May 15
	All Books Due Back	May 16
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade FT to Jefferson City	May 16
	Field Day	May 27
	12:00 Early Dismissal LAST DAY	May 29
	XLT at Fox Hill (Monday-Thursday)	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> - July 3 <sup>rd</sup>

### **Open Discussion Teacher Appreciation**

Lisa Sparks asks Pam Knapp if she is doing ok with preparations for the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week.

**\*\* The information below was provided via e-mail.**

**From Pam Knapp...** For the upcoming staff appreciation week, May 5-9, I have been working with Amy Kralik, who is the chair of the teacher's appreciation committee, with events for the staff. For the PTA committee, I have prepared treat bags for all of the staff for each day of the week. I will bring those in each day in the morning when I drop off my daughter at Adventure Club. My plan is to put them in each of their boxes, so they get a "surprise" each morning. From the past years, the committee has sent out flyers asking each grade to bring in a treat each day for the staff. I have the flyers lined up to be distributed prior to that week. I am also working on getting some type of gift for the teachers, I was thinking about either car wash certificates or maybe a restaurant certificate if I can get a good deal on that.

April 17 is Librarian Day, and I have purchased a flower arrangement for Ms. Wheeler which I will bring in tomorrow. April 23 is Administrative Assistant day and May 7 is Nurse's Day. I have picked out gifts for each based on the survey's that they completed.

### **Open Discussion Math-A-Thon**

Polly Feigly asks the group their feelings regarding putting together the Math-A-Thon with the current amount of money in the PTA's account.

Much discussion regarding the budget and the surplus that we have is broken down into further explanation with Jill Hoover reporting that it takes \$18,000 to do everything that we take part in. The discussion also brings up the question on getting an additional Smart Board.

Sandi Brown reports that not only do her children like participating in the Math-A-Thon, but friends and family seem to really enjoy sponsoring them.

Lori Brown also has positive feedback regarding the Math-A-Thon and friends and family sponsoring the kids.

Kristen Reel is also pro Math-A-Thon and does not want to see any "educational" fund raiser taken away.

All positive discussion leads to having the Math-A-Thon.

### **Open Discussion Smart Board(s)**

The PTA discussed the option of supplying the school with two new Smart Boards considering the additional funds we have.

Sandi Brown asks Ms. D'Anza and Mrs. Feigly if the Nashua Teacher's really want additional Smart Boards or is the money spent better another way.

Both Mrs. Feigly and Ms. D'Anza report that the teachers have a strong desire for Smart Boards.

Ms. D'Anza also reports that she is trying to get another Smart Board with the current school budget. This would mean a total of three new Smart Boards if the PTA votes to purchase two after the conclusion of the Math-A-Thon. One Smart Board is a \$3,000-\$4,000 purchase.

### **Open Discussion Skating Parties**

Nancy Flynn reports that it is extremely difficult to make any money on the

Skating Parties through River Roll and explains that our chances for more revenue come from Winnwood Skate Center.

Nancy Flynn suggests that the PTA look into changing our Skating Party night and going back to Winnwood.

Nancy also reports that NOW is the time for the PTA to start finalizing contracts with every vendor we work with. There are huge fund raiser perks for signing contracts early.

### **Open Discussion \$5 Party Donation**

Discussion was opened up about the Room Party fee and the large numbers of families that don't pay it, which causes the PTA to have to eat up a lot of funds. Several members discussed that calling this a "donation" leads many to just not pay it. Further discussion suggested we remove the word "donation" from the form completely.

E-mail discussions indicated that there are parents who have really didn't/don't know what that \$5 does for their child. Sandi Brown offered a brief e-mail explanation for any parent who did not know.

### **\*\* The information below was provided via e-mail...**

**From Sandi Brown...** With that money the PTA covers all paper goods, drinks and food needed for every class room at Nashua for all three celebrations. By doing this, we do not have to rely on parents to obtain and bring/send these items for the party. It is already done for Fall, Winter and Valentine's Parties. As I think Lori Brown mentioned, when we were relying on parents to sign up and supply these items it was a miserable failure. And then we looked pretty poor, as a PTA, when there were classes with no drinks or plates or whatever. End result, we took it over and the \$5 per student is to help cover the cost to the PTA. It's a great deal if you think about it.

Now we rely on parents to help with games, crafts and treats (if they want more) for the kids. I have noticed that as the kids get older, the craft part seems to fade and it's all about food and games. And then I am noticing that the bigger kiddos sometimes need a second drink at the party, since they can create a vacuum and suck down a Capri Sun in seconds!

### **Education Labels Report**

Mary Botts reports that the cameras that were obtained, for each grade, from the Box Tops for Education catalog do not work. She has spoken with the Box Tops people and we can return the cameras for full credit and choose other cameras.

Mary also informs the PTA that the Kindergarten Teachers have asked if we would like to participate in the scavenger hunt for Kindergarten Roundup.

After further discussion the decision is made that the PTA will participate and give away Nashua Water Bottles.

Mary wants to make sure that Box Tops packets go out to parents during Kindergarten Roundup.

Ms. D'Anza reports that the school is low on paper for the rest of the school year. After further discussion the PTA decides to purchase a ream of paper to get the packets done.

The current Box Tops contest is due to end May 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is an early dismissal day for the district. Members decide that it needs to end on April 30<sup>th</sup> so that the students in the winning class can receive eight tickets for games at the carnival. Jerilee Hendrich would like to see more awareness about saving pop-tops. She will get a flyer to Mary Botts to include this information in the packet for

Kindergarten Roundup.

**New Business**

Sandi Brown reports that after talking with Mr. Dieckman the school will have more new die cuts. Mr. Dieckman placed another order (roughly \$700). There will be nearly 20 new die cuts as well as a rack to store the large ones. ☺