

November 19, 2013 Nashua PTA Meeting

In Attendance

Jennifer Walters	Jennifer Robert	Gwen Connors
Sandi Brown	Brandi Frazier	Rebecca Fowler
Kelly Cowan	Paula Shaw	Polly Feigly
Jessica Martin	Melissa Dieker	Kendra Lowe
Eva Payne	Shannon McCarthy	Lindsey Doolittle
Amy Poolman	Edie Buchanan	Liana Shelley
Julie Spry	Billi Erickson	Melissa Leath
Erica Campbell	Jeanene Morris	Stephanie Simpson
Meridith Lamb		

Opening

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Robert.
A small ceremony introduces Nashua's new business partner American Family Agent Tom Lafontaine.
Introductions of members present.

Principal's Report

Dr. Martin distributes a formal Principal's Report and gives a summary of the information and calendar.

September Minutes

Jennifer reports that the October Minutes were posted via the PTA website.

Treasurer Report

Kelly Cowan gives an update on PTA funds. Our fall fundraiser did not make budget and PTA will probably be looking at a second fundraiser this year.
Spirit Wear is going very well with the glow-in-the-dark shirts and the neon green. Currently SW is \$400 over budget.
PTA has completed a request, that was started last school year, to provide teachers (who requested a CD player) with one CD player to be paid for from big ticket.
Kelly also reminds everyone that large amounts of money needing to be deposited to PTA can be left with Rita to be put in the school's safe until Kelly can pick it up.

School Board Meeting Update

Jeanene Morris gives an update on some of the topics that were talked about at the school board meeting. This includes an individualized look at student test scores to help determine what each student needs. Also, a look at changes to the criteria for high school graduation which will take place for the year 2019.

President Updates

Jennifer Robert gives clarification regarding PTA Business Memberships. Nashua PTA cannot give business memberships to

organizations who give the school donations. PTA Business Memberships are setup and specified by our governing body, Missouri PTA, and most of the membership dues go directly to the National and Missouri PTAs.

Organizations that make donations to PTA are noted on the PTA Newsletter with a thank you and are highlighted on the PTA's website as Business Sponsors.

PTA Business Members pay dues, are advertised on the monthly Newsletter and are always represented on the website.

Jennifer also informs the group that the Book Fair generated \$536 in Scholastic Dollars.

Big Ticket Items

Jennifer Robert explains that PTA Officers have been taking a look at the excess funds we have available to utilize. The National PTA recommends keeping one-half to one year's budget on reserve. Using a formula that recommends the PTA keep an amount equal to 75% of the operating budget on hand, it has been determined that PTA has \$3,377 that can be used to purchase big ticket items.

At the top of the Big Ticket list is a request from last school year for an Art Cabinet. The request was presented by Mrs. Doolittle, Nashua Art Teacher. Mrs. Doolittle again gives an overview of cabinets that she has been looking at.

After further discussion Eva Payne motions for PTA to purchase a new art cabinet, not to exceed \$1,700 from the PTA Big Ticket line item. Second from Jennifer Walters. Motion passes.

Another request on behalf of Louise Parr, Nashua Facility Manager, is for six light weight tables that can be used on event nights at the school. The current long tables are extremely heavy. Jennifer Walters motions for PTA to purchase six light weight tables, not to exceed \$430 from the PTA Big Ticket line item. Second from Erica Campbell. Motions passes.

Box Tops Update

Liana Shelley reports that Box Tops are doing great. PTA will have a check for \$1,187.70 coming in soon! Liana has been working to make sure that PTA gets something for every teacher from the rewards sites like Campbell's and Coca-Cola. Parents who are fans of the PTA Facebook Page have seen post of pictures of some of the items she has ordered this year (construction paper and sidewalk chalk).

Liana also states that she has sent written requests for the rewards sites to offer tissues, hand sanitizer, good pencils (Ticonderoga or Dixon). Further discussion spurs the need for the school to have soft tissues and hand wipes. Operation Boogie Woogie Germ Drive is a request for donations of boxes of Puffs or Kleenex (no additives) and Wet Ones wipes. Sandi Brown will create a flyer to be distributed home to Nashua Families.