

Newcastle Elementary PTSA

Parent Teacher Student Association

Board Meeting

October 19, 2009 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Minutes

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance** – Marnie Maraldo
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:00.
2. **Special presentation** – Volunteer for Issaquah School
 - Floyd Rogers, Co-Chair VIS
 - Robin Earl, Representative from ISD
 - Presentation described 3 levies that will be on the February 2010 ballot. More information is available at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/levy.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Annu Luthra
 - The budget report was presented and reviewed. The financial report will be filed for audit.
4. **Secretary's Report** – Valerie Yakich
 - Approval of Minutes from the last Board Meeting May 18th, 2009
5. **Principal's Report**
 - Christy Otley was not in attendance
6. **Teacher's Report**
 - Teacher Representative not in attendance
7. **Oral reports** from Active Committees
 - a. **Legislative** – Marnie Maraldo
 - Levies and I-1033 were discussed
 - Ballots go out mid-January, so waiting limits the time available for potential advocating
 - b. **ISF** – Jackie Williams
 - Calling for Kids campaign kicks off tomorrow and they are requesting wave and honk assistance. High school kids will be calling.
 - c. **Community Liaison** – John Jensen
 - Proposed budget including staff cuts and services.
 - Transit center disruption mostly complete by the end of the month.
 - Suggestions are being sought to nominate someone for Diamond Awards
 - d. **Membership/Corporate Sponsor** – Kathy Chung
 - We have hit 100% membership in record time.
 - Corporate sponsors are being acquired and will be on our website with links.
 - e. **Walk-a-Thon** – Lisa Vold
 - \$16,652 in parent donations, \$19,117 current total including corporate sponsorship and corporate matching.
 - Big thank you to the 50+ volunteers.
 - f. **Health & Fitness Family Night** – Molly Hegenderfer
 - Positive involvement from parents and kids
 - g. **Art Docent** – Janice Curl

- All the grades are creating projects and trying to use them for the Halloween Bash.
- Art Docents are in each class, except for one 2nd grade class.
- h. **Reflections** – Lynne Hepp for Rachel Handsman
 - Deadline is coming up November 6th. We will have an event and decide who moves on.
- i. **Corporate Rebate Programs** – ?? for Susan Crow & Jana Miller
 - E-groups can be done each day. A weekly reminder is available.
 - We already have 860 from The Big Clip even before having any contests.
- j. **Corporate Matching** – Lisa Vold for Koleen Morris
 - Many forms are processing for Walk-A-Thon.
 - New companies are also being investigated.
 - Volunteer hours may also be matched with money for the volunteer hours.
- k. **Spirit Wear**
 - Julie Granberg was not in attendance

8. **Presentation of Committee Plans of Action** – Lynne Hepp

- a. Staff Appreciation
 - This \$3000 budget is primarily for five events including: fliers, gift baskets, refreshments.
- b. Halloween Costume Carnival
 - This event is on a tight schedule, but looks to be a lot of fun.
- c. 5th Graders Committee – Debbie
 - 5th graders are managing a car wash ticket sale related to Brown Bear Car Wash.
 - Greater detail was requested regarding the breakdown of this project including some budget for advertising.
 - Teachers have historically asked for extra funds at the end of the year to cover kids who need scholarship. These funds come out of the Caring Through Sharing line item. There is concern this may exceed available funds this year.
 - Questions remain regarding who will handle the remaining camp funds and will be discussed with Christy Otley.
 - Plan of Action needs to include Pizza as well as additional events.

9. **Business**

- a. Insurance Renewal – Annu Luthra
 - We must renew insurance each year. This will continue the same.
 - Motion?
- b. Revisions to the Budget – Annu Luthra
 - Currently, the “Donations” line includes \$125 for ISF mailing. It is being proposed to separate this out to its own line item.
 - It is being proposed to integrate the \$300 for “5th Grade Commencement” expense line item into the “Unallocated Expenses” expense line item. “5th Grade Commencement” expense line item will then be \$0 and “Unallocated Expenses” expense line item would be \$2000.
 - Currently, the “Raised the Paddle 2009” expense line item has \$13,600 as budgeted expense, but \$0 actual expenses. The

"Active Boards" expense line item has \$5,000 actual expenses, with \$0 budgeted. As well, the "Science to Go" expense line item has \$8,600 under actual expenses, but \$0 under budgeted. It is proposed to reduce the "Raise the Raddle" expense line item budgeted amount to \$0, increase the "Active Board" budgeted line item to \$5,000, and increase the "Science to Go" budgeted line item to \$8,600.

**Motion 1: "I make a motion that we revise the budget as presented."
By Edana Peacock. Lisa Vold seconded the motion. Vote taken,
motion carries.**

c. Special Funding Request

- The 2nd Grade teachers have requested that the PTSA fund 2 copies of a writing program that is currently being used by 2 of the 2nd grade teachers. This would allow all 4 teachers to use the curriculum, providing fidelity between classrooms. Since the curriculum would be use for more than one year, a Special Funding Request was submitted rather than a Grade Level Allotment Request.

**Motion 2: "I make a motion to approve the special funding request."
By Staci Schnell. Greta Boston seconded the motion. Vote take,
motion carries.**

d. Initiative to Endorse either pro or con

- I-1033
- PTA Council of Issaquah Schools voted to endorse the no position. Maywood PTA Board also endorsed the no position.
- It was proposed to take a position on the initiative, but no motion was made.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Yakich, Secretary
Amended by Marnie Maraldo, Co-President