



General Membership PTSA Meeting November 18, 2014

President's Welcome (Leah Battin)

- Meeting called to order by Leah at 7:05pm.

Guest Speaker Wendy Kirchner, Newcastle Community Activities Liaison

- In this role, Wendy wants to build more relationships between community of Newcastle and the people who live, work, go to school, shop and visit the city.
- Community Activities Commission is an advisory committee meeting once a month. Works closely with other city groups and organizations on events and activities.
- Oversees special events, such as Newcastle Days, Concerts in the Park. Wants to involve more schools. For example, high school robotics teams and high school marching bands at Newcastle Days.
- Does outreach, such as visiting schools, getting feedback, and finding out where/how city can help. Would like to connect with HOAs to coordinate communication with various neighborhoods.
- Wants people to have voice: what are concerns, bring back to Commission, have someone visit you.
- Thank you Wendy! We look forward to seeing you again in January.

Secretary's Report (Amy George)

- April 2014 meeting minutes presented. Tiffany Daraja moved to accept April minutes as presented. Gwen Thacker seconded. MINUTES ACCEPTED.
- October 2014 meeting minutes presented. Tiffany moved to accept October minutes as presented. Andrea Sanders seconded. MINUTES ACCEPTED.

Treasurer's Report (Sukhui Johns and Audry Starsy)

- October financial report presented. Andrea Sanders moved to accept October financial report as presented. Gwen Thacker seconded. FINANCIAL REPORT ACCEPTED.
- How does eScrip work and why not more participation? Need to input Safeway and/or credit card information on eScrip website. Schools earns .25 to 5% depending on merchant. People reluctant to give credit card information. eScrip website not user friendly. Flyer to help register Safeway cards?
- When is PTSA planning to pay school grant? Treasurers need specific date from Debbie for payout; will contact Debbie on Wednesday 11/19 to discuss documentation and reimbursement. Teachers got their reimbursement forms at Friday 11/7 luncheon with PTSA Executive Team.

Meeting Follow up (Leah Battin)

- Reminder about school sign-in policy for all volunteers and visitors. This is for everyone's safety, not just staff and students. Office needs to know who in building and where. If office is open (until 4pm), need to sign in. PTSA to put reminder in eBulletin after conferences. PTSA to ask Chase about donating the bank "ropes" borrowed last year.
- Reminder about parking lot guidelines. Also, don't use phones, respect Safety Patrol (these are kids), and use buses if eligible. PTSA to put reminder in eBulletin this week.
- Follow up on lunchroom concerns. School rolling out some changes after half-day conferences days (no lunch) and Thanksgiving break. Leah met with group of three parents to brainstorm ideas to send to Judy. Summary of ideas sent to Judy.
- PTSA Executive Team hosted lunch with staff on 11/7. Leah shared the poster board wish list.
 - How much can PTSA spend? We do need to spend judiciously, but should be spend on kids who are here now. Example: Harvest Homecoming should not be a fundraiser. Extra money taken in should go back to the school.



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- Judy recommended PTSA spend equitably across school.
- PTSA used to have Grants Committee where school submitted grant proposals. Committee needs to make sure it can respond to requests in a timely way, as well as be willing to do the research and legwork, if necessary.
- PTSA: Can Judy clarify why Renton School District doesn't pay for some of the items staff are requesting? Judy: Hazelwood gets building budget for things like copy paper, but it gets spent. Renton District doesn't do fundraising other than PTSA.
- Andre Schimmelbusch made a motion to add School Grant line item titled, "Facility Support," in the amount of \$3000. Committee to be formed to accept proposals. Members to be chosen by PTSA Executive Team and Principal Busch. Andrea Sanders seconded. MOTION PASSED.
- Andrea Sanders made a motion requesting \$1800 from PTSA General Fund to supplement funds from last year's 5th grade and this year's 5th grade to buy soccer goals for the fields ASAP. Darby Smith seconded. MOTION PASSED. Andrea will make sure district facility guidelines are followed.

Teacher Liaison Report (Margaret Strong)

Principal's Message (Judy Busch)

- The Fun Run pizza lunch was very fun. Thank you Nakisa for organizing!
- Principal for Day was a great Fun Run prize. Lamont dressed with school badge, made announcements, and did classroom visits with Judy. Both Judy and Margo reported that it was a really meaningful experience for him.
- Chicken dance is coming...

What PTSA Has Done:

Thank you Hazelwood volunteers! With your help, PTSA accomplished the following this month:

Organized Running Club on Late Start Fridays	Published November edition of <i>Hoofbeats</i>	Organized Harvest Homecoming & Carnival
Published Weekly eBulletin	Directed Bus Buddy Program	Met with Staff re: How to support them
Held Fall Garden Work Party	Fun Run Lunch with the Principal	Earned State PTA Bronze Membership Award

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.