



## General Membership PTSA Meeting April 21, 2015

### *President's Welcome (Leah Battin)*

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

### *Secretary's Report (Amy George)*

- March meeting minutes presented. Athena Panos moved to accept minutes as presented. Shannon Holbrook seconded. MINUTES ACCEPTED.

### *Treasurer's Report (Sukhui Johns and Audrie Starsy)*

- PTSA has given the \$10,259 grant approved at March meeting to Ms. Naylor to pay for school supplies and 2015/16 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp deposit. Xylophones were ordered and have arrived.
- March financial reports presented. Most big events have closed. Talent Show is still outstanding. Athena Panos made a motion to accept reports. Jocelyn Smith seconded. MOTION PASSED.
- Andre Schimmelbusch reported that mid-year audit is done. WA PTA bylaws require an audit at least once a year. Committee of three included Andre, Tony Hoelscher, and Jason Aqi. Go through every item with a checklist. Sukhui and Audrie keep great books. Thank you to Andre and the committee!

### *Wendy Kirchner, Community Activities Liaison, City of Newcastle*

- Leah introduced Wendy Kirchner from the City of Newcastle. Wendy gets PTSA eBulletin and is impressed with all that the organization is doing.
- Wears many hats: coordinates special events (July 4<sup>th</sup>, Concerts in the Park, Newcastle Days); is the volunteer coordinator, and does community outreach.
- Block Watch
  - Available in all Hazelwood communities (Bellevue, Newcastle, Renton)
  - Anticrime program; brings together block of 8-10 houses to have extra eyes and ears on homes and people. Support provided by local police.
  - Good way to bring neighbors together. For example, might help others keep up their homes and yards. Not only increases value of homes, but also prevents crime.
  - Police can do vacation home checks and exterior walk-throughs to suggest ways to prevent crime.
- Community Resource Guide is now available. Copies in PTSA office.
- Youth Engagement
  - Coal Creek YMCA Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, 4/25
  - New Youth Community Board made up of middle and high school students from Newcastle area. Meets once a month.

### *Discussion Items (Leah Battin)*

- Additional Raz Kids subscriptions
  - Ms. Gibbs requested \$100 from PTSA for additional Raz Kids subscriptions for a specific group of students over the summer. Can take this from Classroom Reimbursement grants.
- PTSA does not have an Executive Team for 2015/16.
  - Still need a team for upcoming school year. There will not be a PTSA without a President.



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- Backpack Program
  - Reviving a program of community support in place a couple years ago.
  - PTSA conducting Food Drive for non-perishable, low- or no-prep foods for kids to take home in backpacks for the weekend.
  - 4/27 – 5/8 to stock for the remainder of this year and get ready for next.
  - Currently, this is a pilot with a goal of 20 families, identified by Ms. Dewalt.
  - Goal is regular, ongoing food drives throughout school year.

### *Teacher/Principal Report (Margaret Strong and Tracey Naylor)*

- Talent Show was amazing. *Renton Reporter* person came. Ms. Naylor to talk with Leah about article.
- School Improvement Plan update
  - First step is to create new Hazelwood vision. Staff ideas collected on walls in hallway.
  - May 12, 13, 14 are parent meetings with YMCA childcare; invitation to go out via email.
  - Hazelwood has three spots to see Pedro Noguera, author of *Excellence Through Equity*, on May 11 from 4:30pm – 6pm at Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center. Hope to get parent and two teachers. Ms. Naylor attending a related training.
- Dr. Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teacher, is leaving Renton School District to take a superintendent’s position in Federal Way.

### *What PTSA Has Done:*

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

Continued work to publish yearbook with extra autograph pages	Took orders for the 2014/15 School Yearbook	Published special expanded edition of <i>Hoofbeats</i>
Kicked off the Run and Fun on late-start Fridays with YMCA	Coordinated the third session of Chess Club	Supervised several after school practices for the Talent Show
Welcomed incoming kindergartens at the special Kindergarten night	Presented <i>Hazelwood’s Got Talent</i> , showcasing student talent	Coordinated a Spring Garden Party to get the garden ready for planting

### *What PTSA Is Doing:*

- FREE Run and Fun on late-start Fridays, 9:15 – 9:45. No need to sign up, just head to the playground.
- Register now for Chess Club Session III! Visit Chess 4 Life for more information or to register.
- Nominations for PTSA recognition awards due May 1. Forms available online.
- Save the Date for rescheduled Ice Skating Party at Sno-King Ice Arenas in Renton on Saturday, May 9!
- See you at the Mariners on Saturday, May 16. Ticket orders due this Friday!

### *Reminders:*

- ❖ Join or renew your PTSA membership. New members receive the School Spirit Car Magnet!
- ❖ Email [bulletin@hazelwoodptsa.org](mailto:bulletin@hazelwoodptsa.org) to receive the weekly email newsletter.
- ❖ Email [volunteer@hazelwoodptsa.org](mailto:volunteer@hazelwoodptsa.org) to join the “Help As Needed” email list.