

NASHUA PTA MEETING

APRIL 19, 2016

In Attendance

Stacey Croley	Amy Poolman	Jen Walters
Kendra Lowe	Lynda Sprague	Meridith Lamb
Kim Pind	Heather Stukey	Amanda Timmermeyer
Thomas Robert	Angie Roeder	Heidi Hiebert
Amy Wazac	Jen Robert	Melissa Dieker
Jeanene Morris		

Kindergarten presentation

- Shared information about summer reading

Principal's Update

- Mrs. Stukey shared some upcoming school event dates
 - o Last early release day is 4/21
 - o Volunteer Luncheon is 5/11 - if you have volunteered at all this year, please come
 - o 5th Grade Awards are 5/12
 - o Field Day is 5/16
 - o STEM Career Day 5/17
 - o K-2 and 3-4 Awards are 5/18
 - o Last day of school is 5/20

March meeting minutes are approved.

Treasurer report

- If turning money in be sure to fill out little form on the side of the black mailbox and make copies of receipts or invoices if they need to be included with the check
- May check with new Sonic to see if they could make some donations.
- All membership money has been submitted to the state PTA
- Schwan's fundraiser check has been received
- Additional Field Day/Room Party Fees have been paid. Have \$175 for Field Day. No longer need the proposed motion for big ticket funds that was on the agenda.

Big Ticket Budget

- \$4204.31 balance - didn't change from last month (last month we approved new Harry Potter books for library, but to be paid from leftover Author Experience funds)

Officer Elections

- Opening for secretary - need someone who can attend every meeting



- Nashua student Thomas Robert would like to volunteer

President:

- Contact me if you would like to volunteer for an of our open positions
- Officers/Chairs should sent in May newsletter items by Thursday night
- Fall Event
 - o An additional event to bring in parents in the fall
 - o Meridith has a lead on a karate studio that would provide a no bullying activity
 - o Would like to do booths with activities for parents and kids to do together (those types of events are better attended)
 - o Please brainstorm ideas and bring them to the May Meeting
- At Home Volunteering
 - o Labels volunteers do their work at home, on their own schedule
 - o Would like to start a list of volunteers who would be willing to do other work from home - help teacher makes games, cut things out, etc.
- Would like to move our focus from fundraising to being involved at the school
- Possibly send home an interest inventory for parents to fill out at the beginning of the year
 - o We have done this in the past, but it wasn't follow up well - either the chair would forget to contact their people, or the people were no longer interested when they were contacted
 - o Will need to decide which types of jobs this would make sense for, as opposed to specific date/time signups

Family Fun Night

- We need Middle and High School volunteers for Family Fun Night - all signups on website
- We also need parent to donate prizes - see signups on website

Field Trips

- K to Deanna Rose on May 2nd
- Jeanene has been letting the grade levels know how much they have left in their field trip funds

Fundraising

- Meridith has been evaluating Fundraiser options. Lots of options for selling low cost items. But we would have to sell a lot of items to reach our goal of \$4205.
- She has a meeting with a rep from Great American this week.
- Also considering Fun Run or Color Run. Fun Run is done by a company. Need to find what percent they tank. Local school did a Color Run on their own, but the parents has to do lots of work. Concern that there will not be a lot of participation because some want to purchase a product rather than just donate money. Parent at meeting would prefer to donate money, though many also just like the donation form. Fun Run may

work a little better than the Read A Thon because there would be assemblies and prizes. Meridith to do more research. Plus kids could be active with the Fun Run.

- Chris Cakes will do a pancake fundraiser and they will take care of everything. Sounds interesting; Meridith will need to research what our percentage would be so we can determine if it could be the big fundraiser or just something we add on to another event. Could do Chris Cake and Fun Run together. Or Chris Cake and Fall Event together.
- Some schools get local business sponsors.
- Suggestion to create a shirt with sponsors on the back. Collect enough from sponsors to pay for a free shirt for each child. Put spirit wear design on front and have kids wear them to events, like field trips. Here is an example from another school:



- Need to consider how free shirt would affect spirit wear sales
- However, it may be easier to recruit sponsors if we advertise on shirts rather than in the hallways of the school (shirt leaves building, not many adults go through the school on a regular basis)

Hospitality

- One open slot for April 21st cookie reception if you know a student who needs service hours

Ink Cartridges

- Please bring in empty cartridges. They earn us gift cards for supplies.

Kindergarten Roundup

- We need a new chair for next year

Labels For Kids

- Meridith is finishing up the mailings for this year.
- Labels for Education is ending
- Looking for people to test Benefit Mobile (an electronic Scrip program) - they now have an option where you can purchase and email gift cards to other people, in addition to

just buying them for your own shopping. To start the new gift card option, they are offering 20% to your school when you buy a card for someone else.

Mercury Gym

- Last Mercury Gym night for the year is Friday, the 22nd. Trying to set up new dates for next year.

Restaurant Nights

- Amy has gotten 56 surveys. Please take the survey if you have not.
- Lots of different suggestions for places to eat. Many people suggested Chick-Fil-A spirit nights. May want to try to have people go to restaurants and stay to eat so families can hang out together. Amy is going to try to have a variety of different restaurants next year (different each month).
- Mrs. Stukey is going to send Amy the contact for Food Services (this year we scheduled Pizza Night on Pizza day).
- Suggestion to do McTeacher Nights. This is not something PTA can set up, because teachers have to work it. Mrs. Stukey advised that schools set those up and keep the funds.
- In addition to restaurants that have been coming back on surveys, Dunkin Donuts was also suggested.

Room Parties

- Chair slots have been filled

School Board Advocate

- Board has approved several expenditures; nothing for Nashua

Skating Parties

- \$10 Target gift card lottery for teachers; only 2 teachers were able to come
- T-shirt raffle for students; not sure if this improved attendance, will get more info for next meeting
- April skating was on top of 1st grade music program, so that probably cut attendance some
- We did have enough attendance to earn money in April

Spirit Wear

- Amy Wazac volunteered to be a Spirit Wear co-chair with Rhianna Elkins

Staff Appreciation

- Signup for staff luncheon donation - signup is filling up fast
- Remember to include a phone number when you sign up
- Upcoming appreciation days are listed on website

Yearbooks

- 285 yearbooks were sold this year
- yearbook has been submitted
- plan on doing lottery for the last 15 on the last day of school, as we have done in the past
- next year, planning to just order 300 books and sell them till they are gone (eliminate lottery)
- Jeanene Morris will be a yearbook co-chair with Emily Garrett next year
- Thanks to Brandi Fraizer, Heidi Hiebert and Jeanene Morris for helping put the yearbook together this year. And thank you to everyone who submitted pictures.

End of Meeting

Summer Reading Loss



Do children really suffer from a summer reading loss?

Research has proven that the impact of summer reading loss can be significant.

Who is affected?

- If your child is among the top 25 percent of readers for their age they will probably continue to make some progress during the summer.
- If your child is an average reader for their age, they will likely remain steady or fall slightly during the summer.
- If your child is among the students who have made slower reading achievement during the school year, they are at risk of suffering from a significant reading loss over the summer.

To sum it up, students who are having more difficulty learning to read are the students who suffer the most from summer reading loss.

What can I do about this?

Research has shown that the best predictor of reading achievement is the amount of time spent reading—The more time a child spends reading, the better reader they become. So the best thing you can do for your child is reading to them, reading with them and giving them opportunities for more reading.

ideas for summer Reading

- Don't view reading as a chore—Create a positive environment for reading so that children look forward to it. You don't have to read, you get to read!
- Reading doesn't have to only be books—Get a magazine about your child's favorite hobby, turn on the captions and turn down the volume on the television, look for information on the web.
- Your day to day routines can provide reading experiences—cooking, using the phone book, reading instructions for a new game, and reading maps or brochures for your vacation spots are all authentic reading experiences
- Read during transitions times—Get some more reading time in during the drive to Grandma's house or while waiting for the dentist.
- Keep reading those old favorites—Reading books that are a little easy or are even memorized build confidence and fluency.
- Read to your child—You get quality time with your child, you are a great reading model and you have the opportunity to talk to your child.
- Talk about books—Ask your child open-ended questions such as “What do you think about that story?” “What would you have done if you were that character?”
- Visit the library—Not only can the librarian help you find good, interesting books for your child, but they probably have a summer reading program your child can participate in.
- Support your child's writing—There is no better letter/sound practice than writing. Provide supplies and opportunities for your child to write—letters, lists, messages, vacation journal or scrapbook, etc. Don't worry about spelling—just praise your child's efforts.

School Board 04/12/14

- New wrestling mats for Staley \$44,450
- Misc Classroom Furniture \$159,000
- Englewood Rd improvements in front of West Englewood Elem. School
- OPHS Theater Seat Cushions \$25,000
- Instead of monthly mileage stipend to Superintendent: Deputy Superintendent's Board decided to furnish district owned vehicles (currently get \$1,000/month for vehicle allowance). Purchase of 1 Ford F150 4x4 pickup: 2 Ford All Wheel DR Edges to transport staff to Mtgo: travel safely to check road conditions during inclement weather. Pickup - \$44,800 Edges (2) \$67,000
- Vocal Risers - 5 Elem: OPHS \$48,370
- New Cargo Truck - daily food deliveries (with Box & lift gate) \$72,592
- Winnetonka Cafeteria remodel \$185,931
- Partial Roof replacement for Chateau Elem \$214,000 - Bond funds
- Food lab @ Winnetonka: OPHS for food serv equip. culinary etc. PROGRAMS - \$65,000 bond funds
• 148,902 - bond funds
painting: carpet

- Northland Innovation Campus - 150 iPads
+ Refresh 150 Admin/Staff iPads
from 2011 - \$168,468
- OPHS 3D Printer - \$15,900
- Calendar amendment - last day
of school May 20