Nash PTA Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2009
Nash Elementary – Library

I. Elizabeth Daghfal, PTA President, welcomed all parents and teacher who attended. She also informed all that Mr. Pitts probably would not be attending because he was at a meeting with the school board. She also hoped parents would make it to the last couple PTA meetings of the school year. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 7pm following the volunteer dinner, which starts at 6pm.

II. Approval of Agenda
   • Motion to approve agenda: Christina Walker
   • 2nd: Syndi Vazquez
   • Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

III. Treasurer’s Report – Regina Scheppa
   A. In March there was a lot of activity. There have been changes totals for playground, spirit wear, mother/son, and golf outing. There have also been new lines added to the budget; these include lines 89, 90, and 91.
   B. The yearend projection, at the moment, is $1,350 and this does not include Artworks and Family Buy, which we are still waiting for.
   C. A reminder to all volunteers to fill out an expense form and include the receipts for a reimbursement. These forms should be signed by the volunteer, the chairperson for that committee, and submitted by the chairperson to the treasurer. To collect money, a different form must be filled out. Please see Regina for the forms.

IV. Motion to put March’s Minutes and Treasurer’s Report into permanent record
   • Motion to approve Minutes and Treasurer’s Report: Patty Elrod
   • 2nd: Christina Walker
   • Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

V. Fundraising
   A. Out to Eat Nights – Syndi Vazquez
      1. There will be two opportunities to eat out during spring break. The first will be on the 15th at Wendy’s and the next will be on the 17th at Buffalo Wild Wings. Wendy’s is giving Nash 10% of the sales and BW3 is giving 15% of the sales.
2. It was considered to add Jimano’s Pizza to the spring break out to eat nights. It was suggested to add them to another month. Jimano’s is very interested in participating in our out to eat night.

B. Golf Outing/Time with Teacher – Sue Kuryanowicz
1. At this point there has been $950 collect for Time with Teacher and there is more coming in.
2. For the Golf Outing, there are already four hole sponsors. The flyers for the outing will be sent home in this week’s Wednesday folder. The outing is on May 30.

C. Playground Pennies – Michelle Polenzani
1. Collecting pennies will begin the first Wednesday of May and continue until right before the golf outing on May 30.
2. Kim Schmitt explained the program kindergarteners held to collect nickels for the playground. The program coordinated with their math lesson in class. In all, the kindergarteners collected and presented the PTA with a check for $222.80. She also stated the kindergarten will be sponsoring a hole at the golf outing.

D. Original Artworks – Michelle Polenzani
1. Artwork is currently being made. There was $500 more made this year than last. In all, there were 84 tiles ordered to be hung on the walls of Nash. There is an April 24 delivery date and the items will be sent home with students on the following Monday.

E. Spirit Wear – Gillian Santoro
1. There have been numerous orders that have come in since last month and the orders will be placed over spring break. When filling out the order form please specify whether you would like red or blue for your items.

F. Bake Sale – Tamara Fink
1. In April, the 4th grade sponsored bake sale made $198. The 5th grade will sponsor the May sale.

G. Box Tops – Christina Walker
1. From this point on, all box tops sent in for the remainder of the year will be saved and sent in for the 2009 – 2010 school year. A check is expected to be in by the end of April.

H. McDonalds – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. Please be sure the receipts sent in are from Wisconsin McDonalds. There have been a few receipts from Illinois mixed in, these cannot be used.

I. Market Day – Regina Scheppa
1. In February $129 was made and in March $210. There may be 2 or 3 more sale’s this school year. Market Day exceeded this year’s projections.

J. Book Fair – Emma Bruner
1. This sale made $8,800 and supplied teachers with many more books for their classrooms.

K. Campbell’s – Elizabeth Daghal
1. Please send in the UPC part of the Campbell’s label.

L. Capri Sun – Gillian Santoro
1. At the moment we have collected more pouches than we can send in. We are waiting for bags to be sent back to turn in more pouches.

M. Milk Caps – Terri Voyles
1. For Swiss Valley there have been 3,600 tops sent in for $180. There have been 2,500 Kemps tops sent in also.

N. Flowers – Tamara Fink
1. Green Acres is offering to give the Nash PTA 30% - 35% of sales of flowers. There should be prices in by Friday, April 10. Thank you to Kristin Finaldi for making the flyer for the sale. Any money made from this fundraiser is a plus because it is not on the budget for this year.

O. Spring Buy – Dave Bogdala
1. The sale made $1,800, 40% of this comes to Nash.

VI. Extra-Curricular
A. Mother/Son – Lucy Stewart
1. This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, at Medieval Times. At this time there have been 116 families respond, 97 of these will attend. Lucy thanked Elizabeth Daghal for all of her hard work she contributed to the event.

B. Volunteer Dinner – Elizabeth Daghal
1. She hoped all who have volunteered throughout the year would come for a night of fun and relaxation. The dinner will be on Tuesday, May 12, at 6pm to 7pm with the May PTA meeting following.

C. Yearbook – Elizabeth Daghal
1. There will be no extra yearbooks ordered so be sure to get your orders in if you would like one. The price has now gone up to $22. The book will contain 48 full color pages.
2. Receipts for yearbooks are not being sent out with orders any longer. Yearbook orders may be tracked on Zangle next year, so parents will be able to see if they had ordered or not.

D. 5th Grade Celebration
1. There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 9. There will be a discussion about the 5th grade gift to the school. A quilt is being assembled by students again. The celebration dinner will be on June 9th.
2. Brick order forms have been sent out to all 5th grade students.
E. Open Gym – Dave Naylor
   1. The nights are gaining steam, more and more children have been attending. For grades 2-3 there have been about 20 kids and for 4-5 about 30 kids. For dad’s open gym, he is happy to report the injuries are down because there have been a few. Open gym will end in July and start back up in September.

F. Family Fun Nights – Lucy Stewart
   1. Action Territory night raised the school $178. There are no other nights scheduled for this year. Nights will start again next school year.

VII. Curricular
A. Multicultural Festival – Karen VanBlarcom
   1. The festival was outstanding and was great fun for all who attended. The estimated attendance for the festival was around 800 in all. The community businesses were very generous with supplying food for attendees to sample throughout the night. The committee was grateful to all the parents, staff, and PTA for all the help with the festival.

B. Reading Nights/Accelerated Reader – Patty Elrod
   1. The nights have been very successful. The last night was a Dr. Seuss night and with the help of Tracy French, actors from “Seussical the Musical” attended the night and put on a show.

C. Reflections – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. In all 11 children’s projects won awards at the state level. These will be recognized in May. On April 27, the school board will have a celebration of all reflections winners. Karen VanBlarcom is looking into having the projects displayed at the ESC in the summer.

D. Academic Contests – Lucy Stewart
   1. Battle of the Books is beginning and an email will be going out to parents soon.

E. Science Fair – Cal Becker
   1. The science fair was great, along with the four science nights leading up to it. Last year there were 70 entries and it was mandatory for some students to enter. This year there were 59 entries and all were voluntary. All grade levels were represented and there were more judges this year, so judging only took an hour and a half to complete. Cal said thank you to Kristina Dean, Patty Elrod, and his wife for all their help.

F. Newsletter – Syndi Vazquez
   1. The deadline for articles to be submitted for the May newsletter is April 24.

G. Volunteer Coordinator – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. Elizabeth will be checking with all current chairpersons to see if they would still like to continue on in their position.
2. The school events calendar, which was discussed earlier in the year, is still being discussed within the district.
3. The last day of school will be on June 12 and this will be a half day.

VIII. New Business

A. Linda Coopland
   1. Enjoyed listening to all the things that are done at Nash and is also impressed with the attendance at the Nash PTA meetings.
   2. She encouraged all members to attend other schools PTA meetings to get other ideas. This month’s school board meeting will be after Memorial Day.
   3. Congratulations went out to the Reflections projects that won awards at state, Nash for winning the Parent Involvement award, this award was also given to the Mahone PTA, and to Karen VanBlarcom for being selected as PTA Teacher of the Year.
   4. The nominated officers should be submitted as soon as possible, if needed the council will be able to help.
   5. It is not too late to sign up for the PTA movie night. This year’s feature is “Bolt” for elementary schools and “Twilight” for middle schools.

B. Nominating Committee – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. Four members of the PTA volunteered to be on this year’s nominating committee. These members are Patty Elrod, Kristina Dean, Leihla Hamilton, and Lucy Stewart.
      • Motion to elect Patty Elrod, Kristina Dean, Leihla Hamilton, and Lucy Stewart as the nominating committee: Michelle DeBare
      • 2nd: Christina Walker
      • Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

2. In May the committee will present the nominations for the 2009-2010 PTA board. In June PTA members will vote to elect the officers for the next school year. The nominees must be present at the vote. Anyone from the floor may enter their name as a nominee for a position on the board before the vote.

C. Principal – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. Mr. Pitts would like to request $400 to help pay for the Safety Patrol trip to the Wisconsin Dells. On line 37 of the PTA budget, $1,400 is put aside for the trip already. This year there will be 38 students and 10 adults attending the trip. The adults will be paying for themselves. There will be 15 rooms needed, in each room there will be 4 students and 2 adults.
      • Motion to give $400 for the Safety patrol trip: Patty Elrod
      • 2nd: Tamara Fink
      • Motion approved, motion accepted and passed
D. Donna Rover – 5th Grade Trip
1. Dave Naylor spoke on behalf of Donna to request $350 of the $635 they are short to send the 5th grader’s to Camp Timberlee. They need to request the funds this year because of price hikes at Timberlee and also there are 21 more students than last year which means there will be more chaperones needed. The adults are paying half of the fee. A lollipop sale is being held to raise money, and there are $300 in donations that are benefitting 2 students that are not able to pay. Each student is paying $165 for the trip and there are only 3 voluntarily not attending. It is a memorable trip for the students. Patty Elrod suggested since the PTA has the money in the budget, to request the whole amount short for the trip $635.
   • Motion to give $635 for the 5th grade trip: Tamara Fink
   • 2nd: Dana Stetz
   • Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

E. Dave Naylor – Therapy Stairs
1. There is a need for moveable stairs for therapy with children in the school. Pete Sack, Educational Assistant, has offered to build these stairs for the school. These stairs will also be used for the Theater PBL group as a bridge. The bridge will cost $400 to be built. The school budget will give $200 leaving a balance of $200. The request is for $200.
   • Motion to give $200 for Therapy Stairs: Christina Walker
   • 2nd: Tamara Fink
   • Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

F. Patty Elrod
1. Patty suggested adding another committee to the PTA. This would be a Donations committee. This committee would take over and monitor soliciting donations from businesses. After much discussion, it was suggested to look further into it and discuss it more at the next meeting.

IX. Communications
A. Thanks you cards were read from teachers for the books received from the PTA.
B. Dave Bogdala reminded all of the Neighborhood Watch meeting on Saturday, April 18, at 10am at Nash. The neighborhood watch program is for the whole district which includes homes by Pick-n-Save, Strawberry Creek, and White Caps.

X. Motion to Adjourn
   • Motion to adjourn: Dave Bogdala
   • 2nd: Syndi Vazquez
   • Motion accepted and passed