Nash PTA Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2008
Nash Elementary – Library

I. Elizabeth Daghfal, PTA President, welcome all in attendance including Nash’s new 2nd grade teacher, Ms. Host.

II. Approval of Agenda
   ▪ Motion to approve agenda: Michelle Baier
   ▪ 2nd: Kristin Finaldi
   ▪ Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

III. Review of November’s Minutes

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Regina Scheppa
   A. The yearend projections are reflected. There are not a lot of changes but Fall Festival is reflected.
   B. Items that will be on next month’s report will be Fall Fundraiser and Book Fair.

V. Motion to put November’s Minutes and Treasurer’s Report into permanent record
   ▪ Motion to approve Minutes and Treasurer’s Report: Kristin Finaldi
   ▪ 2nd: Leihla Hamilton
   ▪ Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

VI. Ms. Pierce – 2/3 Learning Facilitator
   A. Ms. Pierce was sick; Mr. Pitts spoke on her behalf. He thanked Elizabeth Daghfal for organizing the book room and for all she does for Nash.

VII. Committee Activities/Updates
   A. Out to Eat Nights – Syndi Vazquez
      1. Noodles and Company night made $65.01 for Nash.
      2. Order forms for Texas Roadhouse gift certificates will go out Wednesday, December 3.
   B. Yearbooks – Elizabeth Daghfal
      1. The cover contest is completed. The winning cover will be announced when the yearbooks come out.
      2. Mrs. Enwright’s class almost had every student turn in a cover for the contest. There was a good age range between the finalists.
      3. There is still a need for pictures for the yearbook. The deadline for submitting pictures is the end of March. Please have them on a CD for better quality.
C. Cookbooks/Brick Orders – Regina Scheppa
   1. Cookbooks sold very well during Grandparent’s Week. There were a total of 15 sold for $150.
   2. There have been no brick orders.

D. Spirit Wear – Gillian Santoro
   1. Nothing new to discuss. Orders can be placed but there has to be 25 pieces before the order is sent in.

E. Reflections – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. This year there were 98 entries, that is only 3 less than last year. Videoing will begin on the literature projects this week.
   2. January 23 will be the “Night of Reflections” party at Nash.

F. Fall Festival – Holly Richards
   1. The Fall Festival was a huge success. After all expenses were paid, the festival made $3590.70. The total is $600 more than last year’s festival.
   2. A “Thank You” was in the Kenosha News on Thursday, November 27 to all the people and businesses who contributed to the festival.

G. Bake Sale – Regina Scheppa
   1. First grade hosted November’s bake sale and earned $175.
   2. Second grade will host the bake sale on January 23.

H. Box Tops – Christina Walker
   1. Box Tops made $873.77 last month.
   2. Box Tops are sent in monthly until February, and then a check will be sent to the school in April.
   3. Parents should have received a flyer from their student about where to find Box Tops to clip and about the contests that will be starting soon.

I. GoodSearch – Cara Gorr
   1. GoodSearch.com is a search engine through Yahoo that can earn our school money. It can earn our school 1 cent every time a person logs in. It is just like Google.
   2. Go to GoodSearch.com, under where it says “who do you GoodSearch for” type in “Charles W Nash Elementary School”, then return. After you have completed this, every time you go to GoodSearch Nash will earn money.

J. McDonalds receipts – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. To date McDonalds receipts have provided our school with multicultural instruments for the Music room and ball racks for both kindergarten and first grades.
   2. There are still points left for teachers to spend.

K. My Coke Rewards – Syndi Vazquez
   1. Syndi introduced the rewards program by Coke. People can donate their points to Nash. In return the school can receive merchandise. A principal or
other supervisor would need to sign the school up first. More information will come soon.

L. Market Day – Kristina Dean
1. Last month there were 30 orders. There were only 50 pies orders this year compared to 200 last year.
2. Pick up will be on December 18 from 3-4 pm.
3. Cookie dough is available this month and orders will be due on December 15.

M. Grandparent’s Week – Gillian Santoro
1. Grandparent’s week was very busy and well attended. During the week there were family members visiting children at lunch, the book fair was in full swing, and the school store, the Nash Pitstop, opened for children to shop for school merchandise.

N. Book Fair – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. BOGO (buy one, get one free) is set up for the spring book fair. These books are usually cheaper and the quality is not as good as the books were at the first book fair this year.
2. A question was posed as to whether to just get cash back from the sale for the teachers to purchase their own books or stay with the BOGO sale. It was decided, by the members in attendance, to not have the BOGO sale and instead get cash for the teachers to purchase books of their choice.
3. Elizabeth will speak with Emma Bruner, Book Fair chairperson, and inform her of the change.

O. Reading Nights – Cara Gorr
1. The dates that are on the Nash website need to be changed they are incorrect.
2. There are Themed Reading Nights planned. Actors from Seussical the Musical will come to read and a bookmark night.
3. Helpers are needed to coordinate. Contact Cara Gorr or Lucy Stewart.

P. Fall Fundraiser – Lynda Bogdala
1. Fall Fundraiser earned $8797.
2. There was merchandise that was not picked up which lost the school $400.
3. The Sports Incentive Night was a great success and the kids really enjoyed themselves.
4. For every five items a child sold, their name went in for the drawing. Available in the drawing are 4 Ipod Shuffles and Gameboy games. Mr. Pitts will draw the names of the winners on the morning news.

Q. Academic Contests – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. Battle of the Books – Cara Gorr
   a. After winter break BOB will begin. It is open to 4th and 5th graders. Teams will be made up of up to 10 members. The students will read 30 books and compete against other schools teams in answering questions about the
books. Points are given for answering questions correctly and trophies are given to the winners. There is a list of the books to be read on the Nash website.

b. Volunteers are still needed to read books and make up questions to quiz the students. Kristina Dean and Mr. Pitts volunteered to read a book.

2. Spelling Bee is yet to be determined.
3. Black History Bee will be set after winter break.
4. Other contests will be set up after the results from the survey are accumulated.

R. Science Fair – Cal Becker
1. Science Fair is scheduled for February 11. There will be a meeting in the Nash library on December 10 at 7 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help or just ask questions, please attend the meeting.
2. Judges are still needed.

S. PTA Directories – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. Directories are at the printers and should be distributed before winter break.

T. Newsletter – Syndi Vazquez
1. All articles for the next newsletter need to be in to Syndi by December 30.
2. Comments were made about the headline of the last newsletter (Child hit and killed by car in the parking lot at Nash). This was done purposefully to catch the attention of the families. There has been a problem with children being dropped off in the lot and having to cross traffic instead of at the curb side. This subject has been discussed many times but there has been no change. Elizabeth and Mr. Pitts both agreed this headline would really make an impression and make it clear how important this matter is. Members agreed it served its purpose.
3. It was suggested to have Nash Families Classifieds on the website. Syndi and Dave Naylor will coordinate this.

VIII. Linda Coopland – PTA Council President
A. There are meetings once a month at the ESC. All PTA and PTSA members are welcome to attend.
B. There will be a Founder’s Day dinner on February 16 at the Parkway Chateau. There will be entertainment by the Golden Strings, Bradford and Tremper’s drama club will do a program, and a silent auction to help kids.
C. The council was impressed with the fundraising activities we have at Nash.
D. Anyone is welcome to email her with questions if they have any.

IX. Teacher/Staff Comments
A. Dave Naylor stated any handouts to teachers need to be in their mailboxes by Monday at noon if they are to make it into Wednesday’s take home folder.
There has since been an update that Tuesday at noon, instead of Monday, will be the deadline for handouts.

B. A blood drive through the Red Cross has been finalized. It will be on February 4 from 2-6 pm at Nash. The goal is to collect 50 units (need 65 adults to make goal). People must be 18 years of age and schedule an appointment.

C. Dave Naylor set up a toy drive for Children’s Hospital and partnered with Harborside and Forest Park. He will be collecting toys for children and delivering them to the hospital the week of December 15.

D. Training and networking with parents has begun. It was launched with parents of children with special needs meeting. There are several more upcoming networking nights to come.

X. Mr. Pitts – Principal

A. November was a very busy month. There were 3 academic workshops with a lot of teacher involvement and great parent comments, a special needs meeting for parents of children with Autism, Sports Incentive Night for Fall Fundraiser, Fall Harvest Festival, student/teacher conferences, and other events. The kindergarten academic night will be in January after guided reading starts.

B. Last year Mr. Pitts’ sister in law donated baskets to Nash accumulating $3000 to go to families in need along with the mittens on a clothesline program held at Nash. This year we will not have the $3000 from the baskets but we are still having the mittens on a clothesline. To help make up the difference, it is planned to have more mittens and include not only clothes and toys but also gift cards to stores.

C. Mr. Pitts looks at all the student’s report cards and is pleased with the progress they are making. In April, he will make his “State of the School Address” after testing is completed.

XI. Closing Comments

A. Regina Scheppa reminded Mr. Pitts the $500 hardship fund is available if needed for a family in need.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

- *Motion to adjourn: Syndi Vazquez*
- *2nd: Michelle Baier*
- *Motion accepted and passed*