Nash PTA Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2009  
Nash Elementary – Library

I. Elizabeth Daghfal, PTA President, welcomed all in attendance and thanked the new attendees for coming.

II. Approval of Agenda
   - Motion to approve agenda: Christina Walker
   - 2nd: Leihla Hamilton
   - Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

III. Treasurer’s Report – Regina Scheppa
   A. January was not a short month, but there was not a lot of activity. Now is the time to pay close attention to the yearend projections. Right now there is a cushion of $1,600 for the year.
   B. Book Fair made over $11,000 for a profit of $5,600

IV. Motion to put January’s Minutes and Treasurer’s Report into permanent record
   - Motion to approve Minutes and Treasurer’s Report: Christina Walker
   - 2nd: Michelle DeBare
   - Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

V. Committee/Activity Updates
   A. Out to Eat Nights – Syndi Vazquez
      1. Texas Roadhouse night made $111.16
      2. Nick and Willy’s fundraiser will be in February.
   B. Golf Outing – Sue Kuryanowicz
      1. The planning is underway. This year’s money raised will go towards playground equipment for the K-1 playground. The golf outing is scheduled for May 30 at Bristol Oaks Country Club.
      2. There are also fundraising programs starting soon. These include Time with Teacher, this was only open to K-1 last year but is open to all grades this year and children purchase tickets for $1 to enter a drawing to win time with a teacher, and Playground Pennies where classrooms collect change for the playground. Last year Pennies raised $2,000 and 100% goes to the playground.
   C. Spirit Wear – Gillian Santoro
      1. There will be a flyer going out on February 11. There will be sweatshirts, pants, shorts, backpacks and several other items on the form to choose from.
D. Bake Sale – Regina Scheppa
   1. January’s sale made $210. The next sale will be on February 13 and 3rd grade will sponsor.

E. Flowers
   1. When Nash family members purchase flowers purchased at Green Acres, 30% of the purchase price will be given back to the school. The sale will be after Memorial Day.

F. Box Tops – Christina Walker
   1. PTA received a check for $874. All Box Tops need to be turned in by February 28 for the money to go towards this year’s school year. Any turned in after this date will go toward next year’s fundraising.

G. McDonalds – Janet Lowe
   1. Two more requests for merchandise were sent in for merchandise but there are still around 3,000 receipts remaining. All merchandise received has been excellent quality.

H. Market Day – Kristina Dean
   1. January’s orders totaled 25 for $150.53. The next pick up will be on February 26 from 3-4 pm.

I. Book Fair – Emma Bruner
   1. As stated previously, the fall Book Fair made $5,600. The next fair will be during the Science Fair in March.

J. Campbell’s Labels – Joan Boffer
   1. There have been 11,000 points earned; these points will be turned in to receive merchandise for the Art and Music rooms. Another contest will be starting soon.

K. Capri Sun – Gillian Santoro
   1. This is a new program to collect juice pouches from Kool-aid, Honest Kids, and Capri Sun. Each pouch is worth 2 cents and all money goes straight to the school. There is no expense to the school; the vendor pays for all the shipping costs.

L. Tyson – Michelle Kiernan
   1. Tyson pays 24 cents per label. There have currently been 70 labels collected, when we reach 100 labels they will be sent in.

M. Fall Fundraiser – Lynda Bogdala
   1. The t-shirts are in and will be sent home with the students who participated.
   2. The Spring Family Buy will take place in April. More information will be sent home soon.

N. Yearbook – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. Order forms are being sent out again and the price of the yearbook has been raised.

2. Pictures are still needed!! The photographer for the Father/Daughter dance is taking random pictures at the dance and placing them on a CD, free of charge, for the school to use as we like.

O. Father/Daughter Dance – Gillian Santoro
1. The dance is on Saturday, February 21 at Bristol Oaks Country Club. The deadline to send in form is February 7. Space is limited, so get your money in.

P. Mother/Son Night – Lucy Stewart
1. A survey was sent out to determine a location and the result was in favor of having the night at Medieval Times. The cost will be $45 per person and this includes the transportation.
2. A check for $102 from Action Territory just came in and Lucy made a motion to use this money to help defer the cost of the tickets for the Mother/Son night.
   - Sue Kuryanowicz motioned to move $102 check from Action Territory to Mother/Son Night.
   - 2nd: Patty Elrod
   - Motion accepted and passed
3. There are several other fundraising opportunities to help defer the cost of the night for families wanting to attend.

Q. Volunteer Dinner – Elizabeth Daughfal
1. A dinner to thank all volunteers of the school is needed. The idea is to have teachers submit names of all the volunteers they have and also coordinate with the help of Mr. Pitts a dinner for these volunteers. Mr. Pitts also offered to send out the invitations to the volunteers. The funds for the teachers and Mr. Pitts to coordinate the dinner will come from the PTA.
   - Michelle Kiernan motioned to give $500 from the PTA to coordinate the dinner.
   - 2nd: Dana Stetz
   - Motion accepted and passed

R. 5th Grade Celebration – Joan Boffer
1. The celebration is scheduled for June 9. There will be the kickball game, 5th graders vs. teachers, and the theme is “Are You Smarter Than Our 5th Graders?”
2. There will be a meeting on February 17 and volunteers are needed. Flyers will be going home soon to get ideas and volunteers to be a chairperson. If you cannot make it to the meeting and want to help, contact Joan Boffer.

S. Open Gym – Dave Naylor
1. There has been good attendance at all the open gym nights. Don’t forget Dad’s Open Gym Night on Thursday’s at 7:30.

T. Blood Drive – Dave Naylor
1. The goal for donations was met and 10 volunteers had to be turned away. The donations are given in the name of the Sebastian Ortega/Noelle Naylor Foundation.
2. It is decided to make the Blood Drive a regular committee. With this decision, volunteers are needed to coordinate future drives. No money is needed because all costs are paid by the Red Cross.

U. Reflections – Elizabeth Daghsal
1. Letters are being sent out to parents of students notifying them of work that will be going to the state level.
2. DVD’s are available of the Reflections projects for the cost of $2.

V. Multicultural Festival – Karen VanBlarcom
1. PBL’s start again on February 19 and planning will resume with the Diversity University group.
2. There are several volunteers for making food and classes are doing artwork to be displayed at the festival. All other volunteers will be contacted soon.

W. Science Fair – Cal Becker
1. March 31 is the date for the fair. It will be set up after school. Children may enter in any of four categories experiment, research, model, and collections. Money to support the science fair has been collected and donated from many sources. These include $250 from Abbott, $250 from PTA, and $300 from Linda Swan for a total of $800.
2. There have been 14 judges secured for the judging. As an incentive for students to enter, since it is not mandatory, a drawing for 2 tickets to Six Flags will be done. A science magic show is also planned to excite students about entering.
3. There will also be a PBL with a science focus starting on February 19 when they resume.

X. Kindergarten Registration – Christina Caceres
1. Volunteers are still needed to help with registration on Tuesday, February 24 during conferences. Kindergarten teachers are assembling the packets.

Y. Newsletter – Kristina Dean
1. The deadline for articles to be submitted for the next newsletter is February 25.

VI. Teacher/Staff Comments
A. Dave Dummer, PE Teacher, reminded all in attendance of “Jump Rope for Heart.” The money raised will go to the American Heart Association and will be
used locally or for research. Students have been sent home with the form and parents, family members, or friends sponsor the student by donating money.

B. Dave Naylor informed members of an Internet Safety Course that will be held soon.

C. Karen VanBarcom informed all of the Original Artworks program projects being completed in art classes. Each student will have 3 projects – 2 will be replicating artists work and 1 will be the student’s original work. Order forms will go home with the students on March 4 and orders will be here in time for Mother’s Day. If families would like to order a ceramic tile, with their child’s artwork on it, and donate it to the school it would be mounted into the wall of the school’s hallway for all to see.

VII. Mr. Pitts – Principal
   A. It has been a very interesting week to say the least and we will leave it at that.
   B. Report cards are being reviewed and are looking great. Many children are above the required reading level for their grade.
   C. Math night with Fran Romano was great. She was very complimentary of Nash and thinks the teachers are amazing and producing great results.
   D. He cannot say enough about the parents who volunteer for the PTA and school and would like to extend to them a huge THANK YOU.
   E. He also expressed the importance of finding the right people to join the Nash staff. He introduced the newest member of the Nash staff, Educational Assistant, Maggie Lynch who will be helping Mrs. Masi, Ms. Meyer, and Mr. Klimisch.

VIII. Closing Comments
   A. Elizabeth Daghfal informed all of how much the students of Nash appreciate all that we do for them. She also invited all members to attend the PTA meeting at Mahone Middle School on February 16, at 6:30. There will be four teachers in attendance and they will be talking about how to handle issues with teachers without negativity.

IX. Motion to Adjourn
   - *Motion to adjourn: Michelle Baier*
   - *2nd: Christina Walker*
   - *Motion accepted and passed*