Nash PTA Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2009  
Nash Elementary – Library

I. Elizabeth Daghfal, PTA President, welcomed all in attendance to the first PTA meeting of 2009.

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

III. Alderman Dave Bogdala and Lt. Thomas Hamm, KPD
   A. Dave announced there will be KPD officers patrolling the drop off of children in the mornings. Together with the staff, they will figure out how to make drop off a smoother process.
   B. Lt. Hamm stated Officer Reeves will be stationed at Nash in the mornings. The problems with drop off include double parking, cutting in, and parking at the sidewalk. It is important to be courteous of other drivers, their time is as important as yours. Being a newer school it will take time to get things running smoothly but with the help of the safety patrol, teachers, and parents and having everyone knowledgeable of the rules it will be accomplished.
   C. It is also suggested a stop sign be placed at the exit of the parking lot to stop traffic and allow pedestrians to cross the intersection. In addition, the cones will be brought back around the K-1 pickup area to keep parents back away from the release area.

IV. Review of December’s Minutes

V. Treasurer’s Report – Regina Scheppa
   A. December was a short month so there was not a lot of activity.
      1. The Box Tops check will be coming in and includes all tops turned in up to October 30. The next check after this will be for all tops turned in from November 1 – February 28.
      2. PTA is still waiting on the credit card sales from the book fair to get a final result for the budget.
      3. Bake sale for November is reflected.

VI. Motion to put December’s Minutes and Treasurer’s Report into permanent record
   - Motion to approve Minutes and Treasurer’s Report: Patty Elrod
• 2nd: Cal Becker
• Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

VII. Committee Activities/Updates
A. Out to Eat Nights – Syndi Vazquez
   1. Noodles and Company night brought in just over $65 for the PTA
   2. Texas Roadhouse night is in January. A flyer is being sent home for families to use if they did not purchase a gift certificate. This way, Nash will get credit for the sale.
B. Yearbook – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. WE NEED PICTURES!!! Last year there were 700 pictures in the book, so far this year we only have 150. If you are at a function and don’t have a camera, ask to borrow one from one of the grade levels. All grade levels have cameras. If you do send in pictures, please have them on a CD and label it with the class and grade.
C. Spirit Wear – Gillian Santoro
   1. Order forms are available in the front office. There will also be forms going home with students. There needs to be a minimum of 25 pieces before the order can be placed.
D. Reflections – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. Projects will come down this week and the invitations to the “Night of Reflections” on January 20 are going out to teachers and students.
E. Newsletter – Syndi Vazquez
   1. January 23 is the deadline for submitting articles for the issue.
F. Bake Sale – Regina Scheppa
   1. The next bake sale will be on January 23 and 2nd grade will host.
G. Box Tops – Christina Walker
   1. The check is coming in.
   2. Please separate Box Tops, milk caps, soup labels, and receipts. Separating makes the process easier and please rinse your milk caps.
   3. A list of the contest winners will be sent out on January 8.
H. Campbell’s Labels – Joan Boffer
   1. Please separate from other things. It also, must be the UPC label.
   2. Mrs. Menke’s class won the first contest and will be receiving an ice cream party.
   3. The Art and Music rooms are receiving supplies that have been ordered from Campbell’s.
I. GoodSearch.com – Holly Richards
   1. GoodSearch is a search engine just like Google. Every time a person logs on Nash will earn money. Instructions are written out in the December minutes.
J. McDonald Receipts – Janet Lowe
1. So far, 5,000 receipts have been sent in and K-1-3 grades have all received ball racks for their hallways and Multicultural instruments have been given to the Music room.
2. There are still 7,000 receipts left and the turnaround for receiving merchandise is very quick. If you would like to know what is available, please contact Donald Lowe.

K. Market Day – Kristina Dean
1. December’s orders were $219.20
2. January orders are due by Friday, January 23 and pick up will be on January 29 from 3-4 pm. There is an incentive for ordering in January, Market Day is giving away 5 Disney Cruises, 100 Ipod Nanos, and 1,000 $25 Market Day gift cards. So get your orders in!

L. Book Fair – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. The next book fair date has not been set but there is a possibility it will be during the week of the 4-5 concert. This fair will not be BOGO with the lower quality books; it will be the higher quality books.
2. A suggestion was made to purchase media for the teachers with the earnings from the fair and have them available in the library.
3. Mr. Pitts stated the Director of Kenosha Libraries will be attending a staff meeting to inform teachers about literature and be a contact for them if needed.

M. Reading Nights – Lucy Stewart
1. There are no dates set but there will be a meeting soon.
2. Black History Bee is set for February and is for 4th and 5th grades. February 2 the study guides will be sent home, February 13 the test at Nash to qualify for the bee, February 17 the Nash School Bee will be held, and February 20 the District Bee will be held at Reuther High School.

N. Science Fair – Cal Becker
1. The fair is not mandatory for any students. It is open to 2nd – 5th grades.
2. The date is being changed from February 11 to a later date in March.
3. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13. There is a possibility of an incentive, such as extra credit, given to students who participate.
4. Judges are still needed.

O. Kindergarten Registration – Christina Caceres
1. Registration will be on Monday, Feb. 23 and Tuesday, Feb. 24. If parents are unable to attend these days they will be able to come in later the same week.
2. Volunteers are needed to fill time slots for registration days.

P. Father/Daughter Dance – Gillian Santoro
1. The dance is on Saturday, February 21 at Bristol Oaks CC.
2. An informational flyer will be sent home soon. Make sure you send in the order form a.s.a.p., there is a deadline and a limited amount of space available.

3. Mother/Son is scheduled for April 4 and more volunteers are needed.

Q. Mittens on a Clothesline – Marty Pitts
   1. Mittens was a great success. The receiving families were very happy and grateful for the donations made by the Nash family members.

R. Multicultural Festival – Karen VanBlarcom
   1. The PTA members in attendance agreed on setting the date for the festival on Friday, March 27.
   2. There are over 23 different languages spoken within the Nash families. It is the plan to have all the countries represented the night of the festival. At the festival families will be able to participate in several activities. The festival is being planned as a “free” event and volunteers are still needed.

S. Accelerated Reader – Patty Elrod
   1. Parent volunteers are needed during the day from 12:30 – 1:00. Right now tests are being given to students only on Wednesday’s and Friday’s but we would like to expand testing to every day during the school week with the help of volunteers.

VIII. Teacher/Staff Comments
   A. Gillian Santoro, PTA Vice President, read a “Thank You” note given by the Nash Kindergarten team to the PTA.

IX. Mr. Pitts – Principal
   A. Mr. Pitts introduced Pete Sack, a new educational assistant, to all in attendance.
   B. He stated, over winter break, there was a meeting with the PTA board members and teachers. It was very productive and he is very fortunate to have wonderful people here at Nash working so hard for our children.
   C. The 2-3 Christmas program that was held in December was great and he looks forward to two more programs this year.

X. Closing Comments
   A. Elizabeth Daghfal informed attendees about recognizing Linda Swan, a local realtor, for the “Friend in Education” Award. She has contributed to several events at Nash including the Nash Bash and Fall Harvest Festival.

XI. Motion to Adjourn
   - Motion to adjourn: Michelle Baier
   - 2nd: Kristina Dean
   - Motion accepted and passed