NASH PTA Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2008
Nash Elementary – Library

I. Gillian Santoro, PTA Vice President, welcomed all in attendance.

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

III. Review of October’s Minutes

IV. Linda Coopland – PTA Council President
   A. Linda encouraged PTA members to attend the meetings, every 4th Monday of the month, at the ESC. All elementary, Mahone, Bradford, and Tremper schools are represented. These meetings are a great resource to find out what is happening within the PTA/PTO community.
   B. A Founder’s Day dinner will be held on February 23, 2009. At the dinner, there will be a silent auction, speaker, entertainment, and other festivities.

V. Treasurer’s Report – Regina Schepa
   A. Ben and Jerry’s night $75 reflected, along with $50 to Campbell’s budget, and $50 from Grandparents Week budget.
   B. Fall Fundraiser will be added as a total of $8,856. PTA budgeted the fundraiser to make $10,500 and we fell short by almost $1,700. An eye needs to be kept on the figures because everything depends on how the fundraisers do.
   C. A suggestion from Syndi Vazquez was made to purchase a table top copier. The problem would be the maintenance cost is high and it wouldn’t be reasonable. Several ideas were suggested, such as, having a business donate one or Mr. Pitts offered to open the school on an off day for the PTA to make copies.

VI. Motion to put October’s Minutes and Treasurer’s Report into permanent record
   ▪ Motion to approve Minutes and Treasurer’s Report: Kristin Finaldi
   ▪ 2nd: Kristina Dean
   ▪ Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

VII. Committee Activities / Updates
   A. Playground – Gillian Santoro
      1. The next meeting is January 7, 2009.
      2. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, contact Gillian, Sue Kuryanowicz, or Michelle Polenzani.
      3. In April, Time with Teacher and Pennies for Playground is scheduled.
   B. Out to Eat Nights – Syndi Vazquez
      1. Culvers Night made $37 which was 10% of sales.
2. Noodles and Company Night is on Tuesday, November 11. Noodles is offering 25% of sales from Nash families to the PTA.

C. Volunteer Forms – Regina Scheppa
   1. If you are willing to volunteer, please get your form in so committee heads can be informed of new help. Forms can be found in the office.

D. Yearbook – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. There have been 167 ordered this year.
   2. The cover contest entries are due on November 7. This will be a blind judging and five finalists will be chosen, then the students will vote between the finalists for a winner.

E. PTA Directories/Membership – Leihla Hamilton
   1. Names are being downloaded to be printed. A flyer will be set on the PTA table, at the Fall Festival, to sign up to be in the directory.
   2. Membership is up to 165 members. If we reach 167 members, we will receive an award.

F. Bricks/Spirit Wear/Cookbooks – Regina Scheppa
   1. Brick order forms will be sent out to the Kindergarten families and to the 5th grade families this year. Brick order forms will also be available during Grandparents Week at the refreshment table.
   2. Spirit Wear orders totaled $326. Additional order forms can be found in the office on any day and at the PTA table during the Fall Festival. Gillian Santoro will be taking over spirit wear orders.
   3. Cookbooks are still available for $10 each. They can be purchased during the Fall Festival, Grandparents Week, and through Regina anytime. They are for sale until they are gone.

G. Reflections – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. All projects are due on Tuesday, November 11. The theme is “WOW”, anything you could say “WOW” about. There are 6 categories in which students can enter.
   2. All children will be recognized at the “Night of Reflections” on January 20.
   3. Volunteers are needed for judging and to help at the “Night of Reflections”.

H. Fall Festival – Holly Richards/Kristin Finaldi
   1. The festival is Friday, November 7, from 6pm to 9pm.
   2. Tickets can be preordered and sent to your home before the festival, so you won’t have to stand in line. There will also be tickets on sale at the school Thursday, November 6, after school and on Friday before school.
   3. The food drive to help the Shalom Center of Kenosha began today, Monday, November 2 and will continue through the festival on Friday.
   4. Volunteers from ITA’s JROTC will be coming to help with the festival, along with other individuals who have offered to help.
   5. Donations by grade level need to be sent in by the close of school on Friday.
   6. Baskets donated by classes, families, or businesses for the drawing should be in the office by Friday afternoon.

I. Bake Sale – Regina Scheppa
   1. Kindergarten hosted the first sale which earned $227.50. This is the most ever earned in a single bake sale.
2. Compliments also went out to the children because they were so very polite.

J. Box Tops – Christina Walker
1. The first check for Box Tops was for $138.50. This is much lower than expected.
2. Starting in December, every month, the class who collects the most Box Tops will win an ice cream party.
3. *Update since the meeting* - Nancy Thompson sent in almost $900 in Box Tops in September. The total will soon be reflected on the Box Tops website.

K. McDonald’s Receipts – Donald Lowe
1. There have been 5,000 – 6,000 receipts collected by Nash families.
2. Donald is waiting on a response from the teachers as to what to purchase with the receipts from the Mcwisconsin.com website.

L. Grandparent’s Week – Gillian Santoro
1. Grandparent’s week is November 17 – 21.
2. We will be collecting McDonald’s receipts and there will be a PTA table set up where family members may purchase cookbooks.
3. Family members are welcome to visit the Book Fair, which will also be going on at the same time.

M. Market Day – Kristina Dean
1. We made $177.61 from the last sale. Orders are due by November 17 for the next Market Day.
2. Pie orders need to be prepaid for and will be in before the Thanksgiving break. Donations of pies for the Shalom Center are also being accepted. Donated pies will be delivered to the Shalom Center for Thanksgiving dinners.

N. Book Fair – Emma Bruner
1. The week for the book fair is November 17 – 21. It will be a giant book fair with more books than ever before.

O. Reading Nights – Lucy Stewart
1. Reading nights will be set in a theme, such as, read with a teacher, parent or author.
2. Dates will be scheduled soon.

P. Events Calendar – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. Elizabeth and Cindy Landini would like to make a Nash School events calendar. It would include the entire year’s events, so families could adjust their work schedule in advance and be able to attend. They anticipate the cost would be $8 per calendar. It would also include Nash students Artwork’s projects on each month.
2. Elizabeth asked if the calendar should run from January to January (end of one school year and beginning of another) or August to July (one school year). Members in attendance unanimously agreed having the calendar run from August to July.

Q. Fall Fundraiser – Linda Bogdala
1. Pick up will be on Tuesday, November 18. Only cash, money order, Mastercard, and Visa will be accepted as payment. Volunteers are needed to help distribute merchandise.
2. The Sports party for students participating in the fundraiser will be on Friday, November 21, from 6 – 8 pm.

R. Battle of the Books – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. This is for 4th and 5th grade students only. Mrs. Gorr is heading it up.
2. Students read 30 books and remember everything about them. They are quizzed at a Battle of the Books competition against other schools.
3. Volunteers are needed to read books and write down questions to test the students on their knowledge of a particular book. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Mrs. Gorr, 4th grade teacher.

S. Veteran’s Day – Lucy Stewart
1. There will be a Veteran’s Day Assembly in the gym on Tuesday, November 11, at 2:40. In attendance will be the Mayor of Kenosha and members of our Nash family who have or are serving in the military.

VIII. Mr. Pitts – Principal
A. Thanked all for coming and attributed the low attendance at the meeting to WKCE testing and the meeting being on a Monday night, instead of the usual Tuesday night.
B. He identified four new people attending their first PTA meeting. One of them being Stella Pignotti, a new Educational Assistant at Nash.
C. The Parent Academic Support Nights are coming up and he encourages all parents to attend. They are very informative and people who attended last year gave very good comments about the nights.
D. The National Nash Car Owners Club recently had a meeting at Nash to plan their rally which will be at Nash in 2011.
   1. Members of the 5th grade safety patrol gave tours of Nash to the club members.
   2. Vincent Ruffolo has generously donated a Nash Metropolitan to be displayed in our library. The car will be brought into the school by the summer of 2009.

IX. Closing Comments – Elizabeth Daghfal
A. There has been a request for a translator to attend the PTA meetings. There is a family who does not speak English and would like to attend the meetings. The person would need to translate to Spanish.

X. Motion to Adjourn
- Motion to adjourn: Donald Lowe
- 2nd: Michelle Baier
- Motion accepted and passed