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

I. Elizabeth Daghfal, PTA President, welcomed all who were in attendance for the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda
   • Motion to approve agenda: Pattie Elrod
   • 2nd: Paula Kalous
   • Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

III. Treasurer’s Report, Elizabeth Daghfal
   A. Regina Scheppa, Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting, but if there are any questions about the report, please call her.

IV. Motion to put September’s Minutes into permanent record
   • Motion to approve Minutes: Juanita Ho
   • 2nd: Kristin Finaldi
   • Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

V. Susan Lawler, PTA Council Member
   A. Invited all PTA members to come to the PTA Council meetings. These meetings are held at the ESC every 4th Monday of the month from 6 pm to 7 pm.
   B. This year’s Founder’s Day Dinner will be held on February 22. There will be a dinner, entertainment, awards, and scholarships given.
   C. On June 19, the 100th Anniversary of the Wisconsin PTA Celebration and Dinner will be held at the Pfister.

VI. Mr. Marty Pitts, Principal
   A. September has flown by and academically kids are working hard. Teachers are preparing for centers to begin and PBL is scheduled to begin for grades 2-5 on September 19. In the second session of PBL some first grade students may be added to these classes.
   B. Wis-Italia has started teaching Italian to students of Nash. Classes are separated into two groups, grades K-2 and 3-5. Classes are every Thursday after school. There will be another session after this one concludes in the winter, for students who did not get into the first session.
   C. Each month at Nash the school is focusing on a different writing trait. This month’s trait is “good word choice” and next month’s trait will be “organization.”
D. Starting in October there will be more lights added outside of the school. This is to help reduce problems that are occurring outside at night. There will also be more cameras mounted outside and pavement laid for the bike racks. A suggestion was made to put bike racks on the K-1 side of the school. This will be considered.

E. Morning drop-off has improved 100%, especially at the entrance area. The addition of more parents volunteering in the morning has made the process much more efficient.

F. The addition of the “veggie lunch” has been a very popular choice. There has been very positive feedback about the addition.

VII. Fundraising
A. Bake Sale – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. The 5th grade will host the first bake sale of the year. This will be held on Friday, October 23. All baked goods MUST be store bought and individually wrapped.

B. Box Tops – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. The competitions will begin in December.

C. Campbell’s Soup Labels
   1. Syndi Vazquez volunteered to chair this committee.

D. Out to Eat Nights – Syndi Vazquez
   1. Nick-N-Willy’s is offering to give the Nash PTA $1 for every Smiley Face Pizza that is purchased by a Nash family member. Members must bring in the coupon.

VIII. Extra-Curricular
A. Family Fun Nights
   1. This is a night of inexpensive fun for the family at a local business (e.g. Action Territory, Ice skating…)
   2. A chairperson is still needed for this committee. Any person who is interested, please contact the PTA board.

B. Fall Fundraiser
   1. Orders were due today but families can still turn in orders until the end of the week. The PTA will be receiving 40%-50% of the sales. Pick up will be held on November 17 from 5pm to 7pm and all orders must be prepaid for.

C. Market Day – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. In September, Market Day earned the school $150. Don’t forget, if the times of pick up don’t work for you, we can put your order in the freezer in the teacher’s lounge for you to pick up later.
D. Spirit Wear – Gillian Santoro
   1. Orders can still be sent in until October 8th. There will be another sale in January or February.

E. Book Fair – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. The book fair will run from November 16 – 20. This will also be American Education Week and Grandparents Week.
   2. The profit will be taken in books and cash for teacher’s to stock their book rooms. For the spring book fair, we may consider taking all cash for the profit.

F. Fall Festival – Holly Richards and Kristin Finaldi
   1. The planning is underway and thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. Harborside Academy’s Dean of Students, Dave Naylor, has committed to sending students to run the games the night of the festival. It was also suggested to contact Tremper and Bradford High Schools for volunteers also.
   2. The festival will be held on Friday, November 6, from 6pm to 9pm at Nash.

G. Open Gym – Ms. Lacy Lindstrom
   1. Open gym will start at the end of the month and will be held on Thursday nights. Nights will be broken up as follows K-1(first Thursday), 2-3(second Thursday), and 4-5(third Thursday). Mr. Belongia and Pat Elrod will be the coordinators.

H. Picture/Retake Day – Linda Bogdala
   1. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make everything run smoothly. Retakes will be on Thursday, October 22.

I. Popcorn Day – Sue Kuryanowicz
   1. Will be on the first Friday of the month.

J. Mittens on a Clothesline – Elizabeth Daghfal
   1. We would like to get a jump start on this because weather always seems to have an impact on collection and distribution. This is a program that helps families in need at the holiday time.

IX. Curricular
   A. Book Room
      1. There are a lot of volunteers helping in the book rooms organizing and putting away books. If there is a person who would like to chair this committee, please contact the PTA board.

   B. Reflections - Elizabeth Daghfal
      1. Entry forms went out last week to students interested in participating. This year’s theme is “Beauty is…” There will be a Reflections party at school on January 20. Projects will be due on November 12.
C. Reading Nights/AR – Pattie Elrod
   1. The kick off Reading Night was last week. In attendance were at least 68 children and their parents. In all, there were approximately 50 AR tests taken.
   2. There is a need for parents to volunteer in the library helping students on the computers. The shifts are either 10:10:30 or 1:15-2.

D. Multicultural Fair – Karen VanBlarcom
   1. The date has just been set for Friday, March 26.

E. Membership
   1. Forms can be turned in anytime until March, but if you would like a directory, they must be ordered a.s.a.p.

F. Volunteer Forms
   1. Please turn these in immediately! We need your help for committees and we won’t know you are willing to help unless you let us know.

G. Need Chairpersons
   1. Ink Jet/Cell Phone Recycling
   2. Mother/son Night
   3. Yearbook – will work with the PBL and Amanda Rossell
   4. Book Room
   5. Vision/Hearing Screening

H. Newsletter – Syndi Vazquez
   1. All articles must be sent in by October 23. If your submission is large please send it in early.

I. Grandparents Week – Gillian Santoro
   1. Will run the week of November 16-20. It will be advertised in the newsletter.

J. Vendor Fair
   1. There has been a lot of interest shown in having a vendor fair for selling products (Pampered Chef, Avon, Tupperware, Lia Sophia…) Pattie Elrod has agreed to chair this committee. More information to come soon.

K. Capri Sun – Gillian Santoro
   1. Right now, this fundraiser is on hold because there is a problem with getting the check from the company.

X. Teacher/Parents Comments
A. Dave Bogdala, Alderman
   1. Informed parents of “Trick or Treating” being changed to Saturday, October 31 from 3pm to 6pm.
   2. Lawn bag pick up has started and will continue until November 28.
   3. There recently was a person in the neighborhood that was carrying around a gun. The police were called and fortunately the gun was a toy. This is a
situation that could have turned into something terrible. Please continue to call the nonemergency police line at 656-1234 if you see anything suspicious.

B. Kristin Finaldi
1. Suggested a program such as “popcorn for presents” where students would pay $0.25 for a bag of popcorn and the proceeds would go to helping purchase presents for needy children. This is going to be considered and may be in conjunction with the community service PBL.

XI. Closing Comments
A. Elizabeth Daghfal reminded all of the High School Boundary meeting that will occur tomorrow night at the ESC.

XII. Motion to Adjourn
• *Motion to adjourn: Pattie Elrod*
• 2nd: *Syndi Vazuez*
• *Motion accepted and passed*