NASH PTA Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2008  
Nash Elementary – Library

I. PTA President, Elizabeth Daghfal
   A. National PTA Standards for Parent/Family Involvement
      1. Communication – Between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.
      2. Parenting – Skills are promoted and supported.
      3. Student Learning – Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.
      4. Volunteering – Parents are welcome in the school and their support is sought.
      5. School Decision Making and Advocacy – Parents are full partners in decisions that affect their children and families.
      6. Collaborating with Community – Community resources are used to strengthen school, families, and student learning.
   B. She believes Nash has a good start on all the standards and emphasizes that this is what we are all about.

II. Approval of Agenda
   ■ Motion to approve agenda: Sue Kuryanowicz
   ■ 2nd: Donald Lowe
   ■ Motion approved, Motion accepted and passed

III. Treasurer Report, Regina Scheppa
   A. This report is a reiteration of last months budget.
   B. Reviewed
      1. Yearbooks – 166 have currently been ordered
      2. Expenses – For Playground equipment, workroom Die cut machine and Di’s, and Binding machine are reflected.
      3. The first Market Day check has come in.
      4. After the Fall Fundraiser has been completed, there will have an idea of where we will be.
   C. Angie Anderlink requests $50 for postage for the Campbell's soup lables to be mailed in and the ice cream party for Mr. Marciniak's class, for collecting 200 lables.
      ■ Motion for Gillian Santoro to take $50 from the Grandparents Week budget to give to Angie Anderlink for Campbell's Labels budget.
      ■ 2nd: Syndi Vazquez

IV. Motion to put the September's Minutes and Treasurer's Report, with $50 change, into the permanent record.
   ■ Motion to approve Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Joan Boffer
   ■ 2nd: Lucy Stewart
   ■ Motion approved, motion accepted and passed

V. Committee Activities / Updates
   A. Playground – Sue Kuryanowicz
1. There will be an informational meeting about the playground on Thursday, October 23.
2. Vincent Ruffalo donated $100 to the playground fund.

B. Parent Safety Patrol – Terri Voyles
1. There is a need for 9 – 10 parents to work shifts. There would be 3 parents in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. If you would like to help, contact Terri or Dave Naylor.
2. For safety reasons, it is asked to have children walk on the sidewalk away from the road. It is also asked for parents to pull forward, around the circle, to let their child out of the car, and not to leave their car at the curb because this blocks the traffic flow. In the back parking lot, this circle is for buses only. If you enter this lot you must park in the lot, you may not drive around to drop off or pick up a child.

C. Out to Eat Nights – Syrdi Vazquez
1. Ben and Jerry's night made the school $75.
2. Possibly a Noodle's and Company night the week of October 20th.
3. In November, there is a Culver's night planned.
4. In January, there will be a Texas Roadhouse night.
5. A Pizza delivery night is planned for February.

D. Volunteer Forms – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. Please fill out form, as soon as possible, if you plan to help with an activity.
2. Chairpersons needed for the following:
   a. Perrenial Garden – Pat Elrod volunteered to chair. Jennifer Meyer and Julie Cutter also help and suggest that families donate plants from their own gardens for our Nash landscaping.
   b. Book Room – Tamara Pierce explained this person would organize, list the books by level, and track or schedule volunteers to help.
   c. Historian – This person would document the schools activities, parents, volunteers, and events within the school.

E. Yearbook – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. 167 copies of the yearbook have already been ordered. The price will go up in the near future, so get your order in.
2. There will be a contest for the students to design the yearbook cover. The yearbook committee will narrow the entries to five and the winning cover, from the final five, will be decided by the students.

F. PTA Membership/Directories – Leihla Hamilton
1. We would like to get the directories printed, as soon as possible, so get your orders in.

G. Brick Orders/Spiritwear/Cookbooks – Regina Scheppa
1. Brick order forms will be sent out to Kindergarden families after the Fall Fundraiser and to the 5th grade families at the end of the year.
2. Spiritwear orders are going out on October 8 and will be in before fall break.
   a. Gillian Santoro stated she is looking into ordering Nylon bags, long sleeve
shirts, jerseys, and shorts for spiritwear. Christina Walker has offered to help. A flyer will be sent home soon with more information.

3. Cookbooks can be purchased for $10. If you would like one, contact Regina Scheppa.

H. Reflections – Elizabeth Daghfal
1. This program is run locally at the school. Participants have the chance to go on to state and even nationals. Every child is recognized for their work at a party that will be held on January 20 at Nash.
2. A flyer will be sent home with your student. If you would like to enter, circle the category you would like to enter in, return it to school, and rules will be sent home. All projects are due on November 11. This year’s theme is “WOW”.
3. Help is needed, so, if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions, contact Elizabeth.

I. Fall Festival – Holly Richards
1. Coordinating is in full swing and all committees are set. The festival is scheduled for Friday, November 7.
2. Mr. Pitts approved to extend the festival from 6:30 – 8:30 to 6:00 – 9:00. He also asked members in attendance to approve having the cakewalk in the library instead of the music room. The members agreed to the move.
3. Baskets for the drawing have been promised from several people including, PTA, Market Day, and Nike.

J. Bake Sale – Tamara Fink
1. Kindergarten is hosting the first bake sale and is scheduled for October 24th.

K. Box Tops – Christina Walker
1. She will be checking on the dates to send the Box Tops in.

L. McDonald's Receipts – Donald Lowe
1. All receipts must be from a Wisconsin McDonald's.
2. Mcwisconsin.com is the website if you would like to review the merchandise we would be eligible for. It is called the “Neighbors Program”.

M. Grandparents Week – Gillian Santoro
1. Grandparents week is scheduled for the week of November 17 – 21.
2. Any family members are welcome to come. Family members will need to bring their own lunch, but desserts will be offered.
3. Volunteers are still needed to help and to bake/purchase a dessert to be offered to the families.

N. Book Fair – Emma Brunner
1. Book Fair is the same week as Grandparents Week, November 17 – 21.
2. It will be set up in the hallway, so families coming for lunch will have a chance to visit the fair. Book Fair will also be open in the evenings for parents wishing to visit.
3. A “Mom's with Muffins” night is being planned around Christmas. An author of a book being asked to attend. More details will be released at a later date.

O. Science Fair – Cal Becker
1. Judges, person's with a background in science and math, are needed.
VI. Communication/Miscellaneous Information

A. Fall Fundraiser – Lynda Bogdala
   1. Orders are due October 7, but can still be returned if a couple days late.
   2. Pick up will be on November 18. No checks will be accepted at pick up, only cash, debit/credit cards, and money orders. We are needing 10 – 15 people to help with pick up.

B. Market Day – Kristina Dean
   2. October's orders are due on October 20 at noon and pick up will be on October 23.
   3. November is Pie Bonus Day's. All pies ordered will be available for pick up by Thanksgiving.
   4. Market Day is donating a basket for the drawing at the Fall Festival. It will include a $25 Market Day gift certificate, beach bag, insulated bag, and crackers.

C. Flu Shots will be offered at Nash on October 21 and 23.

D. Newsletter – Syndi Vazquez
   1. Articles for newsletter are due by October 24.
   2. Plans for an E-newsletter are in the works. It would go out to approximately 320 families, instead of 619 paper copies to every student.

E. Teacher Conventions are on October 30 – 31, there will be NO SCHOOL.

VII. Mr. Pitts - Principal

A. Regarding the Wilson family, he is very proud of the response from families to help.

B. On the next Wednesday's teacher's inservice, they will be discussing and determining this year's Project Based Learning groups. They are as follows:
   ▪ T.V. News Producers
   ▪ Ability Maximizers
   ▪ Mathletes
   ▪ Diversity University
   ▪ “Bizworld” Entrepreneurs
   ▪ Musical Theater Performers
   ▪ Gardening Gurus
   ▪ Historians
   ▪ Bookworms
   ▪ Signers
   ▪ Marketeers
   ▪ Web Geeks

C. Parent information support nights are beginning. The first grade night is scheduled for the 2nd week in November.

VIII. Dave Bogdala – Alderman

A. He thanked all families who helped distribute flyers for the Wilson family.

B. There has been criminal activity in the White Caps neighborhood. House's have been broken into through their basement windows, in the middle of the day. In the past 2 – 3 weeks there have been 5 occurrences. If anyone has information about the break ins, please contact the
Kenosha Police or himself.

C. To prevent another occurrence lock all doors of your house and you cars, secure all windows, and turn on lights. An email will be sent from him on October 8 regarding the criminal activity.

IX. Closing Comments – Elizabeth Daghfal
   A. PTA Coordinators
      1. Sue Kuryanowicz – Extra Curricular
      2. Kristina Dean – Fundraising
      3. Lucy Stewart – Curricular

X. Motion to Adjourn
   ▪ Motion to adjourn: Syndi Vazquez
   ▪ 2nd: Dave Bogdala
   ▪ Motion accepted and passed