NASH PTA Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2008  
Nash Elementary - Library

I. Elizabeth thanked everyone for coming to this year's first PTA meeting. She asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves so we could get to know each other. She also encouraged all members to always ask questions if they are unsure of anything.

II. Approval of Agenda  
* Motion to approve agenda: Sue Kuryanowicz  
  * 2nd: Michelle Kiernan  
  * Motion approved, Motion accepted and passed

III. Ms. Jorgensen - Music Teacher  
1. She presented four (4) options for this year's music programs. The previous year, the Christmas program was held at Reuther High School with grades K-1-2 performing the first 45 minutes, then a half hour break, and finally grades 3-4-5 performing for 45 minutes. She will be sending out feedback forms the week of September 12th with the following options:  
   A. The Christmas program will remain the same as the previous year.  
   B. There will be three (3) concerts at Nash in the Gymnasium. Grades 2&3 in December, grades K&1 in February/March, and grades 4&5 with the band and orchestra in the spring.  
   C. Three Christmas concerts, in the same week, at Nash, in the gymnasium.  
   D. The same as the previous year, except the concert will be in the spring.

IV. Mr. Pitts - Principal  
1. Enrollment:  
   Nash was projected to have 649 students and the actual number is 619 students. He explained that the schools are funded by enrollment and depending on the number of students, staff could be shifted.  
2. Staffing:  
   He stated there are several new staff members and also believes Nash has the strongest staff possible. He is so happy to have every one of the staff members.  
3. Anchor Teachers:  
   Mr. Pitts expressed that Nash isn’t about class size but about student/teacher ratio. In the grade levels where an Anchor Teacher is used, the ratio is 15:1 or less. In each class, there is a wide spectrum of learning, intelligence, and abilities in children. This is where Anchor Teachers provide a balance of whole group instruction and are able to meet a child where they are in learning. Anchor Teachers are not floating or assisting teachers, they are real teachers and should be thought of as this. He is asking parents for their trust to accept the new way of Anchor Teaching and invite them to come in and speak with him about Anchor Teaching if they have questions.
4. Parent Safety Patrol - Dave Naylor

Mr. Naylor stated the Parent Safety Patrol is for a general sense of sharing the school with the community and also the safety aspect. He is looking for volunteers to help outside before and after school with the unloading/loading of children from/to cars. A half size gold form went home, asking for volunteers to help, on September 8. He recommends that volunteers leave their younger children at home, if they are on the patrol, for safety reasons. He pointed out Nash is a locked facility and anyone wishing to enter the building should enter at the office doors because all students and staff have been instructed not to open the doors to let people in. Finally, he said there is a need for a chairperson for the Parent Safety Patrol and anyone who would like to fill this position would be welcomed.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June

* Motion to approve minutes: Holly Ubrig
* 2nd: Cindy Landini
* Minutes approved, Motion accepted and passed

VI. Budget - Regina Scheppa, Treasurer

1. Page one: Summary of last year and how PTA ended the year.

   * The top fundraisers are:
     - Fall Fundraiser/Family Buy
     - Brick Memorials
     - Market Day
     - Artworks
     - General Mills Box Tops
     - Bake Sales
   * Nash has completed phase 1 of 3 of the playground equipment. 51% of the PTA budget went to the playground. The other 49% of the budget went elsewhere.

3. Page three: The proposed budget for this year and descriptions for each line item.
   * McDonald receipts (Janet Lowe) - Need to be from Wisconsin stores, can receive products for the school.
   * Corporate matching - PTA is a non-profit charity; ask your employers if they participate.

4. Mr. Tim Marciniak - Requests Funds

Speaking in behalf of all second and third grade teachers, who are in agreement. They would like the PTA to approve to give money for the purchase of a bare book for all the second and third graders to write in. These books would be read at a Young Authors Reception, to parents, later in the year. It is an 8x11 hard cover bare book. They request $370 for 214 books.

* Vote for the $370 to be loaned to teachers to order the books and then repaid to the PTA when parents donate money towards the purchase of the books. A line item will be added to the budget for “Curricular Act 2/3 Bare Books.”
VII. Approval of Budget for 2008-2009
* Motion to approve budget with Bare Books: Ray Bishop
* 2nd: Julia Kozel
* Budget approved, motion passes unanimously

VIII. Committee Chairs/Activities/Updates
1. Committee chairpersons are needed for Multicultural Fair, Box Tops, Safety Patrol/Hot Chocolate Mornings, and Out to Eat Nights.
2. Christina Walker volunteers as chair for Box Tops, Dana Stetz volunteers as chair for Safety Patrol/Hot Chocolate Mornings, and Syndi Vasquez volunteers as Out to Eat Nights chair.
3. Syndi Vasquez stated the deadline to submit information for the PTA newsletter is Friday, September 19. The next newsletter will be sent out on September 24.
4. Volunteers/Yearbooks - Cindy Landini
   A. Volunteer forms have gone out to parents and should be returned a.s.a.p.
   B. Yearbooks are in very high demand and should be ordered early. The price is $13 now, but will go up in the near future. There have already been 112 orders placed. There are still inserts from last year’s yearbook that have not been picked up, which have pictures from April to the end of the year. If you haven’t picked up yours, contact Cindy.
5. PTA Membership/Directories - Elizabeth Daghal
   A. Membership for PTA is $5
   B. School Directories can also be ordered for $2. The directories are a handy tool for contacting other parents at Nash, so get your order in.
6. Brick Orders/Spirit wear/Cookbooks - Regina Scheppa
   A. Brick order forms are still available. Deadline for orders is September 30. The inscribed bricks will be laid around the flagpole in front of the school.
   B. Spirit wear this year has expanded to not only t-shirts, but also sweatshirts and hoodies. These will be the same as the blue Nash t-shirts. The first order is being sent in at the end of September. Gillian Santoro is also looking into ordering nylon backpacks with the Nash logo. Christina Walker volunteered to help Gillian because she has a connection to a buyer of merchandise.
   C. Cookbooks are still available for purchase for $10 from Regina. They include recipes from the Nash community. They will be for sale until they are gone.
7. Campbell’s - Joan Boffer
   A. Campbell’s soup labels are still being collected to receive products for the school. The UPC label must be on the label to be used. She suggested the Specials (Art, Music, P.E., Computer, and Library) teachers receive the products. This way, all the students, in the school, would have access to the product. As an incentive to collect labels, a contest will be set up so the class who collects the most labels receives an ice cream party.
8. Book Fair - Holly Ubrig
   A. The Book Fair is scheduled for November 17 and will have more books than
the previous year. The spring Book Fair will be held in May.

9. Reflections - Elizabeth Daghfal
   A. This year’s theme for the Reflections program is “WOW.” Students can choose from six categories to participate. This is an at home project for the students. Last year’s winners have had their pictures in the Kenosha News.

IX. Communication
   1. Market Day - Kristina Dean
      A. The first Market Day pick up will be on September 25 from 3 - 4 p.m. All orders must be prepaid for or they will be sent back with the representative.
   2. PTA Dates Flyer - Elizabeth Daghfal
      A. The potential dates for events will be sent home the week of September 12.
      B. The Fall Fundraiser kicks off on September 19.
   3. Fall Festival - Holly Richards
      A. The Fall Harvest Festival is scheduled for Friday, November 7. We are anticipating a large turn out like the previous year. It is planned to have families preorder tickets, to alleviate the long lines the night of the festival. Activities are along the same lines as the previous year including games, cookie decorating, cakewalk, contests, basket raffle, and food.

X. Motion to Adjourn
   * Motion to adjourn: Dave Naylor
   * 2nd: Cindy Landini
   * Motion accepted and passed