

Nebinger PTA Mtg Minutes 10/6/21

Meeting called to order at 605pm

In attendance: Lauren Hiller, Latrice Jackson, Kristin Rodger, Carrie Maria, Dajana Demes Walters, Silvia Licciulli, Carla Brandoff, Jonathan Martin, Erin Sweeney, Heather Morrison, Susana del rio, Lori Hong, Tom Rosenthal, Emilia Kovac, Tiffany Nguyen, Pomrink, Townsend, Ben Schindler, Ayana Townsend, Caroline Pomrink, Patty Slutsky, Bruce, Toni Bourgeois, Jessica Stanton, Greg Jeblonski, Colleen Salandria, Courtney Williams, Ian Swedish

Heather (PTA President):

Welcome and thank you for coming to our first meeting. Our Principal and Assistant Principal are here.

The PTA supports the school as parents and community members. Volunteering for events, fundraising, etc. We've paid for the school drama program, our volunteer-run library, Science Olympiad, field day, movie nights, game nights, teacher appreciation, auditorium upgrades (projector, screen, sound system, lights- new curtains coming soon) and middle school lockers. We help maintain garden space in front of the building. In the past we've also done a fall festival

Our teachers have an events committee and have planned fun activities for this fall. Spirit week is coming up. Student of the month is this Friday. We want kids to have a great, fun year.

We also do fundraising. Our Linvilla Pie sale will begin soon. Typically we've done a fall event like bag bingo and quizzo, and a big auction event in the spring but things have been cancelled due to covid. This year we will be doing our first annual appeal letter as a means of fundraising without having to worry about covid restrictions and to appeal to parents who may not want to buy pies or come to an event but want to support the school.

Any questions for Townsend or pomrink?

In the past the schoolyard was open on wknds for the community. Can we do this again? Yes.

In the past there were monthly events. Can we do that now? We can do that but with need to keep within covid restrictions.

Heather reading Bruce (Friends of Nebinger) update: the library used to be on 4th fl. Now in rm 102- smaller space. Most books need to be reorganized. This will be a big undertaking. We'll need more help from parents because a lot of people are hesitant to come into the building due to covid. There's a lot of non library books that need to be pulled out and sorted through. If you have daytime availability, reach out to PTA and we can connect you. There's also a reading buddies program for 2nd grade. Last year was virtual. Adults were matched up with 2nd graders. They need volunteers for that.

Any questions?

Is there a newsletter or digital? We are working on it.

Tom: Treasurer Report

Showing moneyminder. It's a budget tool.

Amazon smile, spring fundraiser, parking program (discontinued), annual giving campaign. We get spontaneous donations but don't put that in our budget.

We support the library, 8th grade graduation, color games. School teacher and staff support. Teacher appreciation is coming up soon. We're looking to start movie night again once allowed to have indoor events- may have outdoor movie event.. We solicited donations and distributed food boxes in 2020.

Admin expenses. We try to keep them to a minimum. Money minder keeps us organized. Helps with taxes and filing taxes. Zoom, membership dues, nebinger magnets, fb ads.

How much are dues? \$10. You can venmo.

Bruce – if you're more interested in more info about the library bkatcher32@gmail.com

Question: Can books be donated to the library? Not at this time. At some point a wishlist will be created. If you want to donate books on that list that would be great.

Venmo: @nebingerPTA

Pretzel money: run by the school events committee. Can a venmo or another system be implemented? This should be taken on a class by class basis-discuss with the homeroom teacher.

Annual appeal letter will be out shortly.

Can we pull off a spring fundraiser?

Question: how often do we meet? Answer: probably every other month

Volunteers: Heather will send something out for people to sign up. Library, fundraising, and events are the main categories.

Shirt sale: Lori will contact the company tomorrow for another round of it.

Stuff donated for last auction– where is it? Lori's basement. It hasn't been gotten rid of-maybe online auction or raffles at outdoor happy hour fundraiser

Are people interested in another online quizzo? Just something to think about.

South street beer garden said we could use it for a fundraiser before it closes mid November. Heather will talk to Toni about it. It will be worked on for October.

Question: Are dry events ok in the schoolyard. Answer: Yes

Emilia kovac part of Family and community engagement: there are lots of resources to schools and ptas that aren't being utilized. Email her for more info.

Do we know where we are in the process with catchment lines? That process started before the pandemic. 10 south philly schools were brought together before pandemic and then got shut down. There's been zero update. Ben Schindler spoke with the consultant who had been working with the district- no longer has a contract. Can't imagine it'll go anywhere anytime soon.

Townsend: what's the diff between SAC and PTA

SAC: separate from pta. Collaborate home/school team. Townsend, community member, student, parents. They come together to go over school improvement plans. 3 focus areas: support, strengthen and improving upon climate

Spent September getting applications from parents for SAC. Those members are in place. If we get an abundance of applicants there needs to be an election but that wasn't needed this year. The first meeting will be Oct 21. Townsend will go through the budget. We got additional money from pandemic. Supports morning programs and afternoon programs. SAC meetings not open to the full school community- Townsend will look into recording and posting them.

Townsend wants to bring joy back to everyone because it's been a hard year and a half for everyone. 2 committees were developed. School events committee...works in partnership with the pta. She wants input and involvement. Other committee is the culture and diversity committee. Bimonthly celebrations. Hispanic Heritage month. End of the month will be door decoration and then a culture walk through the building. Next is indigenous, African American, asian, and Eastern and Western Europe.

Adjourned 652pm

Minutes taken by Nebinger PTA Secretary Lori Hong