NEWPORT ELEMENTARY PTO Minutes 4/3/25

1. Call to order: 6:30

2. Introductions/Welcome: Katie Baldwin, Autumn Gehr-Shope, Kristen Swearingen, Jonathan Barnes,

Andrea O’Donnell, Mark Swearingen (Virtual)

3. Reports

a. Treasurer’s report

i. General account: $5,721.58

ii. Donations account: $1,496.92

iii. Project fund: $32,755.87

iv. Teacher/Staff appreciation budget: $305.62

v.. School Store: $413.14

vi. Online: $10.00

b. President’s report: Nothing specific to report. Working on making sure everything is ready for the next events.

4. Old Business

. a. Fundraisers:

1. 5k
   1. 10k has been approved!
   2. Signs have been received and need to be placed around
   3. Shirt orders need to be made by April 7th.
   4. Currently at $6,300 in donations.
   5. We need volunteers!

<https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1341527>

1. Penny Wars: Kindergarten won! Raised $1671.81
2. Read-a-thon:

April 7th- 18th. Flyers have been sent home. Don’t forget to sign up to help support the PTO

b. Family/ Community Involvement:

1. World Earth Day. On 4/19/25, we will work with Little Buffalo to clean up the park. We will meet at the playground at 9 a.m.
   1. Request for trash can for the playground.

c. Playground Update:

1. Invites have been received and will go out soon.

d. Staff appreciation: Nothing to report.

e. Student enrichment:

1. Kindergarten nights – Will be attending both.

Thursday, April 10, 2025 3:00-8:00

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 3:00-8:00

1. First grade- Field trip fund request for Hershey Chocolate World/ Zoo America - $640 - All approve.

5.. New business

a. Fundraisers: Possible fall carnival, blanket sales, bake sale

b. Family/ Community involvement: Possible game night, possibly decorate pumpkins in the fall

c. Student enrichment:

1. Mini Thon for Four of Diamonds: Requesting $1 per student, approximately 444 students - Approved for this year, but we will reevaluate for next year, as the program extends beyond the district. Given the significant student need within our own community, we are mindful of balancing this opportunity with local priorities.
2. Request for PTO to pay for Author Visit- Bonnie Swinehart $160 - Approved
3. Fifth grade survival bags- Will do again. Katie will donate vinyl, will order more bags, and do a sign-up sheet for the items needed.

<https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1357214>

1. Need to start planning for Little Buff’s Day. Tuesday, May 27th. - scoops, hidden puzzle piece game, parachute - Get schedule

Volunteers needed: <https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1342320>

d. Post office box is up for renewal, $84.00- approved

e. Next Meeting: Moved to May 8th due to the Arts Festival

f. Open positions-

President- Autumn Gehr-Shope was nominated, Vice President- Kristen Swearingen,

Treasurer: Mark Swearingen, **Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN POSITION ( If interested please email the PTO)**

**UPCOMING FLIERS SENT HOME:**

Let’s Play 5k

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Read-a-thon- April 7th- 18th

Earth Day Clean up at Little Buffalo- 4/19/25, meet at 9 am at the playground.

Let’s Play 5k- April 26th

Playground Community Event April 26th, 6:00 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**: May 8th

Adjourned: 7:42

**Highlights:**

**Lets Play 5k:** April 26th- Still time to sign up! <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Newport/LetsPlay5k>

Also need volunteers for 5k: <https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1341527>

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**World Earth Day:** On 4/19/25, we will work with Little Buffalo to clean up the park. We will meet at the playground at 9 a.m.

**Fifth Grade Survival bags:** We need donations :) <https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1357214>

**Little Buff’s Day:** We need volunteers! <https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1342320>