

MEETING MINUTES

EAGLE School EPO Meeting

April 12, 2016

Board Members Present

Jodie Johnson (President), Tanya Buckingham (Vice-President), Irene Ong (Treasurer), Dia Caulkins (Secretary), Patti DuBeau, Helen Lee, Scott Mason, Alperen Ozalp, Chad Thums

Guests Present

Carole Mason (Director), Nancy Barabas, Amy Bina, Lena Brandis, Gwen Cassis, Marjorie Cuthbert, Stella Krall, Jerry Neviaser, Sara Roang, Robin Sherman, Daniel Siehr, Kelly Wehrle

Presiding

Jodie Johnson

Call to Order

Jodie Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

Minutes

The minutes and budget will be approved online electronically.

Director's Report

Carole reported that the internet safety presentation will occur on Thursday. Last Friday, during school, she spoke to the students about internet safety, with the goal of helping them understand the long term footprint created by being on the internet. Carole explained that a million people can see one's posts even years from now, so everyone needs to behave in safe and responsible ways when they go online. She went over the importance of parents checking in on all social media with which students are involved. During the upcoming meeting on Thursday, parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about social media, concerns about specific apps, and internet safety in general. The 7/8s are leaving for Washington on Sunday, which is always exciting. The students who are not going on the trip will be engaged in a lot of different activities. One of the things that they will be doing is going to an overnight at Upham-Woods. The 6/7s will be performing in their musical show at the end of the week, which has added to the fervor in the halls. Kids are very excited about everything that is going on which means lots of energy throughout the school. As far as enrollment for next year is concerned, Carole reported that other than a couple of openings in Primary and Upper Primary, all of the other classes are filled. There will be some shifts in the teaching staff for next year as there are a couple of teachers who are leaving, but the process has been started to find excellent fits for those positions for the fall. There is currently no further information on the installation date of the security doors and keypad. Also, there is currently no firm date on the installation of the new basketball hoop. However, Carole is working to get a firm date in the near future.

Treasurer's Report

Irene Ong summarized the recent changes to the EPO budget. There was \$127.50 raised from Fuddruckers Family Night, as well as an additional \$920 from Ultrazone. However, there were also \$635 in expenses for Ultrazone due to bus, food, and rental. \$42.46 was spent on the Teacher Appreciation Dinner and \$20 was used by the 3/4s from their allotted Unit Money.

New Business

Community Project: Kelly Wehrle says that the 6/7 & 7/8 project will take place on May 20 during TGIF. They are running a Walk-A-Thon in which the students can participate in order to raise the goal amount of \$500. It will be a fun environment with the students working together. There will be music and Popsicles and the money raised by the students will go towards putting in a baseball diamond in the field right next to the school.

Community Building Event – Culvers: Helen Lee said that the Culvers event will take place Monday April 25 from 4:30pm-7:30pm. That time frame is divided into two shifts and we still need students to be runners (the people who take the food out to the customers waiting in the drive-thru). Also there will be no Spring Mud Run this year.

Communication Study: Alperen Ozalap and Scott Mason have worked on the plan to have the Aerie-Gram easily accessible on a mobile phone. Scott was able to get the mobile app set up and running and then he started to have a large number of unidentified log-ins. For safety's sake he shut it down. He is currently trying to find a client which is free and easy to use in order to make this app a possibility.

Scholastic Book Orders: Dia Caulkins reported that the flyers will be going out the last week of April with orders being due early in May.

Soccer Goals: There has been discussion of soccer goals for the field next to the school, which is actually owned by Fitchburg. Since the field is currently used for competitive lacrosse teams as well as other sports it seems unlikely, at the moment, that soccer goals will be put up there.

Spring FUNdraiser: Jerry Neviasser and Robin Sherman said that they are very happy with the way things are going with the fundraiser. They have 100 nice items for the auction, 50 of which (mostly certificate based items) will be placed online for the online auction. There will be pretty items displayed at the school for the in-person auction. Raffle tickets will go out again this year to each student, with the request that each family sell 12 tickets. For every 12 tickets sold that family will be entered in a drawing for a smaller prize as a reward for selling tickets. This year three short promotional videos were made starring the students, the first highlighting the importance of selling raffle tickets, the second featuring the online auction, and the third featuring the event itself. There will be karaoke in the music room, children's activities and face painting, and musical entertainment. There will be donations of food, the sign-up genius is being used to get volunteers, and Unit Parents have reached out to their units to fill the holes. There will be tickets for foods and activities for sale online prior to the Spring FUNdraiser. This year there is an informal theme of Connect Families to encourage the building of sense of community among the families of the school.

Compost Initiative: Lena Brandis came to tell us about what the students in the environmental club are doing. Leading up to Earth Day their goal is to try and get a zero waste day. The students placed buckets in the lunch room to collect left over food from lunches. This food will be recycled and given to Maggie's chickens or dog. The students from the club have volunteered to stay behind at the end of lunch to remind other students to recycle the unwanted food and to empty, flatten, and recycle the milk cartons. The students would like to work on improving the status of the school as a “Green & Healthy” school. At the moment the classification for

EAGLE is seedling and they would like to improve to the level of sapling. The students will be working on what can be done to make EAGLE a more sustainable school. Gwen Cassis suggested that next year we have a speaker come and talk about recycling and sustainability.

End of the School Party: Laura Dry will be in charge of the this event. It will be held at Swan Creek Park this year, which has a great open space, on Friday June 3 at 6:00pm. She would like a co-chair to help with this.

Speaker Visit: Tanya Buckingham reported that the internet safety meeting will be taking place on Thursday. There will be 2 university students along with Susan Finley and Jack Maloney to discuss internet safety and social media. They will specifically discuss SnapChat, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Google Hangout, etc.

Board Member Search 2016: Tanya Buckingham has talked to a number of different people about available EPO positions for next year. There will be names listed on the ballot for voting at the Spring FUNdraiser.

Old Business

Conference Dinner: Everything went smoothly.

Community Building – Lasertag: Helen Lee reported that 48 kids came to the event at which they had a great time. The event netted \$248.92 profit after expenses.

Announcements & Adjournment

Jodie thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dia J. Caulkins, EPO Secretary