

MEETING MINUTES

EAGLE School EPO Meeting

January 12, 2016

Board Members Present

Jodie Johnson (President), Irene Ong (Treasurer), Dia Caulkins (Secretary), Patti DuBeau, Helen Lee, Mahr Malik, Alperen Ozalp

Guests Present

Carole Mason (Director), Nancy Barabas, Marjorie Cuthbert, Stella Krall, Kris Schwartz, Don Settergren, Robin Sherman, Daniel Siehr, Chris Turner

Presiding

Jodie Johnson

Call to Order

Jodie Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Minutes

The minutes and budget were approved online as written.

Director's Report

Carole reported that teachers are working on student reports. Carole reads all of the reports as she formats them. Carole may add an individual note on a report. MAP scores will be in the report packages. Nationalized testing, such as MAP testing, is only conducted once a year so that the school can assess individual growth. Parent's visits are going very well. The tuition rate for the 2016-2017 school year, as well as the contract for returning students will be mailed in February. Carole reported that the Safety Committee is continuing to work on researching the safety options for the school. They are looking at all the options and costs for implementing those options. There have been no incidents that prompted this research, just keeping up-to-date with the times. Minutes for Safety Committee meetings are available upon request.

Treasurer's Report

Irene Ong went over the budget. The cash-in this month from the fall fundraiser (\$10), pottery (\$92.40), and book sales (\$2,061.50) has been added to the EPO account. The expenses taken this month were the community building money that had already been allocated for the basketball hoop (\$1,482.80), clothing sales (\$1,409.29), student council Halloween Party (\$200), reimbursement for the EPO coffee/bagels (\$114.69), and usage of class funds by both Nest classes (\$25 each), 4/5 and 5/6 (\$20 each) for the madrigal play.

New Business

School Board Meeting: The EPO has been working with the school board to discuss safety concerns. If a parent would like an issue to be discussed with the School Board the two best

methods are speaking to Jodie Johnson (EPO President) or Carole Mason (Director of EAGLE School). Both Jodie and Carole can take those issues to the School Board for discussion.

Rockin' Jump: Helen Lee said that the dates for this are January 24 & 25, 2016. EAGLE will receive 15% off all proceeds from members of the EAGLE community. Families need only mention the EAGLE flyer. This runs both days of the weekend so that people can choose when to attend, and set up times when they could to go together with friends.

Chipotle: Helen Lee has decided not to go with Chipotle this year. She has selected Fuddruckers (at Greenway Station in Middleton) instead. February 11 and February 16 from 4pm-8pm they will give 15% of proceeds to EAGLE. Families just need to identify themselves as being with EAGLE.

Box Tops: Dan Siehr reported that this will be coming up and he is looking at determining prize points. Potentially any class that gets more than 1,500 points would get a prize. Dan suggested that there be a specific student selected goal for which the students are trying to collect the points. He reminded everyone that additional points can be collected by shopping at Copps. He also commented that we need a parent of a younger student to take over in future for the Box Top program to continue.

Spring Fundraiser: Robin Sherman needs volunteers who are parents of younger students. Also, there is currently no Word document prepared to let new volunteers know what needs to be completed for the fundraiser. So there was a suggestion made to reach out to committee leaders from previous years to get missing information and make a Word document for future years.

Parent Speaker: The topic that has been selected is Internet Safety.

Member-at-large openings: Tanya Buckingham is working on numbers and determining openings.

Movie Night: Dia Caulkins reported that Movie Night will be February 6.

Communications: Scott Mason is working on an App to make information like the Aerie-Gram available on mobile devices. Right now the App is in experimental stage. Alperen say that he and Scott met eight weeks ago and they are working on it.

Student Council: Dan Siehr reported that the Student Council can not help pick the movie for movie night. When he talked to them about helping to allocated fundraising monies they expressed in interest in a 3D printer. They also suggested that they need more lighting for dances (something like a DJ's laser light.)

Alumni Night: Patti DuBeau is working on Alumni night for January 27. There will be nine student representatives coming to talk on a panel from 6:30-7:30 after some light refreshments.

Scholastic Books: Dia reported that this will take place again in March.

Vote on minutes by email.

Old Business

Barnes & Noble: Carole reported that it was a wonderful event and that a lot of families attended. Barnes&Noble gave us gift cards in the amount of the dollars that were fundraised, which Ellen uses to add books to the EAGLE library collection. She is currently looking at adding books in the non-fiction and hobbies areas. \$3,500 was brought in by this fundraiser.

EPO Funding Opportunities: Jodie reported that the group last year felt as if the allotting of EPO funds at the end of the year was rushed. So in order to make more information available a survey was conducted of the ways in which EAGLE families thought fundraised money should be spent. The greatest amount of support was for scholarships and tech funds, and the least amount support was for the furnishing fun. Moderate support was received for the outdoor

classroom, which has since been removed as an option as the teachers have found a work around for this. There was also moderate support for the auditorium equipment, but because there was an immediate need it was funded differently and is no longer on the list. There was moderate support for funding purchase of the weather systems for the science department. Carole will get back the EPO with what would be entailed in getting this for the science teachers, as well as what the potential life expectancy of the equipment and program are. The program potentially costs up to \$18,000 if you get the entire program. However, you can start with basic materials for \$8,000. What the teachers are looking at includes equipment and some instructional material and would probably cost approximately \$16,000. Finally moderate support was received for gym-expansion. The reason for the expansion is due to the fact that there is not enough room in the current gym to safely accommodate students and parents and play sports at the same time. Even as a school that focuses on academics activity and sports help children develop a myriad of important skills. The old idea of completely changing the roof line of the gym will not work because it would cost more than \$500,000. The new idea keeps the same roof line as currently exists, while building an extension which would allow for a vestibule as well as allow bleachers to be constructed that would fold into the wall/alcove. All of this would provide a more room for the players and their families, as well as a safer environment for the viewers. The new plan would cost about \$150,000. The School Board has said that it would not be fiscally sound to take on this debt. However, should the EPO choose to embark on spearheading the fundraising side to accomplish this project it could be planned over a length of time. Perhaps the best would be to have an Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee that would exist for multiple years to accomplish the gym expansion. If anyone is interested in helping with this please contact Jodie Johnson.

Announcements & Adjournment

Jodie thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dia J. Caulkins, EPO Secretary