

# MEETING MINUTES

## EAGLE School EPO Meeting

May 10, 2016

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### **Board Members Present**

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

### **Guests Present**

Carole Mason (Director), Nancy Barabas, Jenna Boyd, Gwen Cassis, Marjorie Cuthbert, Stella Krall, Tianna Leal, Jerry Neviaser, Don Settergren, Daniel Siehr

### **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 thanked everyone for their hard work with the Spring FUNdraiser. There was great attendance, people had a lot of fun, and it raised a nice amount of money for the school. On May 23 Carole will give the Annual Report, which will include information about things such as the new hires, MAP scores, etc. Currently the enrollment for next year is 251 students. That number will be finalized June 1, 2016 when classes will be put together. The 7/8s will make up three units again next year for LA/SS/D, and they will be looking at American History. The Primary and Upper Primary have a couple of openings, but the other classes are full. Day Away is coming up and, for the most part, the teachers will be chaperoning their classes on the outings. There are just a handful of openings for parent volunteers so if you want to help with the Day Away outings you need to submit your name quickly. Graduation is also coming up, Friday June 3, and there will be a short speech given about each graduating student. There is also an end of the year family picnic that evening at 6:00pm at Swan Creek for all the families at EAGLE. There have been some wonderful new teachers hired for next year. Dylan Matthews is coming on as an upper level (Pre-Algebra through Calculus/Trigonometry) math teacher. He has a great deal of experience both as a high school math teacher and a math tutor for students, he understands the challenges of working with exceptional kids. Sarah White is joining us as a new science teacher. She has worked with EAGLE in the past in a variety of programs and has extensive experience as a science teacher coming to us from Monona Grove. Jane is joining us as a new art teacher. She is coming from the Verona school district and has many years of experience to bring. She is excited to work with the students at EAGLE. Traci will be the new Nest teacher who brings not only lots of teaching experience from kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade in

the Marshall school district, but also a lot of technology knowledge as well. Mr. Price is going to be moving to 60% time teaching focusing on the history portion of the LA/SS/D class. Katie McEnaney will remain full-time and will be moving to the 6/7 grade and teaching the English portion of the LA/SS/D class. Mr. Price will still be running the NHD (National History Day) and will still help with the 7/8 grade section. Carol van Deelen will be moving from the Nest to Intermediate as the LA/SS/D teacher. Carole followed up regarding the basketball hoop installation from last month to say that it is completed and already in use by students.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Irene Ong summarized the recent changes to the EPO budget. The Spring Fundraiser raised about \$26,000 after expenses, we are waiting on the last few amounts to come in. There was also a \$40 adjustment from Ultrazone. In the expenses section there was a \$70 cost from Ultrazone for the bus, \$350 cost from the Spring Fundraiser, a \$50 cost for the prize for the raffle ticket sales, a \$50 cost for the Parent/Teacher Speaker event, and a \$150 cost for three gift cards (for Rebecca who is retiring, Lena who is getting married, and Kelly who is getting married). Not all the EPO money for all the units has been used.

## **New Business**

*Organic Milk Request:* There has been interest in getting organic milk for lunches and research will be done to see if this is feasible.

*Allocation of Funds:* Based on the parent survey at the beginning of the year the top areas in which parents would like to see money allocated is scholarship, technology, and science (weather bug system). Starting with \$33,700 we will put about \$9,900 toward scholarship, \$5,000 toward technology, \$5,000 toward science (weather bug system), \$5,000 carry-over for fall, \$3,300 toward complete set of four ping-pong tables plus accessories (\$1,000 from Community Building and \$2,300 from unallocated funds), and \$3,800 towards a \$6,000 3D printer (which can be used for science, technology, robotics team, Science Olympiad, art, etc.) This allocation of funds was approved by the EPO board.

*Board Members 2016:* Tanya Buckingham will be President of the EPO next year, along with Sara Guyer who will be serving as Vice-President, Irene Ong will be continuing as Treasurer with one more year in her position, and Dia Caulkins will begin a new two year term as secretary. New board members-at-large will be Shikha Arora-Gupta, Jenna Boyd, Stella Krall, and Enda O'Donohoe. Continuing board members-at-large, with one more year in their terms, are Amy Bina, Pattie DuBeau, Mahr Malik, and Alperen Ozalp.

## **Old Business**

*Community Events – Culvers:* Helen Lee reported that the Culvers event was a success and raised about \$250 bringing the total for all the events to \$1,162.30 for the year).

*Scholastic Book Orders:* Dia Caulkins reported that the final order has been placed and that the books will be delivered towards the end of May. This final order brought us to about \$800 in free books for teachers and the library.

*End of the Year Picnic:* Laura Dry and Gwen Cassis will be arranging things for this event which will take place on Friday June 3 at 6pm at Swan Creek Park. There will be an announcement in the Aerie-Gram to remind families about the event.

*Speaker for the Parents:* Tanya Buckingham reported that there was good attendance with probably about 50 parents there. The panel consisted of 2 UW students, Jack Maloney, and

Susan Finley. Jack focused primarily on internet safety and Susan on social media. There is a summary of the information covered in the event which is being put together and will be sent out to families.

*Teacher Appreciation:* This went very smoothly and was pulled together in very short order. Bali took charge of the event and it went great.

*Spring FUNdraiser:* Jerry started by thanking everyone for their help and participation in the Spring FUNdraiser. It was a great event where a lot of people got together and had a nice time, which will help create more buzz for future years. The promotion that was run for the raffle worked well, and by dropping the roving raffle (which took place during the event) it improved the overall feel of the event. There were a lot of volunteers who came together to help and did a good job. This was the first year of the online auction and it was an experiment that was a great success. About 40% of the action sales were online and 60% took place in person at the school, next year perhaps the division will be more 50/50. One of the advantages of moving some of the items online is that it made the school portion of the event less jumbled and the auction area looked really nice. The auction made use of the same site which was used to sell the EAGLE spirit wear, which generally costs \$100 per year, but so far has been donated to the school for use at no charge. Online this year there was about \$1200 in pre-sale tickets, which is an improvement over last year. Jerry went on to say that Robin was an amazing and fantastic co-chair. She made sure to get all the information into a software program that generates email reminders of tasks to be completed, based on the timeline they put together. It makes everything run so much more smoothly than in the past. Jerry will be following up with the chairs of the various committees to find out what they thought of the entire event, and get comments about what worked well and what should be tweaked next year. Also for next year Jerry suggests that since collection auction donations is such a large job it should be a team of about 10 people with each working to get 10 items and starting their work in October. He suggests that the auction chair be in place by next October.

## **Announcements & Adjournment**

Jodie thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dia J. Caulkins, EPO Secretary