

# MEETING MINUTES

EAGLE School EPO Meeting

November 10 , 2015

## **Board Members Present**

Jodie Johnson (President), Tanya Buckingham (Vice President), Amy Bina, Laura Dry, Patti DuBeau, Helen Lee, Scott Mason, Mahr Malik,

## **Guests Present**

Carole Mason, Stella Krall, Kris Schwartz, Daniel Siehr

## **Presiding**

Jodie Johnson

## **Call to Order**

Jodie Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

## **Minutes**

The minutes were approved via email.

## **Director's Report**

- **Parent-teacher conference meal** was greatly appreciated, thank you!
- **Halloween** event was fantastic this year:
  - 5/6s loved helping with younger kids party
  - 50-70 kids turned out for the dance which was a really nice event (Thanks, Dan Siehr for set up and take-down!)
- **Grandparent breakfast**, an intergenerational event where 3/4s have grandparents join them for breakfast, interviews, and perform for them, was a big hit, it's the best day for feedback in our school. (Thanks to Dan Siehr for the help!)
- **Auditorium** money is spent on 8 hanging mics, a backdrop sheet, spot lights – hoping still considering that fundraiser funds will go towards support. Sources of money for these included: EPO, and some bench sales.
- **Openings still available** keep in mind, especially for younger grades, that there are openings available.

- **NCTE, National Council Teachers of English**, six teachers will be attending, the focus is on diversity. Katie M. is presenting. Teachers will have the opportunity to meet with authors.
- **Money was donated to support professional development**, additionally EAGLE puts \$6,000 towards professional development each year. The donation was intended for conferences, and support general experiences that make EAGLE teachers better educators – including travel. The question was raised, “Should EPO consider helping with professional development?” Carole said that currently we have the funds, and requests so far have not exceeded what we have. In addition a needs assessment was completed in the fall, particularly as they relate to gifted kids: social/emotional issues, autism spectrum, grammar in the middle grades. MMSD contributed \$7,000 towards professional development of these areas. For now, other things that EPO does to support the teachers are more important in helping them to feel supported: conference meals, wishlists, teacher appreciation week, etc. Other options might be a Valentine or rose for each teacher.
- **MAPP testing** is in process and going well. All in the cloud this year, which means teachers can use the mobile carts, and students are in their regular classrooms for testing.
- **Flagstaff**, moving forward.
- **Basketball hoop**, Helen Lee researching options for outdoor hoop. Needs to be industrial strength, anchored into the ground, adjustable would be great. Jodie will find out how much is available from funds already allocated.

## Treasurer’s Report

- **Operating budget**, EPO will approve updates by email.
- **Change to note**, \$87 increase with some new income
- **Fall fundraiser**, Dia will report at the next meeting about the success

## Business

- **Parent teacher conference meal**, a big thank you to the nest family who donated food from Swagat. The catering was beautiful, delicious, and the teachers loved it. The EPO asked what we could do differently in the future. There are a variety of dietary needs, and the catering was very good at handling this. Feedback was that not many teachers drink soda, or bottled water, can significantly reduce amounts (1L of diet and 1L of regular). More appetizers, or nibbles are always appreciated. Bali offered to help for February conferences.
- **EAGLE spiritwear**, there is confusion on how to order it. Remind people that it is done the same way that lunch is ordered.
- **Halloween parties**, grade school party was good, and the older kids that helped enjoyed doing so. Huge thanks to Martha for organizing the 5/6 and up dance, haunted hallway, bobbing for apples, and kids could go outside. Thanks, again, to Dan S. for the extra effort in making the event such a success.
- **Noodles & Company fundraiser**, lines were out the door, feedback from EAGLE families has

been mixed on the experience. Because of some complaints Noodles is providing EAGLE with 25% instead of 20%. There were a little over \$1000 in sales. Final numbers will be reported when they are available. In the spring consider doing a couple of restaurants: Q'doba, Panera, Great Dane, etc.

- **FiredUp! pottery fundraiser**, only 5 families attended. Great event, but attendance is low. Yielded around \$90 (30% of sales).
- **Scholastic book orders**, really time consuming project; 7-8 hours for two people. Is there a way to divvy up the work in the future? Dia will supply numbers about sales.
- **Communication study**, Scott is working on an RSS feed, which will produce a PDF. Working on fine-tuning this, then will work with Carole on feasibility.
- **Student Council collaboration**, they have been really busy: spirit week, food drive, and Halloween party. Martha is doing a great job, they're following Robert's rules of order, and running efficient meetings. Instead of developing a survey, Dan Siehr will work with them to get feedback from homeroom reps about what activities/support they'd like to see from the EPO.
- **Game Night**, Andrea is running with this.
- **Barnes & Noble** December 12, Ellen and Tiffany are organizing the event. The store opens at 9, all donations are made to a charity, activities start at 1, anything purchased that day or for 1 week after, EAGLE gets 20% once we hit \$2,000 in sales. Additionally, this benefits the school library, as the library receives nice books. Ellen will email a flyer for families to post at work, or share with family.
- **School security**, a group met to evaluate other schools, best practices, and new technology/equipment. School Board invited a representative to speak on the topic. Discussed reinforcing the glass with 3M fortification. New technology is available from video with facial recognition to fob based entry to buzzer systems. Each options carries it's own pros and cons. Will report at next EPO meeting on the conversation with the Board.
- **School supply fundraiser**, still researching options
- **Community service**, there is interest in serving Thanksgiving meals, (e.g., Goodman Center) as a group. Stella will lead a group to explore this idea.
- **Tri-4-schools**, Katie Henzel has requested a report on what the funds were used for. Helen will take care of this.
- **Speaker committee**, Technology panel to be hosted in the spring about social media safety. Committee: Two University Students who will go over the ways that social media are beneficial, the differences between the most popular, Susan Findley will talk about the emotional impacts of social media as she has seen in her office, and Jack Mahoney will cover additional considerations about online personal security. The event will be for parents.
- **Dodgeball pit**, there is interest in building a dodgeball pit, there is a concern about space and safety. The question was raised by the EPO if the playground committee exists any longer.
- **Fundraiser funds**, Fall fundraiser generally pays for technology and the arts. There is some interest in a 3D printer, but this requires a significant ongoing budget to support. Carole is keeping an eye on the technology. In February, the Board of Directors will discuss if the bleachers would even have support.

## **Announcements & Adjournment**

Jodie thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Buckingham, EPO Vice-President