

MEETING MINUTES

EAGLE School EPO Meeting

October 13, 2015

Board Members Present

Jodie Johnson, Irene Ong, Dia Caulkins, Helen Lee, Mahr Malik, Alperen Ozalp, Chad Thums

Guests Present

Carole Mason, Jenna Boyd, Marjorie Cuthbert, Elizabeth Neviaser, Kris Schwartz, Daniel Siehr, Chris Turner

Presiding

Jodie Johnson

Call to Order

Jodie Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:34 am.

Minutes

The approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting was motioned & seconded.

Director's Report

Carole Mason reported that the Parent-Teacher conferences will take place Thursday, October 29. There will be one conference time per family and make-ups will be the following Wednesday during lunchtime. Behavior sheets will come home the week before conferences with the added component, this year, that the kids will look at themselves as a whole and add their input to the sheets. MAPP testing for the school will happen over the month of November. The children will stay in their classrooms for the testing and it will be conducted on computers. In response to the Parent Survey – if another \$5,000 was added to the Technology fund by the EPO this year we would be very close to replacing the computer lab, if we wish to build the bleachers we would need to develop a 3-5 year plan because it will take about \$170,000 to accomplish, the auditorium work is a top priority needing \$5,000 for the sound board and hook-ups etc, and the Weather Monitoring project already has about \$3,000 saved up but they will need another \$5,000 for the equipment and another \$12,000 if they purchase the equipment and the curriculum to go with it.

Treasurer's Report

Irene Ong went over the changes made to the 2015-2016 projected budget. She removed KEVA night and added Rockin' Jump Night, allocated \$200 for the Student Council to use for the Halloween Party for the older grades, \$20 allocated to the Halloween Party for the younger grades, \$50 allocated for school appreciation, \$31 allocated to purchase check books for the account, and \$500 allocated for a speaker.

Old Business

Back-to-School Night Refreshments: Thanks to Tanya Buckingham.

Fitchburg Farmers Market: Jimlene Pleva managed this activity – it raised about \$300.

Current Business

Fall Fundraiser: Dia Caulkins reported the Read-a-Thon is under way. The Reader Leaders (student who reads the greatest number of minutes in each unit) will receive a \$10 Barnes & Nobel gift certificate. The class who reads the greatest number of minutes will have a mini-class party. Prizes will be handed out after the Halloween parade on Thursday morning Oct. 29.

Communications Study: Alperen Ozalp reported that they are working on this.

Student Council Involvement Progress: Dan Siehr is working with Tanya Buckingham on input from the students about what events and activities they would like the EPO to develop/host for the older kids. The students mentioned they would like a Chick-fil-A lunch program. Also, they are working on a survey on the way the students would like to be involved. There is always an open invitation for a student to attend EPO meetings if it fits in their schedule.

Parent-Teacher Conference Meal: Jenna Boyd reported that a family has donated all of the entrees from their family restaurant Swaggat. She set up Sign-Up Genius for supplemental food and jobs. At this point all the food is signed-up for and she is working on people to help with things such as washing dishes etc.

Parent Survey Results: Jodie Johnson reported that after tallying the responses to the survey 80% of the those who responded wished to fund the Scholarship and Technology Funds. 64-73% of those who responded supported funding Auditorium Improvements, Gym Expansion (bleachers), and the Weather Monitoring Project. 33% of those who responded supported funding needed Furnishings.

EAGLE Spirit Wear: Elizabeth Neviasser reported that she met with the Student Council and Carole to pick designs. They are working with a new vendor this year and they are putting together a website for ordering. The two designs will be on display, with different size shirts available to try on, by the Parent-Teacher conferences. Orders will be delivered to lockers by Christmas. The money raised from the EAGLE picture goes to the EPO and the money raised from the EAGLE athletics picture goes to athletic department.

Scholastic Book Orders Update: The September order was for \$999.50 and we were able to get about \$500 in free books for classrooms and the library, due to bonuses and rewards for the order. This is about equal with the order at the same time last year. The next order will be in November.

Grade School Halloween Party Update: Chad Thums and Jenna Boyd are working on this event.

Family Game Night: Andrea Holdman will be managing this event.

Community Building Update: Helen Lee said Sunday November 8 there is a Pottery Event at Fired Up Pottery where 30% of identified sales of gift cards or pottery made will go to EAGLE. Also the Noodles & Co on McKee Road will give 20% of all identified sales for the day, Thursday, October 29, to the school, we simply need to show the flyer in person or on a phone. The Rockin' Jump event will be the weekend of January 23 – 24, where 20% of all identified sales will come back to the school. The flexibility of having the entire weekend means that families can go when it is convenient for them as well as to coordinate with friends to go together.

Other Items: Kris Aman has taken over the EPO bulletin board. Discussion of families going to soup kitchens to help at Thanksgiving or doing something to help those in the community who

are in need. Carole reported that Lacy Road Food Pantry needs help in the Spring and that the Re-Store is almost always looking for help. There are two Re-Stores one on the East side and one on the West side. Carole will look into finding contact information for families who wish to do something like this. We are on target with having people in charge of items on the calendar. Also there was mention of the previous discussion about the potential security measures for the school, there will be further reports on this in future.

Announcements & Adjournment

Jodie thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dia J. Caulkins, EPO Secretary