

EEPTO General Meeting - 2014/2015

Date: October 21, 2014

Location: Library

Call to Order - Rene Schmidt

A motion to approve the minutes from the 2014/2015 EEPTO General Meeting held on September 16, 2014 was made by Stephanie Dwyer, seconded by Laurie Mills, all approved. The minutes will be posted to the EEPTO website.

Rene welcomed everyone and invited them to attend PNO and Carnival this weekend. She also introduced a new project at Eanes Elementary called Eanes Cares. It is for school families in need. She is looking for someone to chair the committee and volunteers to help with care needs.

Speaker

Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Tom Leonard: State of the District

Principal Update - Jodie Villemaire

This weekend will be very fun and busy. Jodie encouraged parents to attend PNO and bid on Paddles Up for 21st century flexible classroom furniture. Teachers are trying to create environments to allow students to move. She would like to get more standing tables and chairs that tilt and move for multiple classes. Teachers will have to apply for the furniture and tell why they need it and how it will benefit their classrooms.

This is the second year piloting the Danielson model for teacher evaluations. The framework includes a coaching model throughout the year, Teachers choose an area where they would like to improve and set goals with peer coaching. The model includes many visits to a classroom. The model is more about individual growth as a teacher and how they guide their own growth and coaching to help them get there.

IEC Update - Stephanie Dwyer

A meeting of the IEC was held on October 7, 2014. The IEC considered \$17,617 in requests and approved \$9,612.52. A complete list of IEC requests and approvals is included on the EEPTO website.

Leslie Ryan requested new furniture for the Mustang Room to make it a more collaborative space for meetings. The initial request was \$10,742.28. The IEC approved \$5,738.28, for 20 chairs and 12 tables. This amount is over the \$2,500 cap placed on IEC Committee requests by the PTO bylaws and must be approved by the EEPTO Board and at General Meeting. The request was approved at the EEPTO General Meeting held on October 14. Julia Webber made a motion to approve \$5,738.28 for the Mustang Room furniture, Paige Skonieczny seconded, and all approved.

Treasurer's Report - Ann Bernard

- Account Balances (as of October 21, 2014)
 - Commercial Account: \$255,042.07
 - Money Market Account: \$28,491.37
- Underwriting campaign: 240 families - \$136,892.00, the campaign runs through December 31, 2014.
- PTO Memberships: 278 families - \$9,730.00

VP Reports

Student Enrichment - Emmanuelle Jean

- Movie Night: the event was held on September 26 and was a great community building event for EE.
- Mustang Mania: Emmanuelle thanked all the volunteers and teachers for helping create a fun event.
- Stem Day: the event is scheduled for November 14 and event chairs are looking for volunteers.

Fundraising - Clarissa McWilliams

- Underwriting/Sponsorship Committee: parents have until December 31 to make donations to Underwriting. Chairs are looking to increase participation and any amount is appreciated.
- Parents' Night Out/Carnival: many volunteers are needed for both events.
- Socials: please contact Debbie Dillion or Clarissa if parents have ideas for socials,
- Sponsorship Committee: if parents know of a businesses or individual who would like to donate goods or services, please contact Clarissa or Nancy Marcus.

News from the Floor

Volunteers at Carnival: many volunteers are needed to help make Carnival a successful event. Older children are also welcome to volunteer at many booths and games.

EEF: the Tex'tober EEF event held at the McCornack's home was an enjoyable evening. John Havenstrite indicated that our campus needs to increase participation in EEF. An Imagination Playground party will be provided for the grade level with the largest EEF donation percentage at the end of October. John is planning to attend each EEPTO General meeting in the future to provide EEF updates.

Adjournment - Rene adjourned the meeting at 12:50.