

EEPTO General Meeting

Date: October 15, 2013

Time: 11:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Eanes History Center

Call-to-Order - Julia Webber

- Julia provided a brief overview of the Eanes History Center.
- Approval of Minutes - a draft of the previous meeting minutes will be posted on the website upon receipt and formal approval of the minutes will occur at the next meeting.

Treasurer Report - Barbara Kim

- Account Balances (as of 7:50 a.m. on 10.15.2013):
 - Commercial Account Balance - \$181,645.36
 - Money Market Account Balance - \$30,106.88
- Underwriting Campaign - has brought in \$116,831.00 to date in commitments with 167 families participating.
- PTO participation - 68 teachers and 280 families have joined the EEPTO to date.
- Recent income
 - Carnival - \$4,580.00
 - PNO - \$2,190.00
- Recent expenses
 - Underwriting - \$4,653.14 includes carnival T-shirts
 - Communications - \$1,264.40
 - IEC (actuals) - \$2,043.85
- Anticipated expenses
 - PNO and Carnival
 - Spirit wear for additional shirts
 - Membership for additional tumblers
 - Enrichment: field trips, IEC, POD requests

Principal's Report - Jodie Villemaire

- Introduction of Harvey Mayton, Interim Vice Principal - Mr. Mayton worked for EISD for approximately 30 years and retired 2 years ago. He was hired back by Westlake High School to work as an Assistant Principal. He is currently at Eanes Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but expects to be here more in the near future after additional Assistant Principals are hired at Westlake High School. Julia presented Harvey with an EE t-shirt as a welcome gift.
- Thank you to the EE Leadership Team - Jodie commended the counselors and administrative team for taking on many of the Vice Principal responsibilities.
- Update on Rex Ryan - the Ryan family will travel to Houston to begin preparations for more treatments.

IEC Report - Rene Schmidt

- An IEC request for over-the-ear headphones for all Kindergarteners was tabled and needs more research and discussion.
- The IEC approved the purchase of 6 portable desks and storage for Rachel Howard - RTI and ESL teacher

- Cameras and accessories for the EE Yearbook Club, art classes, and available for teacher check out was requested by Erin McElroy - Art teacher and approved by IEC. This purchase will provide a great benefit to the yearbook club, but Chris Overend - Yearbook coordinator stressed the need for pictures from both students and parents.
- Meagan Didlake - Campus Support Services requested a white board and Everyday Mathematic Intervention Activities workbooks for instructional use. An IEC member was able to locate a white board at no cost and the workbook request will be fulfilled using an electronic version already available on the campus.
- The IEC approved the purchase of Reading Workshop/Oral Storytelling book sets for all Kindergarten classes.
- Debbie Smith - Educational Technologist requested 28 iPad keyboards for use in classrooms across campus and the request was approved by the IEC.
- The fourth grade teachers presented a request to purchase VersaTiles, a manipulative that reinforces math and literacy, for each classroom. The cost for the sets \$4,596. The purchase was approved by the by the IEC on 10.01.13 and the EEPTO board on 10.08.13. After the presentation, a motion to approve the purchase was made by Paige Skonieczny, Chris Overend seconded the motion, and purchase was unanimously approved by the EEPTO.
- The IEC approved 5 requests at a total of \$10,532.94 during the month of October 2013.
- Reminder - Mike Brooks will make a presentation on technology addiction on Wednesday, October 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the library

Counselors' Presentation - Michelle Corbett and Amy Ashorn

Michelle and Amy provided a brief presentation of their education, work histories and counseling curriculum provided at Eanes. Michelle has been the EE school counselor since 2009 and has many responsibilities on campus. Amy is a grant counselor at Eanes until December 2014. She splits her time at Eanes and Forest Trail Elementary. The following include some of the counseling tools available for the students at Eanes: yellow counseling request slips, QR codes for 3rd through 5th graders that provides a confidential way to reach out to counselors, small group discussions, individual counseling, stress and time management skills, and monthly guidance lessons for each grade. Parents can help students by reminding them that counselors are always available and by reading and talking to them about the topics in the Counselor's Corner section of the Eanes newsletter.

VP Reports

Fundraising - Clarissa McWilliams

- PNO - Parents were encouraged to attend the event on at the Rattle Inn on October 25, 6:30 p.m. Information about auction items and socials will be provided in a booklet available on October 23.
- Carnival - the pumpkin decorating contest was highlighted. Pre-ordered carnival tickets can be picked up at will call on the day of the event. More volunteers are needed to work carnival booths.
- Underwriting - contributions will be accepted through December 2013.

Communications - Alice Meadows

- PTO website - encouraged parents to view the new and improved PTO website.
- School Directory App. - the highly secure and interactive app should be released in 3 weeks. Please email Alice if you are not in the school directory and would like to be included.

Student Enrichment - Emmanuelle Jean

- Mustang Mania - thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the event.
- Movie Night - will occur in mid-November after the book fair family night. Details are being discussed and more information will be available soon.
- Outdoor Enrichment - ways to help with this project will be presented in the near future.

Teacher Support - Stephanie Dwyer

- Fall parties - the parties are being coordinated with room parents. Thank you to all volunteers who will be helping with this events.

EEPTO Teacher Representative - Jennifer Wolff

- Parent/Teacher Conferences - encouraged parents to bring any information about their child that may affect learning and behavior. Use this time to ask the teacher any questions.
- Fall Parties - check with the homeroom parents if you would like to be involved.
- PNO and Carnival - teachers are encouraged to attend. Expressed gratitude to the PTO for providing tickets to teachers for both events. Reminded parents that teachers are at the events to enjoy themselves and it is not a time to conference about their child. Remember to look for teachers working booths at carnival.
- Staff Development - expressed gratitude for attending a genre book studies event that will assist students with reading and writing workshops.

EEF Presentation - Wally Moore

The difference between the EEPTO and EEF was discussed. The EEF currently funds more than \$100,000 at Eanes Elementary for the Instructional Partner and Librarian. This is donation week and there are currently 70 families participating in EEF at Eanes. The goal is 150-175 families with \$90,000 raised. Contributions up to \$25,000 will be matched on Friday, October 18 and representatives will be at drop off and pick up for collection. Jennifer Wolff spoke about the value an instructional partner brings to the teachers at Eanes. Wally thanked all the EEF representatives.

EEPTO News From the Floor

- David Tiger, an EE parent, works for Texas Rain and presented a possible fundraising opportunity to brand water bottles and sell them at school events. He spoke of the educational possibilities with biodegradable bottles. EEPTO board members will look into his proposal and get back to him.
- Assignment notebooks - a parent expressed a desire to bring back assignment notebooks for older students. Julia will speak with Jodie about this issue.

Adjournment

Julia adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.. The next EEPTO General meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Eanes History Center.