

## **EEPTO General Meeting**

Date: February 18, 2014

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

Location: Library

### **Special Guest - Dr. Mike Brooks, Ph.D.**

Dr. Brooks is a licensed psychologist at the Austin Psychology and Assessment Center. He made a presentation on "Raising Successful Children While Enjoying the Ride." He provided a handout and discussed five keys: focus on the relationship, your child's goals are good ones, foster a growth mindset, be the change, and the master key. He also included research findings and parenting book recommendations.

### **Call-to-Order - Julia Webber**

The minutes from the EEPTO General Board meeting held on 1.21.2014 were approved and will be posted to the website.

### **Treasurer's Report - Barbara Kim**

- Account Balances (as of 2.18.2014):
  - Commercial Account Balance - \$207,967.07
  - Money Market Account Balance - \$30,127.17
- Recent expenses include approximately \$2,900 to EISD for field trip bus service (1st installment). The current budget for field trips is approximately \$13,200. An overage is expected due to the increase in classes and students this year.
- Barbara reminded members to submit Requests for Reimbursement within 30 days of purchase.

### **IEC - Rene Schmidt**

A meeting of the IEC was held on 2.11.14. The following requests were reviewed:

- Michelle Corbett and Kelly VanMeter requested 20 Hoki Stools (10-15" & 10-18") to use as needed across campus. The request totaled \$2,099 and the IEC voted to approve this request.
- Debbie Smith requested a Sony HDR High Def Camcorder. The IEC voted to table this request at this time.
- Aimee Smith requested Razz Kids iPad app License for six 3rd grade classes. The IEC voted to approve this request based on this trial in the classroom and listen to read feature.
- Jane Wold requested Level E Animal Stories 1 Realistic Fiction and Level F Favorite Characters and Realistic Fiction books for Kindergarten. The IEC voted to approve these books for Kindergarten.
- Jane Wold requested Level E Fiction Physical Science / Level F Non Fiction Social Studies books for Kindergarten. The IEC voted to approve these books for Kindergarten.
- Elizabeth Holstein requested Bare Books for 2nd grade for their Mother's Day projects. The IEC requested to approve this request.
- Lance Matus requested a chicken coop, perimeter fence, hardware and feeding for chickens to reside on campus. The request totaled \$2,880. The IEC and Board voted to approve this request.\*

The total amount requested at the January IEC meeting was \$6,816.56

The total amount approved at the January IEC was \$6,340.57

\*The request for a chicken coop, fence, hardware and feeding for chickens to reside on campus is \$2,880. This amount is over the \$2,500 cap placed on IEC Committee requests by the PTO bylaws. The request was voted on and approved at the PTO Board Meeting held on 2.11.14 and must be voted on at a PTO General Meeting. Julie Burgess made a motion to approve this expenditure and it was seconded by Clarissa McWilliams. The motion was approved and the vote was not unanimous.

## **VP Reports**

### **Student Enrichment - Emmanuelle Jean and Karen Murphy**

- Movie night is scheduled for 2.26.14 at 6:30 p.m. The food vendors will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. There will be security on campus to ensure the safety of all participants.
- Science Day was a success; Cari Henry, Lance Matus and all the volunteers were recognized for their hard work.
- Upcoming student assemblies include an anti-bullying and character building assembly on March 5 and a presentation regarding allergy awareness on April 3.

### **Teacher Support - Stephanie Dwyer**

Planning for the fifth grade talent show and graduation has started. Please contact Stephanie if you would like to be involved in either of these events.

### **EEPTO News From the Floor**

- Lora Ferguson is providing a seven week parenting course on Positive Discipline. Classes will begin next Monday, 2.24.14 and registration closes on Friday.
- The call for PTO Board nominations will commence during the week following spring break.
- Dr. Wellman's presentation of the EISD Facilities Master Plan on 1.27.14 was well attended. Please contact Julia Webber if you were not able to attend and/or need additional information.

### **Adjournment**

Julia adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.. The next EEPTO General meeting is scheduled for 3.18.14 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.