

EEPTO General Meeting

September 13, 2012

Call-to-Order- Dinah Street

Dinah Street called the meeting to order and introduced the board members. All were present with the exception of Julia Webber. Mary made a motion to approve Jennifer Wolff as the new teacher representative position to the board. Stephanie seconded the motion and it was approved.

Approval of Minutes – Chris Overend

The minutes from the April and May board meetings were presented and approved. Chris will post these to the website.

IEC/President Elect – Aimee Petty

Aimee reviewed the purpose and procedures of the IEC Committee. She explained that the goal is to fund the requests of the teachers and staff. The IEC has a budget of 27K for the 2012/2013 school year and the goal is to spend the entire budget.

The IEC Committee meets separately once a month and there is a representative for every grade level on the committee. Reports are given each month at the PTO General Meeting and any requests over \$2,500 must be approved at a General Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Laura Clark

For the current school year, there is 30K in the money market and 50K in the checking account. The Underwriting Campaign has raised 64K. School supplies have brought in 29K, however, this figure does not take into account the expenses that are still outstanding. Spirit Wear has raised 3K.

Library Update -- Evelyn McAllister

Jodie and Evelyn worked with parent and teacher input to design a "learning commons" where the library space could be made usable for many purposes including reading and checking out library books, researching topics, working on collaborative projects or holding meetings.

Some of the changes include:

- Furniture that can be moved into new arrangements such as wheelbarrow tables and book shelves on casters.
- Cozy reading spaces with large floor pillows and better lighting.
- Improved workflow at circulation desk with all of the library's hardware (scanner, binding repair machines, etc) moved to the workroom in the back.
- New Smart Board for class use or for meeting presentations.

VP Reports:

Fundraising – Meg Propes

Carnival will be held Sunday, October 21. The silent auction and socials that were previously sold at PNO will now be sold at Carnival. We are still looking for hosts to sponsor socials-- especially socials for adults. There will be a booklet sent home in the Thursday folders on Oct 18 so that parents will have time to check their calendars before having to sign up at Carnival. The suggestion was made that sign-up for socials should be done online in the future.

PNO is being moved from October to the spring. The live auction will still be held at PNO.

Communications – Alice Meadows

No updates.

Student Enrichment – Stephanie Beard

The Eanes Dads program has a goal of being intentional about volunteer opportunities for Dads. They have created an email address: eanesdads@gmail.com. A suggestion was made to use testimonials to encourage Dads to participate. Right now this effort is being led by Davey Schmidt and Michael Cation.

Grandma Rose will be presenting at two assemblies on October 4th plus there will be a brown-bag lunch for parents.

Science Day is scheduled for February 22 so that kids presenting projects at the city-wide science fair will also have an opportunity to present at Science Day.

Teacher Support – Amy Cain

Fifth grade needs additional volunteer support. The positions have been broken down to make them more manageable so there is now a grade coordinator, a graduation coordinator, a talent show coordinator and an end-of-year party coordinator.

More volunteers are needed for recess duty for all grade levels. The new playground designs encourage kids to move around more because of the equipment being spread out on different levels but this also presents a challenge in monitoring all of the areas where the kids congregate.

Principal's Report -- Lesley Ryan

Lesley feels that there is a celebratory air on campus with the start of school this year.

- The students are excited about the new library space.
- The new playground equipment has the kids moving a lot more at recess. The kids have been reminded that the new equipment is a gift and should be treated with respect so that it stays nice.
- The Lend a Hand theme has been embraced by the students and is being covered on KXAN.
- Back to School Night was a huge success with great parent support and involvement.

Guest Speaker – Kelly Hamilton

Kelly discussed internet safety and the importance of parents educating themselves with regards to new technologies so that they can know more than their children do. Kelly mentioned several products that can help parents restrict access to websites or monitor which websites their children are visiting. Parents expressed interest in an assembly on this topic-- perhaps one for kids and one for the parents. If parents are aware of any inappropriate or bullying emails, they should bring these concerns to Jodie or Lesley or Michelle Corbett.

Upcoming Events –

September 19 – Fall Picture Day ELT-2nd

September 20 – Fall Picture Day 3rd-5th

September 25 – No Homework Night

September 27 – Late Start Day AND Spirit Night at Froyoyo for 4th Grade

October 8 -- School Holiday

October 11-- PTO General Mtg at 12:30-- Dr. Wellman to deliver State of the District address

October 17-19 -- Early Release/ Parent Conferences

October 21—Fall Carnival!

Adjournment

Dinah adjourned the meeting.