

EEPTO General Meeting

March 7, 2013

Call-to-Order -- Dinah Street

Dinah Street called the meeting to order. Treats were donated by Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Volunteer Appreciation – Stephanie Beard

Stephanie thanked a couple of Science Day volunteers who went above and beyond the call of duty. This included Marilyn Samson, Pamela Cross, Cari Henry, and Mr. Matus. She also thanked corporate sponsors Cookwell and Co and Signature Autos for procuring the science day t-shirts.

Guest Speaker – Johnnie Johnson

Johnnie Johnson's goal is to inspire others to put their kids in position for success. He encourages parents to focus on instilling vision and values.

- ❖ Kids with a vision/mission are more focused and make better decisions. Younger kids will have a much more short-term vision than older kids. But it is never too early to talk about setting targets.
- ❖ The values Johnson tries to pass along to kids are faith, patience, perseverance, consistency and competence.

Lessons can be found in baseball:

- ❖ We cannot experience success all the time although we can strive for it. Training camp taught him that you will lose 25-40% of the games but will still have a chance at the championship title.
- ❖ Teach kids to take advantage of every opportunity as best they can rather than focusing on the outcome of the opportunity. In baseball, when the opportunity presents itself, swing your bat. If you swing consistently in the right place, eventually you will find success. This keeps the pressure focused on swinging the bat in the right zone (within our sphere of influence) rather than on getting a hit (outside our sphere of influence). This also lessens the fear of failure since the goal is to be the best you can be, rather than to achieve a rigid goal of x, y or z.

Approval of Minutes – Barbara Kim

The minutes from the February 14 General Meeting were presented and approved. Chris will post these to the website.

Presidents Elect -- Julia Webber and Aimee Petty

There were no IEC requests submitted this past month. There are two in progress for the next IEC meeting.

We are still seeking nominations for the PTO board positions for next year, specifically VP Student Enrichment, and President Elect.

Update from the Principal -- Jodie Villemaire

There will be 2 IEC requests coming in next month. The first one is a Girl Scout final project involving an overhaul of the science lab/storage area. The request will be for storage equipment, items, etc. The second request is request is for large Plexiglas-encased bulletin boards for the outside hallways to be installed over the summer. These cases would provide an area to hang student artwork for both the students and visitors to the campus to see. With the removal of the massive AC units, there is a lot of wall space outside of the classrooms. Please send any feedback for or against either request to Jodie.

Jodie received a question to discuss the master plan process. The district is looking at what our campus needs to look like in 3 years, 6 years, 10 years, etc. Questions include:

- How do we need to grow?
- How is education changing?
- How do classrooms need to change?
- How do you prepare kids for jobs that do not exist yet? What are professionals telling us they need from kids coming out of college?
- How to create kids that are collaborative, creative, and innovative?
- How do we create kids who know how to think? What environment fosters this?

- How does our campus address growth?
- How do we keep our kids safe and keep the feel of our campus?

The Campus Leadership Team (CLT) has met once to begin the process. If you want to be involved on the Master Planning Committee, please email Jodie. She really welcomes as many voices as possible. This is our school. She wants to hear from people on all sides, and those in the middle. There will be another community outreach night on April 11th so pencil it in. Please invite your friends, neighbors, people who don't have kids yet, people with grown kids, etc.

We need to move away from teaching children there is a one right answer to everything. We need to create kids who meet and exceed academic standards but are also able to work well with others (collaborative, creative).

Listen to TED talks online by:

- Sir Ken Robinson (creativity in schools)
- Alan November (project based learning, authentic projects)

Treasurer's Report -- Laura Clark

There is currently approximately 98K in the PTO checking account and 30K in the Money Market account.

The budget for next year will be brought to vote at the April 11 General Meeting.

VP Reports:

Fundraising – Meg Propes

PNO is coming up on April 6th. It will be held at the Rattle Inn and have a western theme. It is a great way to get to know other parents.

Student Enrichment – Stephanie Beard

Art.Eat.Play, our fine arts night, is coming up on April 18th. This is a great community building event where art work from the students is displayed around the campus.

Upcoming Events –

March 9-17 -- Spring Break

April 6 -- Parents Night Out

April 11 -- Late Start Day and PTO General Meeting

April 15 -- No Homework Night

April 18 -- Art.Eat.Play.

Adjournment

Please come to our April meeting to vote on the 2013-2014 budget and 2013-2014 PTO board. Dinah adjourned the meeting.