

PTO Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Tricia Brzostowicz started meeting at 6:30p asking for introductions of those present. Robyn Hamasaki, Nick Vanderpool, Courtney Danner, Mark Call, Leon Leroy, most Board members and 8 parents were present. Copies of agenda, present budget and volunteer request were handed out.

Tricia B. reported on recent Board activity which was 1) voting in favor of supporting Allies for Diversity and their request to recognize equity businesses for future fundraisers. Ali Cortez will be emailed the list of businesses that support equality: Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index. 2) voting on how to spend funds collected from Fun Run. The purchase of 30 Chromebooks as requested by Hamasaki was approved. The remaining proceeds will be saved for future Cafetorium sound system with microphones.

Kellen Hatch reported that the Fun Run has collected \$48,200 of the \$50,748 that was pledged. This puts us at a 95% collection rate which is the same as last year and very high. The estimated Fun Run Net/Profit is \$31,800. This is higher than last year due to the PTO taking on more of the work and getting a 65/35 split with Boosterthon. She also made a budget clarification that the spring Silent Auction is not forecasted in the 2017/18 budget so any profits from this event will be a windfall.

Courtney Danner, the art teacher, is sending out Original Works for Art fundraising. A parent mentioned Middle schoolers would like to do Original Works. Mr Call suggested Advisory could be a chance to do this.

Tannaz Walker asked for need for Volunteers for Pizza Pals and Greeter Table. Laurie Cook agreed to coordinate the Pizza Pals fundraiser.

Tammy Morgan spoke about last DPC meeting which involved a screening and year long process for hiring new superintendent. Money has have been allocated to Middle school and DPC is reviewing budget along with "list of needs". DPC is reviewing needs of Literacy programs and starting a Literacy Committee. Next DPC meeting is Oct 14.

Kate Spector spoke on behalf of PEN, announcing Eldorado is hosting Oct 26 "All Good Mornings" by

Liz Emmett-Mattox 9-10:30am. PEN is holding a Coffee Chat event Oct 16th, 9:30-10:30AM at Louisville Alfalfa's, teachers from Hillside will be presenting on Needs for Dyslexia. BCIS/Peak plan to hosts 3 Night workshop Oct 30, and 2 night in Nov "Guiding our Children to Mathematical Future" with coordinator Amy Scheff.

Tricia B. spoke on behalf of Clint Folsom, who has requests 2 more parents for crossing guard volunteers. Parents discussed Hug-n-Go and need for training parents on new procedures of following through driveway, especially for pick up. Also Robyn Hamasaki noted the parking lots are meant to be bi-directional. Mark Call reports that every morning with crossing guard goes smoothly. In afternoon it seems DIA style(grade dependent) has not been understood and we need cones/signs. Hamasaki spoke about the some cones were missing, some utilized in back for construction and Korb has ordered new ones.

Feedback about for Vision/Hearing Screening this past Monday was it flowed very well within the new library with great schedule per Laurie Cook. It was explained that Vision/Hearing

Screens have off years for students 4,6,8 grade okayed by state for hearing/vision testing. Anyone new to the district is automatically screened and parents can always request testing as well.

Tricia B. mentioned that Kara Phillips has made sign up genius for meals conferences for dates of October 17,24,26.

Robyn Hamasaki, principal, shared that a READ/ACT law was passed 4 years which entails every student should be reading in at grade level by grade 3. MTSS (Multi-tier support system) looks at 6th graders this year for reading comprehension and grade level competency. So far, Eldorado has identified only 26 Students that need this extra support. Grades 2nd through 6th needs assess further interventions for assistance with on grade level learning. The Pressure and accountability on teachers for looking at students is higher. Training for the MTSS will be taken place for teachers to take action for each student, how to identify, how to engage and try new teaching techniques before going to testing for learning disabilities. Literacy adoption, with Kelly Esposito coordinator, requesting for Lucy Calkins Reading "units of study program" for more in depth comprehension. Teach a little strategy then student can be monitored individually for their applying techniques and understanding content.

Jodi Eikern is our new TAG teacher for for both Elementary/Middle school and they will be doing assessments November and February.

Discussion took place on the box in school's lobby is only for skateboards. Scooters should be parked in a bike rack and locked. A plan for new scooter racks to be installed and let's remind our kids to wear their helmets for all travel equipment. Dani will include this info in the upcoming newsletter and also on FB.

Ali Cortez spoke about past Spirit Nights' successes. MOD Pizza made \$400 and Chick-fil-A made \$300. The mascot stuffie, Rocky the Eagle, is present at each Spirit Night and kids look forward to seeing him and participating in the new contest that Ali has started. This October 24th, our Spirit Night is at California Pizza Kitchen and we've the opportunity to go trick or treating at mall stores with purple/yellow/white colored balloons outside. A list of participating stores will also be available at CPK.

Jolene and Ali both spoke about ideas for the December Spirit Night at Brunelleschi's in the Sport Stable. If we chose a Saturday night we can also include a Superior RoughRiders hockey game with either discounted tickets or receiving proceeds from EK8 ticket revenue. A section of bleachers can be reserved for Eldorado families and hope they wear their new Spirit Wear! A halftime show featuring Principal Hamasaki in a large inflatable ball is a possibility. Mr. Call mentioned that the choir may be available to sign the national anthem for the hockey game as well which would bring more families. This event may be planned for January. The Sport Stable is also a possible venue for the Silent Auction tentatively scheduled for April 28th.

Box Tops always able to drop off in office box.

Walk to school day was a hit earlier today with the help of Abby Holmes.

Life Loan Interest (replacement BVSD teachers credit union) has great offers for both Teachers and PTAs. More news will be shared via email from Kate Spector.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.
Minutes recorded by Mary Beth Griffith.

Present Board Members:

Tricia Brzostowicz- President

Kellen Hatch- Co-Treasurer

Dani Bondurant- Corresponding Secretary

Mary Beth Griffith- Recording Secretary

*Absence noted: Eric Peltier Co-Treasurer