

PTO General Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2017 6:30 PM Eldorado K-8 library

Tricia Brzostowicz, President, started meeting at 6:35pm with Board present and Principal Robyn Hamasaki with 4 staff members and 4 parents. The 13 present introduced themselves.

Tricia B., discussed plans for meeting, copies of Budget and Agenda were available and explained how integrated this year's board will be.

Eric Peltier, co-treasurer, spoke about Budget's hard copy and changes were made to simplify our monthly layout report.

Kellen Hatch, co-Treasurer, shared that about \$79,650 in expenses are forecasted for this upcoming year. Last June, the Board approved a higher budget for staff due to extra needs for renovations. Some new fall expenses were Avid 4 adventures, extra funds for teachers to set up classes after renovations, and the new sound system. The Budget Carryover from 2016-17 is over \$65,000 which is excellent.

Dani Bondurant, corresponding secretary, spoke about the School Directory and parents need to sign up. A code for the directory is not necessary for this year. She discussed the unofficial Eldorado K-8 Facebook page and it's openness to public. Anyone can pin the location of Eldorado K-8 School which may add posts. Principal Hamasaki expressed desire to have admins of the official Eldorado K8 PTO Facebook page admins to be limited to board members. Dani B. shared the Spirit Night flyers will be posted on PTO Website. A clarification that Tricia D. is our website's coordinator was made.

Principal Hamasaki expressed appreciation for how resourceful the teachers were in getting their classrooms ready to go for the start of school following the summer's remodeling. The administration is working daily with construction needs to rearrange daily routines, i.e. student traffic. Tomorrow morning the school will provide a detour for inaccessible part of sidewalk. This detour will be used until Tuesday next week. OEC notes gives the latest updates on construction and changes of pedestrian traffic. This weekend part of the roof will be replaced. She explained that our middle school is the first to implement a schedule with Homeroom, Nest, & Advisory in BVSD. This allotted time is for reconnecting, building community ownership, and supporting social/emotional skills. Our elementary school started a new Lucy Calkins reading program which means teachers are training for implementation. Elementary teachers need books and the parent community is asked to donate any that their kids have outgrown. A book donation box will be in a school's foyer. Also, Hamasaki has a new Instagram and Twitter accounts and she urges all parents to follow her. She notes students are very supportive of her new media posts.

Courtney Danner and Mark Call are teacher liaisons to PTO Board and provided a teacher updates. Mark Call is helping with new lane for each morning's drop off. Mark shared praise for great Fun Run and is looking towards for new sound system. He shared that new lights would be on next wish list for cafeteria's stage.

Jana Butler noted that more middle school students seemed involved with this year's Fun Run and credit goes to a repeated message of kid's can take ownership of their community needs. Student ideas for future expenses was a school outdoor track.

Courtney D. spoke that classes has started Original Works fundraiser. Please let her know what is desired for upcoming needs of Silent Auction.

Jana B. spoke about Allies in Diversity and it's mission was promoting equality within the school. She, and Doug Alexander are the teacher sponsors for the group and were surprised to see EK8 PTO partnering with Chik Fil A that gets a low ranking for corporate inclusivity. Jana B. and Doug A. would like to see our PTO and school partnering with businesses that practice inclusivity. The prior PTO board followed this practice but the information was not passed to the new leadership. After an awareness for respect and rights for all was concluded, staff furthered explained Allies in Diversity supports a safe space for all students. The PTO decision was to keep the next Spirit Night's plans as is. The PTO board will consider omitting venues after a copy of business equity list is provided to PTO by Doug A.

Tricia B. asked for committee heads to report.

- Tricia Carpenter, representative for SAC, shared what SAC is (Student Accountability Committee) and how they help review the school's spending from funds of state monies and grants. SAC supports school's budget by having a check and balance system. They provide goals and how we meet those goals, and look for recommendations with data research. SAC looks at the school's climate, how we address barriers, and increase cultural awareness. An example implemented was a creating Parent 360 committee for parents of present Eldorado students to connect to incoming new middle level students. This group was active for 6th grade transition night in spring and hosted Connection event the first Friday of after school for 6th grade families.
- For Parent Engagement Network (PEN), Kate Spector spoke as a helper for PEN's BVSD community and Tricia Dunham is the coordinator but not present. PEN district level desires to promote equity talks, share new parenting topics, touch specialities such as Math, Anxiety, and new books with potential book groups. PEN's "Pattern of Fear" discussion at Fairview School is Sept.19th and a pamphlet was passed out regarding scheduled events. PEN researches ideas and speakers before they invite them to host events. BGT (Boulder Gifted Talented group) assists with speakers and topic ideas for PEN as well.
- Tricia B. spoke on behalf of Crossing Guard group who is still in need of volunteers, particularly substitute guards.
- Tricia B. reports Christie Hickman has organized committee for Yearbook. They always need pictures. A link will be provided on the PTO website so that parents can upload pictures for the yearbook.
- Lisa G. reported on Fun Run and provided a handout with a pie chart. Kids loved participating and enjoyed the fun videos. Because we used less Boosterthon staff our portion of the funds raised increased from last year. Employees only helped with the day of Run which gave us a larger percentage. Some constructive criticism was: the children's exercises be managed better, each grade be on time, and do an inspection of microphone system. Lisa shared that teacher involvement had everything to do with this year's success. Another recommendation to book date for Fun Run as early as possible

for next fall. This Friday, September 15 at 2:30pm, a concluding assembly for school prizes will be conducted for the successful fundraiser.

- Eric P. reports Box Tops make about \$3,000 annually. Every Tuesday after school, Tara Peltier will have Otter pops available for 5 box tops until weather is too cold. To just drop off labels, a new box tops box available in office.
- Tricia B. informed us Coupon books are will be distributed next Friday, Sept. 22.
- Spring fundraiser coordinator, Jolene MacKinnon was introduced and she asked for ideas. Lisa G. has a notebook and online documents of past fundraisers which she will share.
- Nicole Rosener will be heading up Spirit Wear again.
- Kellen Hatch reported that Safeway downloadable gift cards were hacked and recommend everyone to use the balance and not reload the cards. She reminded everyone to pick Eldorado K8 PTO in Amazon Smile and use that site so that our school can receive funds. Patty Brewer needs to know this for our school's own purchasing and for sharing in next Eldorado's Newsletter to sponsor our school with Amazon Smile account per Hamasaki.

Drawing for prize was conducted and Shawna Martin, Tricia Carpenter, and Jolene MacKinnon won Eldorado K8 license plate frames.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

PTO Board present:

Tricia Brzostowicz, President

Eric Peltier, Co-Treasurer

Kellen Hatch, Co-Treasurer

Dani Bondurant, Corresponding Secretary

Mary Beth Griffith, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

Doug Alexander

Jolene MacKinnon

Jana Butler

Courtney Danner

Robyn Hamasaki

Mark Call

Tricia Carpenter

Shawna Martin

Lisa Gustofson

Kate Spector