

Soaring Eagles Alliance (dba Eldorado K-8 PTO) Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2017  
Eldorado K-8 School library

Dani Bondurant, corresponding secretary, opened the meeting at approximately 6:30pm. Dani was filling in for Tricia Brzostowicz, president, who could not attend. Board members including Kellen Hatch, Eric Peltier, and Mary Beth Griffith were in attendance along with Courtney Danner, elementary art teacher, Leon Leroy, 5th grade teacher, Principal Robyn Hamasaki, Mayor Clint Folsom, Tricia Dunham, and guest speakers, Theresa Clements & Patricia Aleman, for a total of 12 attendees.

Theresa Clements and Patricia Aleman, speakers representing the Eldorado K-8 preschool program began the meeting with the topic of Fall 2018 Preschool/Early Childhood Education. Ms. Clements and Aleman presented the following details:

- Preschool spots are available via BVSD open enrollment program
- The preschool uses a creative curriculum base
- The new program focuses on social-emotional learning.
- The curriculum follows state standards using an assessment that is ongoing and involving anecdotal records, including what's needed for Gross motor & Fine motor skills, playground interactions, assessed three times a year.
- Every school has a readiness plan for each child and learning goals for beginning of school year and reevaluated throughout the year. Staff looks at the supportive pieces including for social skills and self regulation. The program encourages role playing and different scenarios how to cope with conflict or disagreements.
- At present, there are 19 elementary school and contracts with 6 private child care centers that are state sponsored to serving 3-4 years old. Each preschool class meets 2.5 hours each morning and/or afternoon from Tuesday through Friday. Class size is limited to 16 children with two teachers.
- Funding participants for BVSD Preschool programs includes.
  1. CPP (Colorado preschool program) is for low income children which are identified with risk factors. Usually these kids have free or reduced lunch.
  2. SPED has Special Education disability grants. At present, 380 kids attend Early Preschool which have Federal/ State/Local funding for special services among of ages 3-4 years old. Meetings for early childhood programs are integrated Special services requirements.
  3. Tuition Based Preschool group includes 288 children located statewide?
  4. BVSD General Fund

5. Child Find Part C (0-3yr) and Part B (3-5yrs) Child Find is special program for kids with additional needs such as OT/ ST/ Hearing.

#### Q & A

- What are the family engagement opportunities available in preschool?
  1. Home visits annually for each child/family
  2. Social & Learning with family
  3. Opportunities hosted by Preschool
  4. School Readiness Plans developed in Partnership with Parents
  5. Progress reports provided 3 x Year
- How to enroll? There's 2 steps completing a lottery application. Family needs to do both the online Registration/Billing Registration. It costs \$50 for application that's nonrefundable. Deadline is same as open enrollment deadline of Jan 9, 2018.
- How qualified is staff? Preschool Teachers and Staff falls under teacher licensing along with childcare licensing. Para-educator (ECT) qualified through the Division of Early Learning and Care (Level 3) to be credentialed for work.

More information can be found out at Early childhood Education office 720-561-5075, or

<http://ece.bvsd.org>

- Lottery system is applied meaning that preschool is not just a neighborhood school. Open enrollment policies do apply. Funding for staff and any additional needed support such as OT/ST will be designated by state with Principal Hamasaki responsible for hiring.
- Administration will give input on how to integrate the preschool. Fourteen out of 32 children with Special Ed needs will have a priority for enrollment. Those kids that are already in the program will be weighted as well as the application, and the location of home. Having consistency for 2 years with same teacher is really important for kids. If the kids are already in CPP this will be further evaluated.

Following the preschool presentation, the following PTO business was discussed.

Dani reviewed schedule as follows:

Dec. 9 – Eldorado K8 Community Spirit Night – Sports Stable

Dec. 13 – 4PM SAC mtg

Dec. 14 9 AM Coffee chat – 5th-6th grade transition

Dec. 14 – 6-8 PM Kindergarten Round Up (hope to have 3 ½ day tours established soon)

Dec. 18 – 6:30 -8p Preschool Parent Night

Dec. 25 – Jan 8- Holiday break

Jan. 9 – 2018 Back to School

Jan. 10 – 4PM SAC

Jan. 15 No school-MLK day

Jan. 18 – 9 AM Coffee Chat – elementary focus

Jan. 23 – Spirit Night – Noodles & Co.

Jan 26 – Read a thon kick off assembly

Treasurers, Kellen and Eric, reviewed current revenue (\$600 from CPK's October's Spirit Night), some needed edits of budget and agreement on paying tickets for participating faculty at Rough Riders on upcoming Dec 9th.

Tricia Carpenter (SAC) reported grant from IBM for up to \$5,000 per school if IBM has employees that also are parent volunteers. Group discusses how to reach out to parents and how to explain need for future funds with grant. SAC is looking for priorities: first-being socially aware and meeting socio/emotional need and 2nd being disparity economical.

Tricia Dunham mentioned changes to website and Dani will send PTO November Minutes for posting.

Aly Cortez and Jolene are committee chairs for Silent Auction Fundraiser on Apr 28th.

Dani opened forum for new news:

Mary Beth mentioned possibilities for upcoming guest speakers. She will follow up with Tricia B. and Robyn Hamasaki.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes recorded by Mary Beth Griffith

Present Board Members:

Kellen Hatch- Co-Treasurer

Eric Peltier Co-Treasurer

Dani Bondurant- Corresponding Secretary

Mary Beth Griffith- Recording Secretary

\*Absence noted: Tricia Brzostowicz- President