

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL PTO
January 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Catherine Groat, Vivien Talghader, Michele Gatien, Heidi Burch, Peter Kelley, Leanne Montgomery, Lynda Mader , Sigrid Redpath , Kim Boisvert, Katie Peterson, Sarah Hromada, Leny Wallen-Friedman and Bruce Locklear

The December 9, 2014 minutes were approved as written.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

. The May term classes are ready and there will be enough for everyone. Seniors are encouraged to have an off-campus placement.

. Calendar feedback....students loved having 2 weeks to relax over the holidays and not worry about exams. Starting early was not a problem.

. Collaborative Wednesdays are being evaluated. Original purpose was to allow for teacher collaborative time and student intervention time. Is 120 minutes too long ?? Is there a better schedule ?? Is purpose being served or is there a better way ?

. Mr Petrasky reviewed parent teacher survey results. Most want conferences but not happy with length of time slots and/or privacy. Feb 26 conferences : 1st 2 hours will be 10 min slots by invitation & last 2 hours will be drop in and open to all. Want to move to a "sign up genius " approach but current Schoolview will not support this. English Dept has suggested the 2 hr open house and 2 hour scheduled time format.

. A handout that profiled the next generation EPS learner was reviewed.

. The 9th grade inclusion has been approved. It will increase the opportunity for classes for all 9th graders.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

. Officers for the School Board were approved last night.

. The spring 124.9 million dollar referendum has been approved

. The 2015- 2016 calendar was approved . Classes will start Aug 31 and end June 3. The 1st semester will end in January.

. Feedback is always welcome and needed .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- At the PLC meeting, school budgets were discussed. There was a panel presentation on mental health & wellness. There is currently 1 social worker for so many students and they talked about partnering with outside sources to meet student needs. The Ed Fund luncheon on Feb 2, the GIVE MN campaign and the grade reconfiguration were also discussed.

- Mini-grants : Laminator was denied. The request for \$2000 for stand up desks was tabled and the May term request was tabled until we have an accurate picture of the need. Heidi Burch will replace Andrea Bender as the reviewer of mini-grants.
- Sophomore curriculum night will be February 28.
- February 7 is Sweetheart Dance.
- Our Annual General Membership Meeting will be held February 10 in the Community Room. Dr Locklear will present an EHS update.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT:

. We need a President- Elect,Secretary,Marketing & Communication Chair,Parent Forum Chair, Parent Handbook Chairs,Mini-Grant Coordinator & Scholarship Breakfast Chair. An announcement will be made at the general Meeting and Middle School PTOs will be contacted.

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- The directory has been distributed. The spiral binding is expensive and we should consider switching to a saddle-stitch. There was discussion about directory budget , not including cell phone #s and email addresses and distribution policy.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- There were no new members this month. Currently 790 members.

TREASURERS REPORT:

. There is around \$9000 to spend on mini grants. A slide was shown with current YTD budget vs. actual spending.

VOLUNTEER REPORT:

- . Collaborative Wednesday schedule is up for volunteer sign up.

HOSPITALITY REPORT:

- Dec 18 we hosted a teacher holiday breakfast which included Starbucks coffee, mini-cinnabons and fruit.
- There will be a teacher meal for February conferences.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

- An invitation to the General Meeting will go out to all. The next newsletter will go out after the General Meeting.

- In Emily's absence, Michele also reported the the PCN forum last night on digital consciousness was excellent.

SITE COUNCIL REPORT:

- The next meeting is January 28.
- The college forum date will be set soon.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- The "my school anywhere" project is meeting with Steve Buettner soon.
- Parking space registration for spring semester was difficult . The timing was bad and it was held on Cyber Monday which magnified the problems.
- We are still waiting to confirm dates for the College Forum and Transition to EHS Forum.
- We are still in need of a Scholarship Breakfast Coordinator.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Feb 10 9-10:30am This is a General Membership Meeting.

Submitted by Lynda Mader, PTO Secretary