

**EDINA HIGH SCHOOL PTO**  
**Nov 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDEES:** Catherine Groat, Bruce Locklear, Sigrid Redpath, Vivien Talghader, Michele Gatien, Sarah Hromada, Lenny Wallen-Friedman, Heidi Burch, Kim Boisvert, Leslie Nicholson, Peter Kelley, Leanne Montgomery, Lynda Mader

The October 14, 2014 minutes were approved as written.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Oct 31 was a Confucius Celebration in partnership with University of Minnesota and Hon Bon in China. The MC was a senior who was fluent in Chinese.
- The May Term for all - currently there are 60-65 teachers that have proposed classes for the sophomores and juniors. Seniors are meeting with Edina Chamber of Commerce and are negotiating internships. EHS are hoping to place 30-50 students. They are also in the process of interviewing students to match their business interests with the correct internship.
- Today there is a climate study. 8 teachers were gone for 1/2 day. Teachers are currently feeling a bit overwhelmed trying to figure out how to best use technology to optimize learning vs. the time spent.
- EHS currently has a Rotary partnership. There will be an ethics and leadership conference. 60-100 students will be accepted. Edina Community Leaders will conduct the conference.
- The Veteran's Day assembly will be held on Nov 12 at 9:15 and 9:45am.
- There's a pilot advisory group made up of 40 sophomores. They are trying to identify more ways to make decisions about courses, etc. Due to time availability 80% is online, 20% is face-to-face.
- There is currently an intense schedule discussion about the traditional 6 period day vs. other options.
- There is a May Term travel pilot program. Two trips are in the works from the Spanish and French departments.
- We discussed using parents during May Term. The Community Expert License for parents may be a possibility.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

- There is a possible May referendum. 100-125M dollars will be distributed between the grade levels and the possibility of building an Activities Center.
- 2017-18 is the earliest that the 9th grade will become part of the high school.
- 2015-16 calendar is still not set. There is still discussion about balance of days in fall and spring semesters.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- The recap of the PLC meeting. In the next 2 months Steve Buettner and his committee will investigate the possibility of implementing MySchoolAnywhere at each school.

- Give to the Max Day is Nov 14. EHS is not a recipient, but Edina Education Fund is. Donators may use Edina Ed Fund to send their donations to EHS.
- Inclement weather policy meeting was taking place.
- Edina 2030 project and the Grandview Project were discussed.
- There were 3 speakers on Equity Learning in the global work.
- Alejandro thanked PTO for the mini grants that PTO awarded him.
- Collaborative Wednesdays - we still need pairs of adults helping out. There is a short training given by Dr. Locklear or his staff that could possibly be put on line for the future. Nov 19, Michele Gatién has a Wells Fargo representative speaking about personal finance in 3 different sessions for the students. Notification will be sent to parents and announcements will be made to encourage students to attend a session.
- Calendar - Oct 30 College Planning for Jrs. was postponed.
- Sadie's Dance is Dec 5. Student Council is still in need of chaperones. Catherine will coordinate with them.
- Catherine has accepted a position in the Copy Center.

#### **DIRECTORY UPDATE:**

- Nov 20 is the tentative directory distribution date. 15 volunteers are needed. There will be a notice in the PTO newsletter when the directories are available.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

- There are currently 790 members.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

- Kim reported that we have \$29,840 of income. We are well ahead of last year's revenue.
- Tax returns and other reports are up-to-date and submitted.

#### **HOSPITALITY REPORT:**

- Nov 20 is our next teacher conference dinner. The menu will be a baked potato bar with all the trimmings. We will serve from 3-6pm.
- We will check with Dr. Locklear about doing something during the holidays for the teachers.
- We still need to confirm the date for the scholarship breakfast in May.

#### **MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:**

- The newsletter will be called "The PTO Buzz". The newsletter will be sent on Nov 19. It will include directory distribution notification, volunteer signup link, letter from the president, collaborative Wednesday information.
- Electronic Thanks Yous were sent to all members who donated more than \$35.

**SITE COUNCIL REPORT:**

- There was no Site Council update.

**OPEN ACTION ITEMS:**

- The PCN forum will Monday, Nov 17. Brian Hubbard will discuss over the counter drugs and the danger of mixing drugs.
- We are still waiting to confirm dates for the College Forum and Transition to EHS Forum.
- Technical Advisory position - Steve Buettner has not defined the position yet.
- We are still in need of a Scholarship Breakfast Coordinator.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 12/9/14, 9-10:30am, Conference Room A. Holiday treats will be provided.

Submitted by Lynda Mader, PTO Secretary