

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL PTO
Dec 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Catherine Groat, Vivien Talghader, Michele Gatien, Heidi Burch, Leslie Nicholson, Peter Kelley, Leanne Montgomery, Lynda Mader and Katie Peterson

The November 11, 2014 minutes were approved as written.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: NONE

Dr Locklear was not in attendance . Melanie Pusateri gave an update on the May Term plans. There are currently around 120 classes and enrichments proposed that fall into six categories : STEM, cultural experiences, wellness, career exploration and life skills. They will need funding for teacher supplies and have applied to the Ed Fund for \$5000. The estimated total need could be as high as \$15000-\$20,000. Registration will take place the end of January.

The Sadies' Dance was well attended and there were no major incidents.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: NONE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- There are 2 proposed mini grants that will be reviewed in the near future. \$1800 for a laminator and the May Term Project \$\$\$. We have \$\$\$ in our budget but will wait to hear from Dr Locklear and Andrea Bender.
- Volunteers' feedback during collaborative time has been positive. The new schedule will be posted online and on signup genius shortly.
- Sweetheart Dance is Feb 7.
- Our Annual General Membership Meeting will be held February 10 in the Community Room. There was discussion about a speaker but no decision was made.
- Please remember to use the tax exempt # when making purchases on behalf of PTO.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT:

- It is time to start recruiting for next year's Board. So far, we will need a President-Elect, Secretary, Marketing & Communication Chair, Parent Forum Chair, Parent Handbook Chairs, Mini-Grant Coordinator & Scholarship Breakfast Chair. Personal invitations seem to provide the best responses.

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- The directory is out as of Dec 2. There was a paper issue which held up the process.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

- There are currently 790 members. Steve Buettner is discussing the possibility of connecting all PTOs as it will save time on data entry , etc

TREASURERS REPORT: NONE

VOLUNTEER REPORT:

- There were plenty of Sadie's volunteers. Collab Wednesday volunteer slots will be posted shortly.
- Peter will coordinate the College Fair on March 18 from 11AM -1 PM.

HOSPITALITY REPORT:

- Nov 20 was our teacher conference dinner. The menu was a baked potato bar with all the trimmings and it was well received.
- Dec 18 we will host a teacher holiday breakfast to include Starbucks coffee, mini-cinnabons and fruit.
- The scholarship breakfast will be held Friday, May 15 .

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

- The newsletter went out. Feedback has been good and 54% of recipients clicked through it which is great.
- The Wells Fargo rep did 3 presentations during collaborative time with about 100 students in attendance. The presentation is on the website. Pam Berling will be getting feedback from students.
- A special invite will be sent out for the general membership meeting in February.

SITE COUNCIL REPORT:

- Conferences and how to best utilize them is under discussion.
- There will be a report in February about the 2014 outgoing senior survey results done last May. It may also be presented to the School Board and at the General Membership Meeting .

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

- Thank you to all who provided holiday treats for the meeting.
- 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 1/13/15 9-10:30am, Conference Room A.

Submitted by Lynda Mader, PTO Secretary