

Minutes for Edina PTO Meeting 9/3/15

Attendees: Vivien Talghader, Catherine Groat, Jaime Wind, Melissa Seeley, Peter Kelley, Leny K. Wallen-Friedman, Eric Bjelland, Heidi Burch, Sigrid Redpath, Leslie Vaillancourt, Michele Gatien, Kim Boisvert, Janet Ha, Sarah Hromada, Grace Li, Jenny Johnson, Bruce Locklear, Rashi Mittal, Suzanne Klein, Kim Sabow

Principal's Report:

Watched a short video

Staffing was discussed and classes are full. Largest is 40 students

Too many schedule changes are occurring between February and August....

looking into a different process for the future

Construction renderings are in (are online to view)

Great GCD for sophomores

85% positive response for May Term feedback

President's Report

Roster/calendar have been updated

Rashi Mittal stepped up as the forum coordinator as previous person had to step down

General PTO meeting is set for 9/29 (EHS Community Room)

Vivien and Suzanne Klein will be attending the 9/16 all staff meeting to give an overview

Discussion about including teachers as part of the PTO - Jodi Ramirez will be at the General PTO meeting to discuss PLTW and show what one of the last year's PTO mini-grants funded

EHS PTO Document Repository is available now (Vivien invited everyone to join)

School Board Report

Construction updates....link for this being added to bi-weekly "In The Know."

Get Connected Day:

1800 students - good day

Lifetouch - problems the last 2 of 3 years. Looking for different vendors

Membership Report:

Membership is down from last year - 496 to date and \$1700 in donations

Promote PTO membership (reactivate electronic membership)

Because we had difficulties with the automation process last year, the decision was made to discontinue the electronic sign up form on PTO website. Due to low membership numbers, we have decided to re-initiate that for remainder of the year

Promote more PTO membership by emailing friends and spreading the word We will have a membership sign-up table at the October Forum

Budget:

Student planners cost more than planned. Bruce is fairly sure Student Council will pick up balance

As a group, we made some adjustments to the budget proposed at the August meeting and voted that the amended version should be the final version

Voted and budget was passed

Treasury Report:

We switched from Wells Fargo to US Bank

Expense form was created for members to use for reimbursement

5-10 day turnaround for reimbursement

Marketing & Communications Report:

Newsletter is currently being worked on

Will promote for the General Meeting

PTO will march in the Homecoming Parade

Directory Report:

Recycled old directories

Using saddle stitch binding this year which will be less expensive

Sarah is working on getting bids for this year's directories

Forums:

PTO forum is 10/27 (High School Management 101) in Fick Auditorium

Rashi has determined the format: panel presentation Q & A, students and parents

Hospitality Report:

For open house we served light meal to teachers...approx. 100 people served

Parking was an issue due to VVMS open house

Go Green Report:

Waiting for district meeting

Project Earth – making sure basic infrastructure is in place

Mini-Grants Report:

New form is online, will be presented to the teachers at the 9/16 staff meeting

Volunteer Report:

10-20 volunteers needed for the homecoming dance

Kim Caster is the contact