

**EDINA HIGH SCHOOL PTO**  
**February 10, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDEES:** Catherine Groat, Vivien Talghader, Michele Gatien, Heidi Burch, Peter Kelley, Leanne Montgomery, Sigrid Redpath, Kim Boisvert, Katie Peterson, Emily Wagner, Sarah Hromada, Leslie Nicholson, Leny Wallen-Friedman, Bruce Locklear, Tri Pham, Regina Neville, Tina Allenburg, and Margaret Joas.

The January 2015 minutes were approved as written.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Heidi confirmed that we currently have 790 members. At the PLC meeting, it was decided that all schools would not adopt MySchoolAnywhere. Heidi, Catherine and Sarah are working on developing an easier membership sign up system for EHS.

**VOLUNTEER REPORT:**

To date we have offer 12 volunteer events, 83 parents have volunteered in various capacities through Signup Genius.

**MARKETING REPORT:**

We have increased the awareness of PTO through our quarterly newsletter and increased visibility on our website. We have also participated in various school functions to increase the awareness of various functions of PTO.

**BUDGET REPORT:**

A handout was presented for the PTO budget YTD.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Mini Grant Requests were presented. The laminator and desk extensions were denied because they did not meet the necessary criteria as stated in the mini grant guidelines. Project Lead the Way cabinets, \$5,100, was tabled. Alternate funding sources are likely available. PTO is in favor of possibly contributing to the cabinets, but further information is needed. Math Department \$115 calculator was approved. There was a suggestion to ask graduating seniors if they wanted to donate their calculators if they do not anticipate using them in college. The American Indian speakers, through the Language Arts department, was funded for \$2,000. May Term funding is still under consideration because final numbers have not been submitted.

The PTO calendar was reviewed noting that both the PTO meeting and Strategic Planning meeting will be on March 10. Conferences will be held on Feb 24. PTO will provide a meal for the teachers.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT:**

There are seven open positions on the 2015-16 PTO Board. These include President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer-Elect, Directory Co-Chair, Marketing/Communication Co-Chairs, Mini Grant Coordinator and Scholarship Breakfast Coordinator.

#### **COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER REPORT:**

Tri Pham discussed the expansion on the College and Career Center. A student drop-in center is now available to help with college applications, test preparation, etc. There are currently 15 volunteers in the center. An additional 5 volunteers would be helpful. The PTO Volunteer Coordinator will add this opportunity to Signup Genius.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Dr. Locklear and Katie Peterson presented the results of the 2014 graduating senior exit survey. Participation was excellent because it was a graduation requirement. The feedback from the seniors indicated that 94% had a positive experience at EHS. The biggest obstacles to success at EHS were time management (62%) and motivation (42%). When asked the open ended question of "What could be done to improve the high school experience" the most popular single response was "nothing".

Attention will focus on the negative responses. Administration will strive to improve the academic experience for all students.

The complete report is attached.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

The vote for the \$125,000,000 school referendum will take place on May 5. On March 19 at 7pm, there will be an open house to discuss the referendum.

Feedback on the 2016-17 school calendar is encouraged, as it is currently being discussed.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 9am, Conference Room A.

Submitted by Sigrid Redpath, in the absence of Lynda Mader