

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL PTO
MARCH 10, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Catherine Groat, Michele Gatien, Heidi Burch, Leanne Montgomery, Sigrid Redpath, Emily Wagner, Sarah Hromada, Leslie Nicholson, Leny Wallen-Friedman, Bruce Locklear, Ric Dressen, Susan Brott, Lynda Mader.

The February 2015 minutes were approved as written.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

At the hockey tournament on Friday evening, fan behavior was atrocious. There will be ongoing talks with the hockey league regarding inappropriate fan behavior.

Academic Assessment - What is the proper weight given to Summative vs. Formative grading? How to assess what students know is an ongoing discussion.

Collaborative Wednesdays - There is a need to gain an understanding of what works well and to re-identify the purpose of Collaborative Wednesday. Different models will be piloted during April and May. The goals are to manage stress, and to have an opportunity to help students academically through invention and/or enrichment.

May Term - The planning is going well and students have signed up for their classes.

SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTATION:

Ric Dressen and Susan Brott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the mission and vision of the Next Generation of Edina Public Schools. There is a need to align time, talents, funds and space as it relates to learning. There is a May 5 Referendum for \$125M to fund building security enhancement, infrastructure and learning spaces.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The PLC meeting entailed the discussion of the mission and vision of future PTO organizations.

The calendar for April and May was reviewed.

The following positions for 2015-16 are still open: President-elect, Treasurer-elect, Directory co-chair and Marketing/Communications co-chair.

Bank Balance as of the end of February was \$29,070. It is estimated that we will have a balance of \$15,770 at the end of June. There was discussion about how to spend some of the funds and what the bank balance should be at the end of each PTO fiscal year.

Mini-Grant for \$200 was approved for the Passion Project on April 28 for the sophomores.

Discussion for May Term mini grants and Project Lead The Way cabinets was delayed until we receive additional information.

We had an historical review of mini grants from 2004/5 to the present. In 2014/15 it is estimated that 44% of the total PTO budget will be spent on mini grants.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

There were no new members in February. 96% of the registrations were on paper, 4% were entered online; 79% signed up on Get Connected Day; 92% payed by check, 12% gave additional donations.

FORUMS REPORT:

The Transition to EHS Forum will be on Tuesday, April 21. Launching Your Child to College will be May 19. The College Search Process will be held on May 21. A letter will go out to the parents to invite them to the forums. Panels and agendas are currently being finalized.

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

The final newsletter for 2014-15 will include information on our mini grants, our final budget numbers, the forum dates and a thank you to the volunteers and committees.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 9am. A short board meeting will be followed by the Strategic Planning Meeting for the 2015-16 year.

The May Board Meeting will be held at Bruce Locklear's house, 7702 Tanglewood Ct. A southern breakfast will be served.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

Submitted by Lynda Mader