

Edina High School PTO Meeting, May 12, 2015

ATTENDEES:

Bruce Locklear, Catherine Groat, Vivien Talghader, Leanne Montgomery, Lynda Mader, Heidi Burch, Michele, Gatien, Sarah Hromada, Tara Johnson, Peter Kelley, Leslie Nicholson, Katie, Peterson, Sigrid Redpath, Kim Sabow, Melissa Seeley, Leslie Vaillancourt, Emily Wagner, Jaime Wind.

Introductions were around the room to introduce outgoing and incoming Board and Committee Chairs.

The April 2015 minutes were approved as written.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dr. Locklear thanked everyone for their continued support and commitment to Edina High School.

The Passion Project was a big hit. Over 150+ parents and adults came to observe the students' presentations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Commencement Disbursement – We have allotted \$1,200 in the budget for Commencement Funds. Approximately \$500 is spent on staff hospitality. The remaining funds are used to help with additional expenses: buses, security, programs, venue rental, etc.

We received thank you notes from Jenn Carter for the Passion Project Celebration snack and Jackie Roehl for funding the Dakota speakers.

A District Office Communications intern is creating an article for incoming sophomores. He asked if we had any teachers we would recommend for advice and quotes for the article.

The following positions are being transitioned to incoming chairs; binders and information needs to be transferred to the new members: President, President-elect, Secretary, Forums, Parent Survival Handbook, Scholarship Breakfast.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT:

A list of new board and committee chairs was passed around for corrections.

Meetings will be held at 7:30 am. Most meetings will be on Thursdays. Meeting dates will be confirmed this summer.

A board meeting will be held in August in preparation of Get Connected Day. Get Connected Day is Aug 19th.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Catherine presented the treasurer's report in Kim's absence.

Estimated Bank Balance April 2015	\$26,974
Estimated expenditures through end of year	\$12,974
Estimated bank balance June 2015	\$14,000

The detailed budget, with estimated end of year expenditures, estimates a total over budget of \$852.

MINI GRANT REPORT:

Seven mini grants have been approved to date. Our current balance for this budget item is \$4,868.

Project Lead The Way has submitted a mini grant request for an external ventilation system for the laser cutter/engraver. After discussion, the mini grant was approved. Our balance after this approval is \$394.

There was additional discussion to spend the remaining balance. Pam Berling will solicit ideas and mini grant requests at EHS.

HOSPITALITY REPORT:

Academic Awards – The hospitality for this event turned out very nicely. Attendance was low due to AP testing and the shortened semester. There was discussion about moving the awards to a different date next year.

The Scholarship Breakfast will be held Friday, May 15 at 7:00am at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be held on Friday, May 22 in the teacher’s lounge.

FORUM REPORT:

Transition to EHS was held on April 21 in EPAC. The format was similar to last year and was very successful.

Launching Your Child to College will be held May 19. Everything is organized for this forum with speakers and handouts.

The College Search Process will be held May 21. Everything is organized for this forum with speakers and handouts.

Suggested changes to Your Student and the Law document were submitted to Vivien. We should possibly consider a name change for the document.

VOTE: The new board and committee chair members were unanimously voted in.

- President - Vivien Talghader
- President-elect - Eric Bjelland
- Past President - Catherine Groat
- Secretary - Kimberly Sabow
- Treasurer-elect - Leslie Vaillancourt
- Communications & Marketing Co-chair - Janet Ha
- Directory Co-chair - Cindi Laurent
- Get Connect Day Co-chair - Grace Li
- Go Green Chair - Melissa Seeley
- Hospitality Chair - Sigrid Redpath
- Scholarship Breakfast Coordinator - Cathy Winter
- Mini-Grant Coordinator - Suzanne Klein

Parent Forums - Tina Allenburg
Parent Handbook - Mallika Kamarajugadda

Respectfully Submitted, Kim Sabow (June 28, 2015)