

EIS PTA Unit Meeting Minutes February 5, 2009, 7:00-8:00 pm

- A. Called Meeting to Order-7:09
- B. Presentation of Flags-Webelos Boy Scout Troop
- C. Welcome
- D. Approval of October 9, 2008 PTA meeting minutes-Motion: Jay Loegering. 2nd-Steve Heinen. Motion passed.
- E. Principal Report- Principal Strow
 - a. Security issues at EIS. Mrs. Strow reports there have been thefts at EIS over the last 1-1 ½ years at various times of day. Stolen items include a computer, camera, video, cell phone, book fair money, before and after school care money. EIS has been working with TPS campus police. Extra security measures have been taken. A perpetrator has access to keys to building. It is uncertain whether thefts are due to one person or are separate independent incidents. Mrs. Strow encourages suspicious activity to be reported to her. PTA was encouraged to wait on purchase of additional security equipment because security cameras for entire TPS system will be on a Fall Bond issue.
 - b. French intern opportunity fell through.
 - c. The New Vision drug and alcohol program will be temporarily placed on the 6th floor of Service Center starting Monday February 9th. Currently there are 15 students enrolled in the program. This temporary location should not affect parking at EIS as these students do not drive. The permanent home for the program will be in the Grant building.
 - d. Modification of the 2008-2009 TPS school calendar due to snow days will be discussed and voted on at the school board meeting on February 9th.
 - e. Mardi Gras performances will be February 11th at noon and February 12th at 6:30 pm.
 - f. EIS teachers have won the Oklahoma academic achievement award for the 4th year in a row. Certified employees received financial bonuses for the award today. Request for financial bonuses for EIS support staff has been made to the EIS foundation.
 - g. Thanks to the Box Tops no-brainer fund-raiser, non-fiction author, Kay Jackson will come to school on March 2nd for Read across America Day.
- F. Officer reports-
 - a. President report-Rob Wright
 - i. January PTA meeting was cancelled due to anticipated low attendance. BCS national title game was scheduled at the same time as this January unit meeting.
 - b. 1st Vice President report-Jennifer Seely
 - i. Proposed Nominating Committee for the 2009-2010 PTA board brought before unit. Proposed committee members are Dana Drummond as the required committee member

from current board, Amy Burden (EIS French program parent), and Connie Welch (EIS Spanish program parent). Motion made to accept nominating committee made by Johnna Walker. 2nd: Paul Wheeler. Motion passed. Unit members encouraged to contact Amy, Connie or Dana with PTA board nominations. Jennifer Seely also reports that current board members are willing to return as board members for the 2009-2010 school year.

c. 2nd Vice President report- Dana Drummond

- i. Strategic Plan. Origin of plan reviewed. Focus groups brainstormed about school strengths and weaknesses during fall 2007. Strategic plan survey emailed to parents during the 2008 summer. Staff and parents reviewed responses from those surveys and created a strategic plan. Strategic Plan committees' signup sheet circulating during meeting. Asterisked items on signup sheet need volunteers. All encouraged to sign up during meeting or contact Dana if you did not get a chance to sign up during this unit meeting and would still like to participate.
- ii. Volunteer Coordinator requests- Dana Drummond
 1. Help needed for home and back folders this Friday at 1:00 pm.
 2. Volunteers needed for speech arts festival on February 27th, as well as for speech arts semi-finals and finals.

G. New Business-Steve Heinen-EIS Foundation

- a. Announcement made for March 30th Golf tournament at Meadowbrook Country Club. Mr. Heinen encouraged unit members to sign up for this annual spring EIS Foundation fundraiser.
- b. Mr. Heinen presents EISF proposal to PTA: *In order to promote the long term health and viability of EIS, the Foundation proposes that the PTA make a \$5,000 contribution, from funds available at the end of the PTA's 2008-2009 fiscal year, to the Foundation for the 2009-10 academic year, as a restricted donation to Foundation's endowment, meaning that only income earned from the contribution (and not the contribution itself) would be available to fund Foundation grants and activities.* Mr. Heinen discusses EISF and the rationale for the donation. EISF foundation has 12 monthly board meetings and one annual member meeting per year. Board members can approve financial requests without membership vote. Funds support activities such as enrichment programs, scholarships, and support staff bonuses. Foundation can handle requests for restricted donations. PTA charters do not allow for long term savings of PTA funds. EISF can serve as a vehicle for long-term savings for EIS. Some individuals and companies can't or won't support a PTA unit but will a foundation. Many matching grants from companies may also be limited in a similar way. Mr. Lane Wilson, also an EISF board member, reports that there is a foundation link on the EIS website. EISF Endowment is ~\$22,000. Board meetings are usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon. PTA unit members are welcome to come but are encouraged to contact EISF board prior to meeting incase meeting time/date/location has been changed. Mrs. Strow, who represents EIS at both EISF and PTA board meetings, comments that schools that have community support apparent with the existence of a Foundation may be sheltered somewhat from budget-based school district cuts. Proposal was discussed at length by unit members. Motion made for acceptance of proposal by Sandra Elbon. 2nd by Ivana Obrien. Motion passed.

H. Committee Chairs/Affiliate Reports

- a. New website presentation- Philippe Corbaz, Instructional Technology provides quick overview of new website. He is working with classrooms on the development of their websites. Brett Elbon is working with the PTA and EISF on the development of their websites.
 - b. Fiestivale, April 18th, 2009 Christy Blystone- Christy reports Fiestivale planning underway. Donations being collected for action, including an autographed guitar by Malloy family, a parent's night out on May 8th by EIS Scout pack and a Harwelden Mansion evening. Letters soliciting donations and sponsorships are available for use when requesting donations for event. Funds raised this year will support PTA budget and are not targeted for a single large ticket item this year. Fiestivale committee co-chairs are Christy Blystone, Jennifer Seely, Kim Hutton, and Connie Welch.
 - c. Spring Fling, May 16, 2009 1:00 pm- Heather Johnson, chair. Email ideas and suggestions to heatherdavisjohnson@yahoo.com.
 - d. Fund development Chair report- Miranda Paulter, chair- Qdoba Fundraiser night- February 24th. Present flyer to cashier at the 52 and Yale Qdoba after noon. 10% of your bill will go to school. Spiffy's dry-cleaning fundraiser- \$1000 raised for school last year. Chair thanks the Blystone, Capps, Curtis, Eberly, Ferguson, Geary, Hiner, Jones, Pautler, Porter, Powell, Rollinger, Ruley, Seely, Spaeth, Strickland, Strow, and Van-Hanken families for fall support of the Spiffy's drycleaning fundraiser. Recent Chili's fundraising night raised \$70 for school. "No-brainer" fundraisers are ongoing through-out school year. Fundraising reminders are periodically emailed via constant contact and are also available on website. Jennifer Barcus-Shaffer suggests exploring lgive.com for an additional fundraising option.
- I. Announcements/Open-
- a. Hannah Middlebrook discusses idea for school rummage sale, where admission fees and booth sales could raise funds for school and family manning the booth. Contact Hannah with questions/suggestions.
 - b. Maureen Wilson-requests volunteer to train for the 4 and 5th grade math enrichment program on Mondays. Time commitment ~ 2 hours/week.
 - c. Sandra Elbon promotes 5th grade fundraiser, EIS collapsible water bottles.
 - d. Christy Blystone- reports EIS car stickers, 4th grade fundraiser, are available from Connie Welch.
- J. Adjournment 8:45pm- Motion to adjourn by Steve Heinen.

Mark your Calendars!

Remaining 2008-2009 PTA MEETINGS, 7:00 pm:

3/12, 2009,

5/14/2009