

EIS PTA Unit Meeting Minutes May 14, 2009, 7:00-8:00 pm

- A. Call Meeting to Order- 7:06pm
- B. Presentation of Flags-wolf scouts
- C. Welcome
- D. Approval of March 12th, 2009 PTA meeting minutes. Pam Tillman motioned, Keren Wright-2nd
- E. TPS IT presentation, Ms Strow welcomes Denise Housley from TPS IT department. Ms Housely presents Sentio Clickers from Smart technology. 4 audience members given clickers for demonstration. In classroom setting, every student in class would use one. Benefit from use is there would be immediate feedback on student understanding. Teachers could maximize teachable moments, immediately address learning difficulties and adjust lesson accordingly. Student data immediately imports into Sentio grade book. Students tend to be more engaged. Students can review questions and answers. Clickers run on 2 AA batteries, which last ~1 year. Pricing: \$1399.00 set of 24 and \$1799.00 set of 32. Can change language.
- F. Principal Report- Ms Strow thanks board for this years service
 - a. Cafeteria hand washing sink- Hand washing sink here since school opening; 50 years old. Sink had multiple repairs and TPS reports not cost effective to repair again. TPS will replace with 4 hand washing sinks along wall. Can still fit more students around fountain sink. Heat Wave Supply can get 54 inch terreon fountain sink for <\$4000. TPS will install. (\$3977, \$4155 with specialty colors) Currently on summer schedule to do sinks. Kim Hutton motioned to purchase hand washing fountain sink in standard color with soap dispenser not to exceed \$5000 purchase price. Miranda Pautler seconds motion.
 - b. Smart board speakers- Laptop computer speakers not effective in reaching all kids in a classroom during smart board lessons. Need speakers attached to wall. Wall mounted speakers for EIS priced at \$5894. Allison Geary motions to purchase speakers, not exceeding \$6000. Pam Tillman seconds.
 - c. Sentio Clickers- Board felt 1-2 sets of clickers (one 24 and one 32 quantity sets) would be reasonable for trial in classroom. Mme Weller reports teachers are excited about this product. TPS negotiating a different price to include radio transmitter and one set each of 24 and 32 Clickers. A set should cover one grade. Module 6 training covers clicker use in the classroom. Suggested to evaluate rechargeable batteries. Kathy Ostrem motioned to spend up to \$3200 on TPS negotiated packaged and batteries. Bren Milleson seconds motion.
 - d. Library canvas bags- Barbara McCrary reports ~5330 books circulated through kindergarten this year. Canvas bags helped keep books in good shape. Ms McCrary would like to buy higher quality bags for pre-K through 1st grade. 500 bags would cost \$1,172.02 (\$2.12/bag) and last about 4 years. It was recommended to research local pricing as well. Bren Milleson motioned for PTA to spend up to \$1100 on canvas library bags. Jay Loegering seconds motion.
- G. Officer Report
 - a. President Report-
 - i. Teacher appreciation committee- Thank you
 - ii. Open volunteer positions- EIS had 10,000 volunteer hours completed through March. Open positions include: Fiestvale chair, GLC Activities, Science enrichment, teacher appreciation week.

- iii. Strategic plan committees- binder circulating.
- iv. As out-going president, Rob thanks the unit for support.
- b. Treasurer Report- Presentation of the budget for the 09-10 school year. Details include:
 - i. \$35,000 strategic budget.
 - ii. Fiestivale anticipated income increased by \$5000.
 - iii. Reduced trivia night proceeds to \$4000.
 - iv. Field trips increased from \$4000 to \$6000.
 - v. Fiestivale results, April 18th, 2009, Christy Blystone reports Fiestivale annual fundraiser grossed ~\$76000, net~\$70,000. Almost 300 people in attendance. Budget of \$40,000 next year; conservative with economy changes. Sponsorship funds not back in yet. Christy thanks committee members and volunteers.
 - vi. Category 60436 (security upkeep) with \$500 from 08-09 budget. \$500 from 08-09 budget year with \$500 from 09-10 budget year will help fund remote controls for door.
- c. Johnna Walker motions to approve budget. Ivanna O'Brien seconds motion.
- H. Committee Chairs/Affiliate Reports
 - a. Spring Fling- Program Chair- EIS not able to use Jupiter Jump toys after all. Parking available in north lot. Email communication re: parking. Do not park on Salvation Army grass. Event to include face painting, hot dogs, Maggie moos, spirit shirt/uniform sales, 4th grade fundraisers.
 - b. Fund development Committee-
 - i. Chair: Spiffys receipts for April and May due. On line information available about year-round "no brainer" fundraisers. McAllister's restaurant night a possibility for early next year.
 - ii. Bren Milleson- \$12000 raised from Innisbrook fall fundraiser provides operating expenses. Apartofsomethingbig.com a new fall fundraiser option providing fair-trade items, supporting microeconomic enterprises. School receives %40 of proceeds. On line fund raiser, no catalog. No out of pocket expenses to try.
 - c. EISF- Golf tournament results, May 4th- raised ~\$4000 this year. Support staff bonuses funded by EISF
 - d. Building and Grounds Committee- follow up to EIS Landscape Master Plan Presentation. Jessica Holtzcher reports meeting with Stacy and TPS personnel Bob Labass, Chris Huges, and Aaron Peters. Main recommendation from TPS meeting is that the bus depot is not included; bus sites can change.
- I. New Business- TPS Nutrition Services PowerPoint presentation on the school lunch program- speaker had to leave. Recommended moving presentation to 1st of the year.
- J. Announcements/Open-
 - a. Rummage Sale Results- April 4th. Thank you to Hannah Middlebrook. Sale raised \$350.
 - b. New to you book fair- funds raised for wild life rescue. Books that do not sell will be donated to neighbor for neighbor
 - c. Ms. Worthy reports 100+ Triple Crown participants.
 - d. Media Enrichment- Allison Geary, Chair- A 3- 5 grade program. 3 grades collect photos and create captions. 4th grade does advertisement, 5th grade writes articles. Younger grades participate in "what are they selling" tours downtown. 2nd grade printing field trip.
 - e. Teachers lounge- no sink in teachers lounge. Warlick family donated sink. Cabinet price ~\$500. TPS will install sink. Gray Strickland motions for PTA to purchase cabinet. Sandra Elbon 2nds.
 - f. Directory Committee- Gray Strickland. Pursuing spiral binding for next year. Gray working toward possible digital distribution by November 2009.
- K. Adjournment Motion to adjourn- 9:00 p.m. Stacy Strow. Second by Jay Loegering.

Handout included: media enrichment, 08-09 budget, proposed 09-10 budget, a part of something big info, heat wave supply hand water fountain quote, MicroAge speaker quote, March PTA minutes.

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING IN YOUR PTA AND SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Dates to remember:

May 15, 3-5 awards ceremony

May 18th Grant writing team meeting, k-2 awards ceremony

May 20, 8:30am HR Parent meeting

May 22- Last day of school, Skate night