

EIS PTA Unit Meeting Minutes October 8, 2009, 7:00pm

- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Presentation of Flags by EIS boy scouts; Den 3- Bears
- C. Welcome-Jessica Holtzcher
- D. Approval of May 2009 and September 2009 PTA meeting minutes. Motion for approval of minutes by Miranda Pautler, second by Hannah Middlebrook. Motion passed.
- E. Treasurer Report-Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual copies provided to unit. Details on fall fundraiser results deferred to fundraiser chairs, Fund development portion of meeting.
- F. Kristi Palmer- Thank you to PTA for support allowing attendance at the CARLA Immersion 101 training in Minneapolis. Conference training is geared for teachers new to immersion teaching, although training is also available for “non-beginning” immersion professionals. Ms. Palmer shared information from conference specific to 1st grade teaching with EIS staff. A specific education suggestion from conference was to incorporate a celebration event in the classroom for the accomplishment of receiving tools to use target language in classroom all day long. Ms. Palmer encouraged PTA to continue supporting staff in pursuit of continuing education. J Holtzcher affirms EIS PTA’s commitment to staff continuing education demonstrated by the increased budget allowance for Professional Development.
- G. Principal Report-
 - a. Reminds parents not to use New Haven street during heavy rains due to flooding tendency.
 - b. Zoo run- EIS won 1st place and \$600. Run reminders: Red Ribbon run on 10/24/09 and Tulsa Run on 10/31/09. Red ribbon run is free without T-shirt order. School can win money for top participation in Tulsa Run.
 - c. Tulsa Global Alliance visit October 9th. Six Nigerian visitors, Mr. Brian Hunt, school board member, and Mr. Ballard, School Superintendent will visit school. TGA is EIS oldest PIE. Hosting international visitors from TGA was identified in the strategic plan as a focus area.
 - d. International education week- An international fair will be held at EIS the Monday before Thanksgiving. Each class will study from cultural boxes during the week prior to the fair. Children can wear clothes that reflect cultural significance for them the day of the fair.
 - e. October 30- Book character day and assembly. Information will be sent via home and backs.
 - f. Drop off procedures- Going better. Reminder to pull up to east side when dropping off at the north lot drive through to avoid frustration in line and cars backed up into street.
 - g. Partners in Education (PIE). New PIE: Accent Realtors. Accent Realtors/Stephanie and Paul Wheeler, donate a percentage of EIS real estate sales back to school. \$1000 presented to EIS PTA. Moving truck is also available from Accent realtors for school related needs. Reminder made to unit that EIS always receptive to new PIE. PIE(s) are organizations or businesses that support the school in a variety of ways.
 - h. Attendance- Record number of absences. Up to 30 absences in one day. Ten of the absences to date are attributed to flu and reported to EIS office (2 of these absences are supported with doctors notes indicating flu). Written confirmation of flu requested because TPS reports only written cases to Tulsa World. Encouraged unit to keep sick kids home from school but to avoid taking children out of school for vacations.
 - i. Questions- Unit member asks if parents should bring cultural items for international fair. Stacy will check with the international committee.
 - j. President Report- School picnic- postponed. Tentatively rescheduled for 4/22 to avoid conflicts with teacher conferences.
- H. Fund Development Report

- a. No Brainer Fundraisers- Miranda Pautler, chair reports that “No Brainers” bring in money throughout the year. During the 2008-09 school year, Abitibi recycling earned \$275, Box top earned \$639, Good search earned \$133, Innisbrook online earned \$1000, Lands end earned \$104, Sage culinary studio earned \$260, and Target earned \$424 for the school.
 - b. Subway cards available for fundraising. Two percent of purchases from cards return to EIS.
 - c. Recycle bags from Teracycle available for collection of Capri sun pouches in individual homes. Each pouch can earn 2 cents for school. These UPS return bags are postage paid and can be mailed from Staples or other UPS site. Pouches cannot be collected at school at this time due to lack of volunteer and mess associated with collection.
 - d. Coat drive- Student UN council will have boxes available for gently used coat collections from 10/20- 11/20. Emergency Infant Services will receive jackets for children age 8 and under. H. Hopkins will collect larger coats and distribute to appropriate volunteer agencies.
 - e. Earning for Learning-Becky Porter- Continues until 10/30. Easy way to compete for winnings for school. Purchases at promenade mall earn points for school. Schools ranking in the top three places will win money for school. EIS currently in second place. Store gift cards or Mall Visa cards available from guest services earn “triple points” for school. Unit members encouraged to consider Visa card purchases for teacher gift collections. Coupon in Tulsa Kids magazine doubles points from promenade spending. Turn in promenade receipts to guest services.
 - f. Jumble Sale- Hannah Middlebrook- Drop off days for donations are October 12, 14, 21, 22. More volunteers needed, especially in the morning on October 24.
 - g. Innisbrook Sales and “A part of something big”- Bren Milleson. Gross Innisbrook sales ~\$17525 (Campaign sales ~\$16558; remainder internet sales. PTA receives ½ of sales. A part of something big continues until 10/19. School receives 40% of sales during active campaign and 25% of sales after 10/19/09. Make check to “A part of something big”.
 - h. Pie Sales- Ivana O'brien- Pie samples in back. Pie sales run from October 16th-29th. Pies will come in Wednesday before thanksgiving break. Volunteers needed.
 - i. Trivia Night report- \$150-160 in attendance. \$2500-3000 raised for school.
- I. 1st Vice President- Bylaws require published notice of proposed change to standing rules be made available 30 prior to change standing rules. Proposal for changing standing rules to add a teacher representative to board. Printed copy of proposal presented to unit. During November unit meeting will vote on this change to standing rules.
- J. 2nd vice president
- a. Volunteer forms needed for every volunteer. Volunteer book being distributed. Report volunteer hours on survey prior to the close of survey which is on the 14th day of the month. Our volunteer participation is equivalent to 7-8 full time employees. *Great schools* utilize information on volunteer participation in their online evaluation of school.
 - b. Strategic Plan update- Parent and staff members co-chair committees. Money raised during fundraising efforts fund strategic planning efforts. A request/proposal form is available for strategic committees requesting funds for project implementation. Strategic plan book circulated.
 - c. Nominating committee and bylaw standing rule
- K. Delegate report-Brett Elbon-
- a. Power School is now on TPS mainframe. Enrollment, grading, health information is now compiled within Power School. Parent ID and passwords are available for upper grades parents allowing them the ability to stay current with their child's academic performance.
 - b. TPS budget crisis remains a concern but no budget cuts are anticipated at this time.
- L. Directory update- Directory should be available after next week. The TPS service center is much more affordable but less timely.
- M. Programs committee-Sutton Murray, Reflections coordinator. November 20 is the deadline. Help will be needed as entries come in. Judges are needed for evaluation of projects in different categories.
- N. New Business-

- a. Canadian Association of Immersion Educators conference, October 21st-24th- Mme Delk and Mme Martinet present information on conference and request for funding attendance to unit. French immersion has been prevalent in Canada for ~ 40 years. 300,000 Canadian children are in French Immersion programs. Conference will have a training work-shop, vendors for French immersion materials, as well as visits to 2 immersion schools. Information targeted included developing literacy for grades K-4 and differentiating instruction based on grade level. Appropriate level-based education materials are a need. These items are not available in US and teachers have to create appropriate materials. Steve Heinen motions to fund sending these two teachers to the conference. Shelly Strickland seconds motions. Motion passed. Unit member questioned whether motion needed to be made for providing funds for education materials. Board and Principal reply that there is currently \$1750 in budget for text books and that there are site, state and federal monies that could be unitized for these needs once appropriate materials are identified.
- b. Website/technology update- Philippe Corbaz. Mr Corbaz reports he works with classes 1-3 times per week in addition to being web master for academic sections of school website. Reports parents do not need to log in to site. Power school link in already on website in anticipation of utilizing program once available to parents at lower grade levels. Benefits for language immersion, including a video link are currently on website. Pass-word protected directory may be available on website in the future.

O. Announcements/Open-

- a. Book Fair- Mme Delk wins gift from book fair.

P. Global Trivia- Name 5 of 6 founding members of United Nations. Winning answer provided by Mr. Heinen. France, Belgium, Netherlands, West Germany, Italy and Luxemburg.

Q. Adjournment- Motion-Steve Heinen and second by Hannah Middlebrook. Motion Passed.

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING IN YOUR PTA AND SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL! ! Dates to remember: 2009-10 PTA meetings:
11-12-09 1-14-10 2-18-10 3-25-10 5-6-10