

# EIS PTA Unit Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2007

- Meeting began at 7:04 p.m.
- Presentation of Flags by Cub Scouts.
- Mrs. McCrary thanked the parents for their continuous support of the library. Money raised through book fairs and Box Tops has helped buy target language books!

## • **Principal's Report**

Mrs. Strow said the start of school is going well. She stressed the importance of parents following the drop-off procedures; do not let your student cross New Haven and they must be walked in from both the Service Center parking lot (south lot) and the north lot. *No children should be walking through the parking lots by themselves.*

Mrs. Strow hopes everyone enjoys the improvements to the school. She mentioned the playground; when planning began a year ago, the committee thought it would be a 3-year project to raise the necessary money. Thanks to outstanding fundraising efforts and generous donations, the playground will be complete by the end of September!! Outstanding!

\*\*Mrs. Strow mentioned supervision of students after school. At 3:15, the teachers that monitor the south playground and dropoff/pickup areas finished for the day. After this time, there are many students playing on the playground equipment or soccer field without parent supervision. If you are waiting to pick up your child and are parked along New Haven while they play, please, instead, park in the ESC lot and come on to the school grounds to let your child play.

Thank you to Brett Elbon for keeping the EIS website current and full of information. The address is [eisenhowerinternational.org](http://eisenhowerinternational.org)—check it out!

Mrs. Strow finished her report by mentioning that her door is always open if parents have any questions or comments.

There is a new line item in the budget for the Culture Boxes. Mrs. Wood is trying to raise \$60,000 to keep these current.

## • **President's Report**

Rob Wright welcomed everyone and is excited about a new year. He mentioned that childcare is provided by licensed TPS employees during PTA Unit meetings. There are a few criteria for use of the childcare:

(1) 3 years and up, (2) Must be capable of taking themselves to the bathroom, (3) EIS students and siblings only, (4) Any disruptive children will be brought to their parents, and (5) Parents must stay at EIS.

## • **1st Vice President's Report**

Emily Hill thanked the teachers for coming to the meeting. She then mentioned that pie sales are beginning October 15th. Ivana O'Brien is coordinating the sales and needs volunteers for distribution on November 14th. Please contact Ivana if you are interested in helping.

## • **2nd Vice President's Report**

Jennifer Seely explained the Volunteer Application form that is required by TPS if you would like to help in any manner with the school. Please fill one out and note that you do not need to include your SSN; that is for volunteers that may be tutoring or have one on one contact with a student.

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### **• 2nd Vice President's Report (Continued)**

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY FILLED OUT A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM, you do not need to fill out another one. Note if you have a student in middle school or high school, please simply contact Maya Weaver at the ESC and let her know that you will be volunteering at an additional school. Again, you don't have to fill out another Volunteer Application form for your middle or high school student, if ESC has one on file.

Please keep track of your volunteer hours. At the end each month, Jennifer will send an email to those who have filled out a Volunteer Application form (i.e. your volunteer hours count). You simply reply to Jennifer's email with your total hours for that month; there is no need to specify what you volunteered for.

Jennifer thanked Lance Milleson for helping with the student database. This database will be extremely helpful with the directory. Thank you, Lance!!

The EIS patches for uniforms can be purchased at K. Renee's.

### **• Treasurer's Report**

Blake Johnson handed out the transaction account and proposed budget. Maureen Wilson asked if the Science Enrichment budget could be increased from \$450 to \$600; the Unit approved this modification. Dannie Russell moved to approve the budget; Karen Bruns and Karen Frusciante second. The proposed budget passed.

### **• Committee Reports**

*RUNNING EVENTS:* Phyllis Worthley promoted the runs that are coming up in the Fall. With high participation, EIS has the chance to win cash awards. She wants to encourage families to sign up and come and enjoy these events.

*WISENHOWER:* Kim Hutton spoke about Trivia Night, "Wisenhower", happening on September 28th at the Blue Dome diner downtown. An Italian buffet begins at 6:30 and Trivia begins at 7:45. Please visit the EIS website for more information or contact Kim Hutton or Kathy Ostrem for more information.

*INNISBROOK:* Keren Wright explained the Innisbrook fundraiser and that it typically brings in around \$15,000. Official sales dates are 9-14 through 10-8.

*RETAIL PARTNERSHIPS:* Christy Blystone is the Retail Partnerships chair. She highlighted the Spiffy's Cleaners program; bring in your dry cleaning tags (attached to the garment bags) and put them in the box on the table outside the office. Ten percent of these receipts is donated by Spiffy's to the PTA. Note that the program is quarterly, so receipts must be fairly current.

*HOME-AND-BACKS:* Pam Tillman asked for volunteers for the blue "Home and Back" folders. Every Friday at 1:30 you can come to the Teacher's Lounge and help.

The Board would like to remind everyone that there are lots of fundraising opportunities that are fun and truly do directly benefit the students, teachers, and school as a whole. Please "pick and choose" any or all to participate in.

Kim Hutton motioned to adjourn, Samantha Heinen and Karen Bruns second. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Jones*