

EIS PTA Unit Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2006

- Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.
- Presentation of Flags by the EIS Panthers and Vikings.
- Performance by Eisenhower Ambassadors.

• **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. 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 also wanted to inform parents to be sure to check the monthly newsletter that is sent out by herself and Mrs. Heil. It will have a list of important dates and events for the upcoming month.

The 25th Anniversary of Immersion schools in Tulsa is scheduled for October 14th. Dana Drummond is the chair of this event. They plan to invite all past students and staff from Eliot, Eisenhower, and Zarrow for a picnic at Eisenhower. Dana spoke and asked for volunteers and passed out sign-up sheets. She also mentioned needing an official photographer.

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

• **President's Report**

Emily Hill welcomed everyone and is excited about a new year. She mentioned a few changes that the Board decided on were no Skate Night or popcorn fundraisers. Parents also have the option of receiving the Informer via email; hopefully this will save the PTA lots in copy fees. Also of note: the unit meetings have been changed to the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Emily wanted parents to be sure to thank Lori Taylor and the other parents watching the children during the PTA meeting.

• **Delegate's Report**

Rob Wright spoke for Traci Rollinger, who could not be at the unit meeting. Traci is our representative at the citywide PTA Council meetings. At the last meeting she attended they discussed a legislative proposal called the "65% Solution." Although this legislation has since then been taken off the ballot, Rob distributed an informative handout and asked the parents to educate themselves on this proposal. The OKPTA and National PTA do not support it.

• **2nd Vice President's Report**

Jennifer Seely explained the volunteer hours and how they will be collected. In sum she will send an email at the end of each month to those who have filled out a Volunteer Application (i.e. your volunteer hours count). You simply reply to Jennifer's email with your total hours for that month; no need to specify what you helped with any more.

Jennifer mentioned that the school is looking for volunteers that can take over some of our biggest fundraisers, Innisbrook and Fiestivale. Currently the chairs are Anna America and Samantha Heinen. They would like someone to work with them this year so they can "learn the ropes" for next year. We also need help with the spring clothing resale, art sales, and PTA childcare, just to name a few.

Also, Kids' World is approaching on November 9-12. Eisenhower will have a booth this year. Mrs. Strow and

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

Ms. Kelly will be there during school hours, but we need people there on the off hours and weekend. All EIS students will go to perform, and then 3rd grade will stay to tour the booths.

Jennifer mentioned EIS has retail partnerships with Albertson's, Spiffy's, Target, Office Depot, Super Suppers, and Staples. Mention EIS when you check out or use your card (at Albertson's) and the PTA receives cash directly (except for Target, which donates money to EIS, not the PTA).

• **Treasurer's Report**

Blake Johnson handed out the transaction account and proposed budget. Kara Folkins moved to approve the budget; Dana Drummond second. The proposed budget passed.

• **Other Reports**

Kim Hutton and Kathy Ostrem spoke about Trivia Night, "Wisenhower," happening on September 29th. The cost to play trivia is \$10, and the optional dinner is \$8. There will be several outstanding raffles — the biggest one being the 50/50 raffle, in which the winner goes home with half the cash raised by that specific raffle. If you can't make it to the dinner, you can still purchase raffle tickets and be eligible to win. There will be a cash bar and a dessert auction. For dinner reservations, they need to know by September 26th.

Kathy Ostrem mentioned all the great Triple Crown runs coming up. They are a great way to earn money for PE. Mrs. Worthley uses the prize money toward special events, like the roller skating, which the kids thoroughly enjoy.

Anna America explained the fundraiser Innisbrook and that it typically brings in around \$17,000. Turn in your sales October 2nd, 3rd, or 4th.

Ivana O'Brien spoke about the pie sales, which are delivered just in time for the holidays. Selling begins October 16th and ends November 1st.

Annette Brooks spoke about the PTA membership drive. To date, the overall membership is 140%.

Kendel Hall spoke about the Box Tops for Education program and showed us the new can't-miss-it-pink donation box that you can put your box tops in. The money sent from General Mills goes directly to the Library Fund.

Carmela Grantham, hospitality chair, mentioned that a new idea this year is to have each class sponsor a luncheon for the teachers each month. In December and May, she will still do the traditional holiday lunch and teacher appreciation lunch.

Bren Milleson mentioned the Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser that's coming up. They are \$6 per dozen and will be delivered on September 26th and they have to be picked up by 9 a.m., or they will be donated to a charity.

Lane Wilson, president of the Eisenhower Foundation, wanted to clarify exactly what the Foundation does. Its interest is the long-term viability of the school. It funds items that the PTA can't, such as the Global Learning Center, when that was constructed. They are trying to grow an endowment for the school. If you wish to join the Foundation, the yearly fee is \$20 or a lifetime membership of \$200 per family.

• Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

— Respectfully submitted, *Karen Jones*