

## **EEHSP General Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, November 19, 2015*

EEHSP Board Members in Attendance: Naim Moore, Freddy Murray, Michelle West and Hillary Chybinski

Administration in Attendance: Dr. Mitchell and Andre McLaurin

Faculty in Attendance: Judy Schultheis, Mary Nadolski

### **Co-President Introductions and Welcome**

Freddy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The meeting was live-streamed for people that were unable to attend.

Review and approval of last month's general meeting minutes, completed.

Vote for a new VP, Joe Randa, approved.

### **Principals' Report**

#### *Dr. Mitchell – Enfield*

FYI - Enfield's artwork is hanging in the Flourtown Farmer's Market. One student's work even received an "offer" for their work. Be sure to stop by and check it out. Plans are to rotate the work.

Parent-Teacher conferences are next week. If you don't have an appointment, please contact your child's teacher to make one.

With the arrival of a new music teacher, Enfield will not be having a Winter Concert this year. There are plans for a Spring Concert.

Enfield will be doing a winter service project, a food drive for a local pantry. Each classroom will be responsible for one item requested and the kids will package them up for distribution. Look for additional information, as well as a request for volunteers to come out soon.

Last week was the wonderful first grade family night. Dr. Mitchell has received a lot of positive feedback on the food trucks and the event overall. The children and their families seemed to have had a good time.

#### *Mr. McLaurin - Erdenheim*

Erdenheim had a wonderful Veteran's day event last week. There was a reception breakfast for about 40 Veterans. The Veterans not only had a chance to interact with the children, but also had the opportunity to meet other local Veterans and make new friends with similar experiences. It was a special moment for the entire Erdenheim community.

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This week is American Education week, with many activities for all the grades. Erdenheim has been able to welcome many parents and relatives into the building to share what our students are achieving.

Mrs. Peake has joined the Erdenheim family as the newest 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher this week.

Socktober gathered nearly 3,000 socks through donations.

A canned food drive is currently going on, so send your canned goods in!

Notice new artwork in the hallway? They were done by teachers during a summer project.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No new information was provided.

### **Committee Reports**

General Communication Discussion – It was discussed whether the website, Facebook or Paper Flyers sent home are the best communication tools, and the EEHSP is concerned about reaching the maximum number of parents and guardians. Dr. Mitchell shared the “Wednesday Folder” idea. There is still a debate on whether “paperless” is a viable communication.

Spirit Wear – We are still trying to figure out what and where are the best ways to market the spirit wear sales. After one week of the spirit sale, we did not have the participation we had hoped for, so the EEHSP Board agreed to extend the sale for another week. With our additional push of information, we did very well. Michelle will report on specific numbers at the next General Meeting. The Spirit Wear Committee is looking to have some accessories on-hand for sale. If anyone has input or suggestions, please let us know. Did you like getting a paper flyer? Prefer Facebook? Let us know!! Did you use the online store? Thoughts? There will be another sale in the spring before Color Day.

Box Tops – There is a new chair for the Box-Top Committee. Information will be coming home soon, and the team will be beginning the classroom competitions after Thanksgiving. We are looking for incentive ideas for the winners – please share any ideas you may have.

Square 1 Art – Forms were due on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Orders have been sent off and artwork should be back in early December. Dr. Mitchell expressed concern that the program is difficult to manage at Enfield. It may work better in the Spring, for

the younger children. Also the Art Teacher at Enfield is a part-time employee and expectations on her time are unrealistic. Dr. Mitchell and Kim Briggs will discuss how we can make this program work better for Enfield in the future.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Family Night – The night was a success overall. Parents that helped to plan it are to be commended for stepping up and helping out when needed. We hope you all had a wonderful night!

Directory Sales – We sold 271 Directories, resulting in \$4,065 in gross sales and \$435 in expenses. These figures are consistent with last year, indicating there is no fall-off in families that want directories. Your information in the Directory helps our committees to fulfill their obligations, particularly when they need to get in touch with parents. The committee will try to capture kindergarten opt-ins at Kindergarten Registration (April 27-29).

KidStuff Books – Books have been distributed. If you'd like to see this fundraiser continue, the committee could use some additional help.

Mini Grants – Letters went out to professional staff for submissions. Requests are beginning to come in. The Committee has offered to have a representative attend a staff meeting or anywhere it would be beneficial to help spread the word. Principals can submit requests as well. Dr. Mitchell has a committee of parents working on improving their assembly program, and potentially having a "maker" event, that she would like to submit for.

Book Fair – The Book Fairs at both schools have been very successful this year. Erdenheim raised over \$1,200.00 with coin collections, All For Books donations, rounding up and Teacher purchases with EEHSP allotments. Scholastic, in response to our "collection", will give \$1,200.00 worth of books to 'Children in Distressed Situations' and 'Children in Need' and Judy Schultheis received her selected books (\$512.00 worth) at NO COST! Final numbers will be presented at the next General Meeting. Enfield's Family Night was a great time and a big success. Enfield's book fair ends tomorrow, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Again final numbers will be available at the next General Meeting. Stephanie has done an amazing job on this event, and it continues to grow in benefits to our students, schools and teachers. Spring Book Fair will be Groovy for sure!

Philanthropy – The committee is currently working on the food drive. They are considering a book collection to provide books to Philly Reads. Look for information in the future.

Publishing Center – There are 125 kids signed up to publish books. Volunteers are needed!! Please consider helping out if you have time. Want to help with editing? No clearances are necessary. Feeling crafty? Help us put the books together (again, no clearances are necessary). The committee will consider

asking the High School students to help and also what's involved in submitting student books to Scholastic for publication.

Artist In Residence – This program has moved to an every-other year schedule. The question was raised whether we could consider on the “off year” having some relationship with the High School Art Department.

### **New Business**

Volunteer Clearances – The EEHSP has decided to align itself with the school district's policy. The policy will be updated and shared with the community. We are trying to keep things as simple as possible while being in compliance. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Outdoor Classroom Oversight Committee (OCOC) – We are forming a committee to work on research and planning for the creation of an outdoor classroom at each school. Information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in this endeavor, please let us know.

Dad's Committee – This committee has been re-vamped with increased enthusiasm and looks to include all male role models in our children's lives to be a part. Look for more information, we'd love to have you if you're interested.

Carnival – The Dad's Committee would like to chair the Carnival Committee this year. Lisa Kempner will help out with what has been done in the past, to get the Dad's Committee up and running.

Thanks for attending – the meeting was adjourned.