

EEHSP General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2016 – 6:30pm Enfield Library

Board Officers in Attendance: Naim Moore, Hillary Chybinski, Joe Randa, Steven Heverin, Colleen Schaller

Administrators, Faculty and Staff in Attendance: Mrs. VanVooren, Sandy Salmon,

Naim kicked the meeting off by welcoming everyone. Please come out to a meeting and get involved, we are very lucky to have so many amazing parents and guardians in Springfield Township!

Minutes from the last general meeting (November) were presented for approval to the membership in attendance. We will add an attachment detailing the 14 mini grants to the minutes posted on the website. There were no questions, changes or objections and the minutes were approved.

Principal Reports

Enfield – We are now past the preliminary phase of the new construction process. The planning committee has met a few times and maneuvered pieces and parts on the plot, and reviewed two plans presented by the architects. The front of the school will face Montgomery Avenue, the parking lot will hold 95 cars, and carline will be able to stack 50 cars. Let's get EXCITED!!! The building is still set for K-2, with a Middle-School sized gym and a separate cafeteria.

Report card revisions are under way. Plans are to make it less cumbersome and easier to read. The initial committee meeting will be held next week. Enfield is in DESPERATE need of donated, gently used clothes. PLEASE if you have any to spare, consider our kids at Enfield . . . bloody noses, yogurt and mud happens - 258 clothes have already been gone through this year! The EEHSP will discuss creating a new clothing allotment for the nurse's office for personal items such as underpants and socks.

Enfield is collecting cardboard for their maker project. Think boxes, paper towel tubes, etc.

Reminder: Friday, January 27th is an in-service day and no school for the kids.

Kindergarten Registration opens on February 6th. The EEHSP will plan to have a presence at the Round Up when those are scheduled. Last year we handed out information and sold spiritwear. It was a great opportunity to meet new families and get our newest students excited and full of Spartan Pride!

Erdenheim – No report was given.

Financial Report

There were no hard-copy financials presented. Colleen advised us that the budget looks on track; some events, such as the Wizards, were over budget, while others, like Square 1 Art and Spartan Fest, were under budget. The 4th grade went \$170 over budget. Spiritwear is in constant motion

with new inventory, and pre-loading inventory, but it currently looks like \$560 in revenue. The Box Tops anticipated revenue is \$2000.

Artist in Residence

Adrian and Maura, the committee co-chairs. Enfield has selected Jena Price, a woodworker at Honeybadger Woodworks. Her plan is to develop birdhouses, from design to assembly. There will be one birdhouse per class. The project will run February 27th through March 3rd and also the week of March 13th. The idea was brought up about distributing the birdhouses throughout the parks and schools in the district, as there will be twenty in total. The committee chairs will look into the feasibility of this.

Erdenheim has selected a breakdance workshop with HipHop Fundamentals. They will teach the kids and also get them involved in choreography. Right now we are running into some scheduling issues. Details will be finalized ASAP. There is no show planned, as it will be more of a workshop event. There is a back-up workshop idea, in case the scheduling falls through on the breakdance.

Box Tops Contest

Keisha advised that the Box Top Contest is launched and wraps up January 31st. The Committee will then count, count, count and verify our codes for submission. March 1st is the submission deadline. Headroom Parents were asked to send a reminder to their classrooms, though not all headroom parents received the information to share. The winning classroom will receive Carnival Tickets for each child in the class.

There are plans for an EOY (May 31st) contest as well, for the chance to win a popsicle party.

There is a Box Tops Mailbox at Enfield, and a large Box Top Pencil at Erdenheim. We'd love to have another mailbox if anyone has one to get rid of. (hint hint)

Talent Show

Talent Show is ahead of schedule. Both shows have about 28 acts. The teachers will kick-off both shows. The 5th grade chorus is performing, and the 5th grade class is selling pretzels.

Carnival

Geoff is returning as the Carnival Chair. Look for information on a planning meeting next month. Carnival is May 20th.

Cookbook Fundraiser

The EEHSP is considering rotating fundraisers, to help bring down costs of events. A cookbook, put together by the elementary community is up for consideration. The plan is to capture recipes from our families and communities. The books would sell for \$15, with more than a 50% profit for the EEHSP. The books would be spiral-bound. Rana Adams is compiling details, and more information is forthcoming.

Kindergarten Family Fun Night

The kindergarten teachers would like to move away from the zoo animals. Instead, they would like to do a laser show from Prismatic Magic, American Pride, geared towards our younger audience. The event is planned for April 7th at Enfield. The event may include a service project aspect as well.

2nd Grade Family Fun Night

The date has been switched to Thursday, February 23rd. The event focuses around the African Bazaar.

3rd Grade Family Fun Night

This event is a Look at Springfield. It includes a historic scavenger hunt, a mini carnival and tastes from local eateries. A few parents brought up concerns that the event has been a little “lacking” in excitement in the past. It was discussed that perhaps the committee can brainstorm some new ideas. One idea raised was that the kids did not prepare the historical documentation for last year’s presentation, and therefore didn’t have anything invested in the event.

3rd Grade Book Publishing

Beth Michner is the Committee Chair. There are a lot of parent volunteers this year and most first drafts have been turned in. The editing process is underway, and rough drafts will be returned for fine-tuning. The committee needs a new chair for the 2017-2018 school year. Please consider adding your creative flair to this committee.

Square 1 Art

We brought in about \$6200 this year. This has been a successful fundraiser for us year after year.

New Business

The Family Fun Night Committee has brainstormed a K-5 event with their \$2000 budget. Historically about 40% of families show up. In the past we’ve done bowling and ice-skating. This year, they are exploring a Roller Skating event. March 18th is the tentative date for this event.

WANTED – Chairs for the School Bags Committee, Bookfair Committee, Square 1 Art Committee and Publishing Center Committee. Looking for a way to get involved? We need you! Please consider stepping up. The current chair will WALK YOU THROUGH the entire process, and be available for questions. None of this is difficult, but we can’t continue to do it without volunteers.

All attendees were thanked for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: February 15th, 2017 - 6:30pm in the Erdenheim Library