

EEHSP General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 6:30pm Enfield Library

Board Officers in Attendance: Naim Moore, Hillary Chybinski and Joe Randa,

Administrators, Faculty and Staff in Attendance: Mrs. VanVooren, Mr. McLaurin, Ms. Markle, 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! With your help – anything is possible for our kids and our schools.

There were no minutes from the February meeting.

Principal Reports

Enfield

- March Makers Magic is in full effect and the kids are having a great time with all your cardboard. Thank you to everyone that went above and beyond the call!
- March 21st is Spunky Sock Day (at BOTH elementary Schools), in honor of World Down Syndrome Day.
- March 29th 6:30-7:30 is Kindergarten Orientation, for all incoming Kindergarten PARENTS.
- April 3rd is Spring Picture Day.

Erdenheim

- The 2nd and 3rd Grade Family Fun Nights were a big hit.
- Swim Gym is coming. There are 2 sessions (3/20 – 3/31 and 4/8-5/5). Kids will go to the High School Pool during their regular Gym special.
- Erdenheim is implementing a new positive behavior program during lunch and recess. It's an opportunity for the kids to get rewarded for meeting expectations. Children can earn classroom tickets as well as individual tickets. There is a sign system in use to cut down on the microphone. The kids seem excited about this new program. The expectations are on the windows, the tables and hanging from the ceiling.

Financial Report

The Treasurer provided a March statement for the attendees to review.

Family Fun Night (Roller Skating)

This fun night for all elementary school families will be held on May 5th at the Palace Roller Skating Rink. Look for information to come home soon via backpacks and eblast. **You must register in advance.** Come on out and show us your 80's roller skating skills. Too young to remember that? Come out anyway and share this memorable time with your kids.

Family Fun Night (Phillies)

Information regarding tickets has been posted on the website and in the Facebook Group. An eblast went out, and you should look for backpack mail coming home soon. The Phillies play the Braves at 1:35pm on April 23rd. Kids under 14 get a free Phanatic hat.

Flapjack Fundraiser

March 25th 8-10 am. This is a fun morning for all elementary school families. Come enjoy all you can eat pancakes, sausages, coffee and orange juice at Applebee's in North Wales. Tickets are \$7 per person (kids under 5 are FREE). Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eehsp-phillies-family-fun-day-sunday-42317-135pm-tickets-32421778412>

Book Fair

Volunteers were very slim this time around. There was a suggestion for a separate call for volunteers email to go out to all parents. We should have financial information available for the next meeting in April.

Author/Illustrator

Originally, this was an off year for this popular EEHSP Program, but thanks to the McFarland Grant, we are able to offer this event at both schools again this year. Author, Matt Phelan will visit Erdenheim on May 3rd and Enfield on May 4th. More information, as well as book order forms will be coming home soon.

Artist in Residence

The Bird House project is underway at Enfield. Plans and blueprints have been completed. Next up: Building! The Hip Hop event at Erdenheim has wrapped up.

Kindergarten Family Fun Night

April 7th. This event has been changed for this year from the previous zoo event. There will be two showings of an American Pride laser show. Additional details are underway, but we promise this will be a fun and exciting night for all our kindergarten families.

5th Grade Events

The 5th Grade Parent Committee has been holding monthly meetings to disseminate information and communicate what's happening. The 5th Grade Family Fun Night is a drop-off event, known as the Flashback Party. There are 210 students in the 5th grade this year. Each student gets a T-shirt and yearbook, funded through fundraising and the EEHSP budget. The yearbook will be about 214 pages this year. The 5th Grade Parents hold a pretzel sale, raising approximately \$2000 this year. In the past, activity fees have ranged from \$10 - \$20 per child. The 5th grade teachers have planned an End of Year picnic at Camp America (the location for the one-day outdoor school trip in the fall) as well as an additional trip related to the weather at Citizen's Bank Park. The 5th Grade Parents Committee has requested additional funding from the EEHSP to off-set additional costs that weren't budgeted for in the beginning of the year. The EEHSP Board has agreed to contribute partial funding for the additional costs. In addition, the 5th Grade Parents Group will request a \$15 activity fee from 5th grade families.

For planning purposes, moving forward, Mr. McLaurin raised a great point about involving the kids in future activity planning. In addition, the EEHSP Board will want to get numbers for the current 4th graders – moving into 5th grade.

Spiritwear

The online spiritwear store is ALWAYS open for business! <http://eehsp.org/spiritwear-store/>
You can even download a paper order form! Spiritwear promotion idea: run a "lead-up" to Color Day promotion with the Family Fun event (roller skating) on May 7th. We could offer a free raffle ticket to anyone who wears spiritwear to the event, which might drive sales, and then raffle off a water ice party for the winning student's class

Kindergarten Registration

Scheduled for April 19th 9a-2p, April 20th 4-7p and April 21st 9a-2p. The EEHSP will be staffing a Spiritwear and Information table again. If you are interested in volunteering or helping out, please contact volunteers@eehsp.org

Carnival

A Hold the Date flyer went out for May 20th. The Committee will be meeting soon, stay tuned for information and updates. If you are interested in getting involved, contact carnival@eehsp.org

New Business

Volunteers

Some suggestions were raised to increase our volunteers. Utilize the Head Room Parents to disseminate. The EEHSP Board will consider this option when planning for the 2017-2018 school year. Have High School kids help with things like Color Day, Grade Level Events, etc.

PA School Property Tax Independence Act

James Taylor from the School Board of Springfield Township, along with some concerned district parents, provided a brief presentation regarding the PA School Property Tax Independence Act. They are looking for EEHSP assistance in their grassroots movement, by getting the word out to parents.

TOWN HALL DISCUSSION with

US Congressman Brendan Boyle

PA Senators: Art Haywood, Vincent Hughes

PA Representatives: Steve McCarter, Madeline Dean, Mary Jo Daley

MontCo Commissioner: Val Arkoosh, MD

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th

2:30 to 4:00 PM

(doors open 2:15)

Springfield Township High School Auditorium
1801 East Paper Mill Road
Erdenheim PA 19038
(set your GPS to Glenside)

For information:

The Social Justice Group, Springfield Township
and Chestnut Hill (flourtownellen@aol.com)

There is a FB Page set up with the latest information regarding this Act. You can join this closed Facebook Group for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pa4publicedu/>

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

Next Meeting: April 19, 2017 - 6:30pm in the Erdenheim Library