EEHSP General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 19, 2016 – 6:30pm Enfield Library

Board Officers in Attendance: Naim, Joe, Hillary, Lisa,

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

Naim kicked the meeting off by welcoming everyone.

Minutes from the last general meeting were presented for approval to the membership in attendance. There were no questions, changes or objections and the minutes were approved.

Principal Reports

<u>Enfield</u> – The EEHSP purchased playground equipment, including balls, hula hoops and other developmentally appropriate recess equipment for the Enfield students. The equipment has begun to arrive and the kids are very excited about it. The EEHSP Garden Committee decorated the entrance to welcome our students and teachers to school and it looks so festive and beautiful. Thank you to all who made that happen. All community members are invited to attend the HS renovation meeting on 10/27. Stay tuned for a date to hear about plans for Enfield construction. Administrators and staff met with the architect to discuss some plans for classrooms and general design and size. Enfield is planning for growth. The brainstorming events are a great way to get involved with the future of education in our district. Canned Food drive is going on until Oct. 28th. In three days, the school has collected 190 items. Tomorrow night is the ELL Family Fun Night at 6:30pm. Halloween is coming. The Enfield costume parade will start at 9:30, kids should come to school IN their costumes if possible. No masks or full face paint. Clearances are required to join the parties in the classrooms.

<u>Erdenheim</u> – The school is excited for Halloween. Kids should NOT arrive at school in costume. No masks or full face paint are allowed. The Veteran's Day program is planned for November 10th. If you are a Veteran, or you have a family member who is a veteran and would like to participate in our program, please make a reservation by clicking here: https://goo.gl/gMmU63

Financial Report

No report was prepared for or presented at the meeting.

Spirit Wear

The committee is in the process of planning their fall campaign. WE have been doing pop-up shops as opportunities arise. There's a lot of schlepping for a few hundred dollars at a time. We are looking into an online store to make things easier for all families involved. We are getting Color Day lists EARLY – HOORAY!!!! This will make things MUCH easier for our families in preparing for Color Day. Mrs. VanVooren will add the link to her weekly parent communication.

Spartan Fest & Wizards

The Wizards was a great event, raising approximately just under \$5,000 in profit for the elementary schools. Once the financial reports are completed, we will provide final revenue amounts. Thank you to everyone that supported this event through volunteering and attendance.

The EEHSP Board is considering hosting this event for the 2017-2018 school year as well. All opinions and ideas are welcome.

Spartan Fest was not as well attended as last year, due to weather. The EEHSP worked out a better contract this year, so we were still able to make money even with less attendance. Again we are planning to hold a similar event in the 2017-2018 school year, and we welcome all opinions and ideas. Discussion around the table made it clear that we need more kid-friendly food options.

We would love to get you on-board! This is not a time-consuming role, but many hands make light work. We would like to create a committee to plan this event for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in working to make this happen, please let Naim (presidents@eehsp.org) know ASAP.

Book Fair

Enfield Book Fair is coming. Enfield is DESPERATELY looking for volunteers. PLEASE consider helping us out with this beloved event. Without volunteers to help the kids write their wish lists and check out books, it's impossible to hold this event for our kids. Enfield kids LOVE coming to the book fair and picking out great new books to read, please find an hour or two to help (clearances are required). The next EEHSP meeting may be at Enfield again on the same night as Family Night at the Book Fair, stay tuned for information.

Square 1 Art

Square 1 Art is under way at both schools. The art part of the program should be wrapping up early next week, with final delivery of orders in mid-December. Be on the lookout for flyers regarding ordering in November.

First Grade Family Event

Planning is underway. A flyer has been prepared and should be going home soon. There will be two food trucks, selling pizza and cupcakes. Yes – there will be slime. There will be two time slots to make things easier for both planners and attendees, including two show times. The EEHSP is working out logistics.

Directory Sales

There are 1,225 total students in the district and we have received 1,044 opt-ins for inclusion in the directory. Order forms have gone home. If you didn't get yours, check the website or Facebook. We have 217 orders so far. The committee will need to purchase labels for the directories, and will touch base with the EEHSP Director of Purchasing. The EEHSP Leadership list needs to be finalized. There are still openings for Committee Chairs and Head Room Parents. Interested? Email presidents@EEHSP.org and let us know!

Kids Stuff Books

We received 410 books. Books have gone home for Enfield. Half of the books have come back unsold. One quarter have been sold and one quarter are still outstanding. Flyers went out to Erdenheim students. Historically, we have about 25 books "go missing" each year – those are books not paid for and not returned. Please consider purchasing one of the awesome coupon books, or if you received one you don't want, please return it to school.

Mini Grants

We are accepting mini grant applications from staff at both schools, The deadline is October 28th. We have received 9 applications so far. We have already funded a first grade assembly, Uncle Sam's Comedy Jam (a civics focused assembly) on October 7th at Enfield.

Flapjack Fundraiser

Our first Flapjack Fundraiser will be on November 12th. Information is on the website and flyers will be going home soon. You will be able to purchase tickets both online and through backpack mail.

5th Grade Events

The Flashback Party is the 5th Grade Family Fun Night. The 5th grade parents held an information meeting. There's lots of excitement for 5th grade, so be sure to get involved. Volunteer opportunities will be communicated soon. The 5th grade staff booked a final EOY picnic at Camp America for \$5,000. Historically, there has been an "after party" at FCC following the move up ceremony. There is concern over charging parents for two events so close together. The 5th Grade Committee has inquired if the EEHSP would fund part of these events. The EEHSP recommended that the committee submit a formal request for funding, so that we can make an informed financial decision as quickly as possible.

4th Grade Family Event

The date has been changed to December 2nd. The planetarium that we usually reserve is not available to us this year. The teachers and Grade Level Rep discussed a Game Show option or a laser presentation up for decision. The Game Show option would require a \$300 budget increase, while the laser show option falls into their current budget. The 4th Grade Teachers and Grade Level Rev have decided to proceed with the laser show and reserve the date..

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

Next Meeting: November 19, 2016 6:30pm – TBD