

Minutes from the Friends of Evansville Day School April 7th, 2017 Meeting

Those in attendance: Hope Staubitz, Erica Kissinger, Niki Traylor, Helen Christian, Mary Jane Gibson, Robin Renschler, Amanda Bultemeier, Anna Palmer.

Hope Staubitz opened the meeting and greeted those attending.

Helen Christian motioned to accept the minutes for last meeting, Niki Traylor seconded.

Robin Renschler reported that Alyssa VanBibber will be taking Megan Collins's maternity leave. She has been working in the CAS center and with Megan to prepare. Earth Day will be observed April 21st with hiking presentations by Wesselman Woods, a play by the 5th grade, and more. K-8 Gallery Night will take place April 25th from 6:00-7:30 and will now be its own event. Preschool Splish Splash Day will be May 24th from 10:00-12:00. Primary School Fun Day will be May 31st with a rain date of June 1st. Friends will provide funding and volunteers for both events as needed. Anna Palmer continues to work on the School Supply Boxes. Supply list are nearly finalized and details are being worked through with the company. The company is very excited to work with EDS.

Dr. Mary Jane Gibson reported that all students and staff have returned from Intersession and are currently working on making their videos. The first year of Middle School Intersession was very successful. 8th graders are visiting in the Upper School. The PSAT will be given to 9th and 10th grade this year. ISTEP will last 3 weeks with 6 hours of testing per student. Middle and Upper School students are beginning to schedule their classes for next year. Prom will take place April 22nd and the Darling and Dates Dance will be on the 29th. Commencement is May 18th. Middle School Field Day will be scheduled soon.

Amanda Bultemeier reported that the Gala is tomorrow evening. Summer Academy early registration ends April 15th. The new Middle School Summer Academy program is generating excitement. The Darlings and Dates Dance invitations will go out soon. The dance is free but an RSVP would be appreciated. Set up times will be coordinated with the dance sponsor.

Hope Staubitz reported that the Flower Sale is still being worked on. Information will be provided as soon as it is available. It was later decided that the Flower Sale will take place next spring.

Erica Kissinger reported that Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is next week. Different treats and surprises are planned for each day including breakfast, baked goods, ice cream, massages, and a luncheon. Volunteers are signing up online to bring treats and cover classrooms.

Helen Christian reported on revisions to the Friends Bylaws including changing the length of offices, changes to the board meeting attendance policies, and clarification on the procedure for replacing officers. Nominating for next years officers has begun; those interested should contact Helen or any Friends officer.

Discussion took place on increasing meeting attendance by both parents and teachers. Ideas ranging from changing meeting times, locations, and possibly altering teaching schedules as needed were considered. More research and discussion with all parties will be done.