

Friends of EDS
February 27, 2019
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Misty Eastep, Mandy Scurry, Troy Vaupel, Tammy Kleeman-Dillbeck, Kevin Kunst, Mary Jane Gibson, Amanda Bultemeier, Brittany Streutker, Niki Traylor, Anna Palmer

Niki opened the meeting at 5.36 PM.

Played some "Deep thoughts among friends" to get the meeting started. Where would you like to live if it weren't in Evansville?

Minutes weren't present from January meeting, they will be approved at the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Might have previous year Book Fair money to increase our revenue line.
- Friends Exec Board met to create budget for 2019-2020. It was submitted to the Board of Directors and awaiting approval at the February 28 meeting.
- We discussed raising dues vs. making Friends a mandatory requirement for all EDS families. Decided to raise funds (same amount as the Booster Club \$35) for next school year.
- Misty gave us an updated spreadsheet of current costs/expenses. Overall, doing well this year with a lower budget than in previous years.

Department Updates

Upper School update

- MS March 14 & 15, 8th graders are going to cMoe for physics to music program for elementary students.
- Grease is happening March 7 & 8. No cost, but tickets are in the office. ** Need help with volunteers to serve refreshments on March 8 from 6-8 PM.
- March 7 is the USI science fair, EDS kids have projects going to that competition.
- April 27 is the Academic Bowl.
- They had preview night on February 12th and have current 8th graders shadowing 9th graders. Dr. Gibson is also meeting with every 8th grade family to discuss high school transition, class options, etc.
- March 15 is a "Lock In" for current 8th graders from 10 PM – 6 AM - Dr. Gibson is a champ!
- Friday, March 1 was the blood drive.
- Friday, March 1 was the sectional basketball game and we won that night as well as Saturday night! SECTIONAL CHAMPS! Hasn't happened since 2012, lots to celebrate!
- ISTEP begins first full week of March for sophomores.
- SAT Exam is being given on March 6 at school. Students will be dismissed upon completion of test around lunch time.
- Pancake Breakfast from NHS is Tuesday, March 5.
- State Mock Trial was a success for this being the first year in attendance for EDS. We will move onto the state competition in Indianapolis on March 9th.

- Big weekend ahead – Speech State, Archery State and Future Problem Solvers state competitions are simultaneously occurring this weekend. Entries from EDS kids in all activities.
- AP exam schedules are starting to take shape.
- Senior proposals are due for the Senior Projects in May.
- Five EDS students participated in the ISSMA State music competition on February 16 – all receiving gold & silver for solo pieces.

Primary School update

- February 28 is Read Across America Day. Kids are encouraged to dress up like their favorite story character.
- Discover Why Day was February 28.
- March 14 is the Titanic wax museum at 1.30 PM.
- March 18-20 is the IREAD exam.
- Intercession's theme this year is Bridges. This occurs the week before Spring Break.

Head of School update

- Enrollment season is starting. Word of mouth from current families is best form of PR!
- Every day is an open house here at EDS. Come see it anytime is the new framework they'll be sharing in the coming months.
- Step Up Night is Tuesday, March 5. State of the School address by Kevin. MS students will be attending the speech to keep them involved with future plans for the school.

Marketing Update

- Discover Why Day is February 28.
- Step Up night is Tuesday, March 5. Email will be sent to families that evening with family information page, tuition costs, etc.
- Enrollment timeline has been set.

Upcoming Events/New Business

Give Back Nights

- We earned about \$100 from the DQ give back night in January.
- Azzip day is March 18. Checking to see if Dr. Gibson would let juniors out in order to purchase from Azzip!

Family Fun Night was Monday, January 28, 2019

- Terrific turnout and lots of fun!
- Niki is enjoying her wreath ☺
- More inflatables are needed next year. Some that would be easier for younger kids to enjoy.
- Check to see if HS students would volunteer to manage the inflatables next year.
- Made \$117 on Half Pot raffle.

Darlings & Dates was Saturday, February 2, 2019

- Another great turnout and "darling" decorations for the Western theme.
- Super-fast clean up even though there weren't many volunteers initially signed up.

Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for March 4-8. Hollywood Theme!

- Monday continental breakfast in both LS and MS Kitchens.

- Lunch on Tuesday the 5, faculty meeting is that afternoon to help with leftovers! ☺
- Need plates/cutlery from Sams for luncheon.
- Need to get cash for teacher gifts - \$25 each staff member.
- Car wash and movie gift cards have been secured as well.
- Wednesday is a coffee bar and massages by Niki, need a new location for the massages with SAT testing occurring in the gym.
- Thursday is a Popcorn and Candy bar in workrooms.
- Friday they are delivering Blizzards to the teachers during class.
- Shannon is helping to coordinate the US special days for the teachers.
- Primary families were reminded to celebrate specials teachers as well!

Spring Skating party

- Party is set Friday, April 12 from 3.30-5.30 pm. Tiffany is the contact person, Anna will be gone (most likely) so will need someone else to collect money.

Spring Flower Sale

- Rexings Florist in Ft. Branch has been in contact. They will have flowers ready for pickup on Grandparents Day, May 10.

School Supplies

- Teachers submitted lists. Anna submitted them to First Days School Supply. The company is now creating online class stores.
- Online store should be live in March.

Friends Education & Development

- Intersession request for funding was presented. MS was needing money for transportation, entry fees for field trips scheduled in March. \$1200 was requested. Motion made by Mandy Scurry to approve the full amount, second by Tammy Kleeman-Dillbeck. Full request was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6.43 PM by Niki Traylor. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 5.30 pm.