

**EDS Friends
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2017**

Present: Jarin Jaffee, Hope Staubitz, Niki Traylor, Tara Stanley, Anna Palmer, Amanda Bultemeier, Helen Christian, Misty Eastep, Anna Newton, Mrs. Whetstone, Mrs. Deppe, Mrs. Meyer, Steffney Webster

The meeting was held in the iLab. Hope called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm. Minutes from December meeting was passed around, reviewed and approved.

Report from Head of School:

Mr. Jaffee reported that Robin and Mary Jane were at a conference on Mindfulness. He made several positive comments in regards to the success of Family Fun Night as well as Global Play Day. He also thanked those that were involved in helping organize Family Fun Night. HE also mentioned that we have two new school nurses, Olivia Houser and Susan Bose. Finally, he commented that the PS "Play Date", the dinosaur show in Owensboro was a big hit as well as Homecoming. We have lots of great things happening at EDS.

Funding Request:

Mrs. Newton presented a request for Friends to help with this year's Salsa Challenge. She discussed the success that the challenge had last year and how she would like to expand it even more. She requested \$400 from Friends to cover expenses for additional food and support staff.

Mrs. Deppe, Mrs. Whetstone, and Mrs. Meyer presented a request for funding for a plan to have an Experiential Education Week for grades 5-8. This week would coincide with intercession and would offer our middle school kids opportunities to learn outside of school. Some ideas presented were: travel to a landfill, visit Subaru plant (no landfill), trip to St Louis to visit Wash U and Holocaust museum, visit Audobon, New Harmony, etc. The request was for \$750 to cover some of the expenses.

Helen Christian motioned to accept the requests. Tara Stanley seconded. No discussion was needed. All members present approved. **Motion passed and Friends will fund both.**

Hope explained the idea of the Spring Flower Sale. All members agreed to do the Spring Flower Sale.

Anna Palmer presented an opportunity for us to provide school supply boxes for our parents to purchase. She will compile the information she has received and Friends will make a formal presentation to the parents at Step Up Night on March 4th.

Steffney Webster gave an update on the plans for the Sweetheart Dance. The dance will be April 29th in the atrium/gym from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Dance is called "Darling's and Dates". An event sheet has been submitted. A DJ and photographer has been secured. So far expenses are around \$300 of an \$800 budget. We will provide desserts and table decorations so should easily stay under budget. Steffney will get with Amanda and Tiki about marketing the event; however, she mentioned she would work on getting a flyer or invitation worked up soon.

Misty Eastep has agreed to take on organizing Teacher Appreciation Week this year. TAW will be held April 10 - 14. Hope mentioned that a massage therapist may be able to come in and provide massages. Budget will allow all teachers and staff to receive \$20 gift cards. We will continue to work with Misty to get plans set and confirmed.

Discussion was also made regarding teacher retirements and keeping that on the annual budget. It was decided to keep the line item on the budget to cover 2 teachers at \$500/each.

Misty also brought up another fundraising idea in partnership with DQ where DQ would give \$10 to the school for every ice cream cake sold.

Finally, Hope asked if there was anyone that wanted to volunteer to make phone calls to local restaurants to do some Give Back Nights for EDS.

Next meeting is March 3rd at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by: Niki Traylor