

Friends of EDS
September 10, 2020
Meeting Minutes-Virtual Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Niki Traylor, Laura Goulbourne, Lori Weichmann, Robin Renschler, Katie Omohundro, Amanda Bultemeier, Kevin Kunst, Holly Ziemer, Tammy Kleeman-Dillback, Enida D-etti

Niki Traylor brought the meeting to order at 5:01PM. She started the meeting with a welcome and description of the Friend's Organization including introducing the executive committee to new members.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$450 spent on lanyards for students and staff
- \$300 spent on facemask cookies for students
- \$655 brought in from summer school supply sale
- \$1,100 brought in from mum sales (\$300 over budget)

Department Updates:

Head of School

- School's focus has been to provide the best situation and safest campus possible.
- A great amount of time was spent on synchronous learning and outdoor classrooms
- Administration is appreciative of everyone's patience with car lines and COVID procedures
- First COVID case in the school was reported today and administration was able to implement procedures already in place

Primary School

- Trying to keep things as normal as possible
- Last week was able to have new students join their houses and JPK was able to join the seniors for youngest JPK and oldest senior t-shirt swap
- Planning Gnome event 10/22/20 during the school day. The theme will be "A Parade of Gnomes" and will be having a masked parade.

Upper School

- Also trying to have as much normalcy as possible
- SLC started to meet and make tentative plans for a fall event; Ms. Brooks is helping
- Athletics are going on including soccer, cross-country and basketball practices
- Planning to have academic bowl and mock trial in the future using new and creative ways to socially distance
- Very impressed with the resilience of the students
- Have welcomed two new instructors: Mr. Omohundro and Ms. Post

PAL

- Video posted of private ceremony for this year's Legence Bank Merit Scholarship Award recipient, Noah Rugani.
- Plans to work on spirit wear store with new items and designs.
- Working with the SLC ambassador group to create a virtual tour of the school

This year's goals for Friends of EDS outlined:

- 1) Enhance teacher/student support
 - Fund request forms (How do we communicate to teachers/students that we are here?)
 - Teacher Appreciation treats (mailbox stuffers/stocking workrooms, room parent check in)
 - Student treats (treats, experiences)
 - Parent to parent connection
 - Promote and Coordinate Volunteerism/sign-ups for activities
 - Head of school feels that best thing Friends can do is support our teachers
- 2) Develop creative ways for fundraisers
 - Fall mum sale (Mums will be delivered tomorrow, Friday, 09/11 at 11:00am and pickup will be Saturday 9:00-12:00. Amanda will send out a reminder regarding pick up).

- EDS masks
 - School Store (parent letters to be sent out)
 - Amazon Smile
 - Fall Festival Puppy Chow sale (take orders, request or buy supplies and deliver Fall Festival Week)
 - Raffle calendar
 - Give Back Nights
- 3) Create fun ways to connect the community
- Friends meetings: send parents survey to find out what parents want out of the meetings
 - All school picnic-fall or spring?
 - Outdoor family movie night
 - Class play date (room parents help organize)
 - Fall tailgate
- 4) Organize Friends Organization
- Recruit and help incoming leaders
 - How/when to recruit room parents and assist them with responsibilities
 - How can we help the organization run better?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm by Niki Traylor. Next meeting TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Goulbourne
EDS Friends Secretary