

Friends of EDS
January 10, 2019
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Hope Staubitz, Robin Renschler, Kevin Kunst, Amanda Bultemeier, Cecilia Watson, Misty Eastep, Tammy Kleeman-Dillback, Heather Niemeier, Brittany Streutker, Niki Traylor, Anna Palmer, Mike Staubitz

Niki opened the meeting at 5.35 PM.

Minutes were approved from the December meeting without any adjustments or corrections. Motion to approve minutes made by Hope Staubitz, second by Misty Eastep.

Treasurer's Report

- Most events are coming in under budget except for Gnome Night. Doing well!

Old Business:

Holiday Tea

- Went well. Lots of volunteers to help with decorations.
- Great job Teresa and Cece!
- Zero cost between cookie donations from families and the Hamby family sponsoring the coffee.

Department Updates

Upper School update

- 1.21.19 is MLK Day. Many plans for a day of service in honor of this leader. MS/US will work together for part of the day. Then US students will be going to U of E to participate in their MLK activities.
- Homecoming week begins as well. Special dress days – slightly different from lower school. US is having a western themed homecoming dance that weekend.
- 2.8.19 in Senior Night at the basketball game. Channel 44 is doing a pep rally blitz that morning at 7 AM. More details to come but we want the gym packed with Eagle spirit!

Primary School update

- 1.21.19 will be our MLK Day of Service – teaching ideas about him and finding ways to participate in varying service projects. Chemo Buddie blankets still need to be completed, door decorating
- Spirit week will begin that Monday. List of special dress days has been shared. Great news – hair dyeing is now acceptable!
- Portfolio night will be 2.5.19 – families are invited into school that evening to let students share their hard work from the first semester!

Head of School update

- Report cards are out for families to view.
- Conferences will be held in February for those needing to meet with teachers, not mandatory in the spring.
- Basketball games are being held over Winter Break, come support the team if you are in town!
- Best December month of annual giving donations in a while. Great news!

- Kevin wants to begin applying for grants. The participation percentage of families, staff and alumni donations is important in grant writing, so trying to increase that statistic.
- Admission is still growing!
- State of the School speech will be given in March during the annual Step Up Night. Future plans and areas of focus will be shared at this time.

Marketing Update

- 2.8.19 is the Channel 44 Morning Blitz! Mrs. Brooks/Rogers have the hour planned filled with exciting spirit activities. Starts at 7 AM, donuts for sale on the way out of the gym. Lots of energy needed and we hope to fill the gym with students, families and staff!
- That evening is senior night at the basketball game.
- Prospective student events are being planned for the spring including current 8th graders, new 9th graders and future JPK kiddos. Those dates haven't been firmed up yet.

Upcoming Events/New Business

Give Back Nights

- DQ (located on Green River) is scheduled for 1.16.19 from 4-9 pm. 10% donated back to the school when a flyer is shown at check out. Volunteer hours will be given to students for handing out flyers at the drive thru/front door.
- Checking with Azzip for a February date.
- McDonalds and Chick-Fil-A will be contacted for future spring dates.

Family Fun night is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019

- Sign Up Genius has been shared to attract volunteers for the evening.
- Constellations and Cocoa will be a new area – families can use telescopes to look at stars. Weather pending. This was an idea of Mrs. Powell.
- Setup will begin at 4.30 PM.
- Still need to confirm where the cupcakes are coming from and who will be picking them up.

Darlings & Dates is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2019

- Family dance for Primary and Middle school students.
- Looks like it will be a western theme. They are hoping to reuse some of the decorations from the upper school dance the week prior.

Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for March 4-8.

- Planning on luncheon for Tuesday the 5, faculty meeting is that afternoon to help with leftovers! 😊

Spring Skating party

- Anna has left multiple messages to schedule a party for Friday, April 12 from 3.30-5.30 pm. Hoping to get confirmation soon.

Archery Tournament

- Being held at EDS January 25-26, lots of volunteers are needed. This is a great way for other families in the community to see our school. Fundraiser for the Archery Club. Sign Up Genius has been shared.

Friends Education & Development

- New fundraising ideas were created in December and reviewed at this meeting.
- How can we turn already scheduled events into smaller fundraisers? Selling tickets for Family Fun Night Activities? \$1 Dance at the Darlings & Dates party or charge for song requests? Charge families for pictures at Darlings & Dates?
- Other ideas – fall family pictures or a spring flower sale

Meeting was adjourned at 6.33 PM by Niki Traylor. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 5.30 pm.