

Friends of EDS

April 8, 2020

Meeting Minutes – Virtual Zoom meeting

In attendance: Amanda Bultemeier, Anna Palmer, Robin Renschler, Mandy Scurry, Misty Eastep, Niki Traylor, Lori Weichmann, Theresa Hamby, Mary Jane Gibson, Kevin Kunst, Julia Hoagland, Katie Slane, Leah Whitaker, Hope Staubitz, Jesse Rodgers, Chris Madras, LG-M327 (how it was listed on the Zoom screen!), Judith Kunst.

Niki brought the meeting to order at 5.03 pm. Throughout the meeting we had a “Chinese Fire Drill” an alarm would sound and we had to grab an item that Niki said aloud – spring theme, sports teams, crazy hat! We looked good!

Everyone was happy to see each other and share how life is going with quarantine orders in place. Different end of the school year than everyone had planned!

Minutes from the March meeting were approved without any changes. Misty made a motion, second by Julia.

Treasurer’s Report

- We are keeping the 2k aside that we had allotted for MS intercession trip – to be used in the fall by those students
- Freezing all finances from the spring until we see how the year ends up.

Department Updates

Head of School

- New fundraising idea being presented by Leah later in the meeting
- Mr. Johnson thoroughly cleaned/sanitized the school and now is focusing on other projects within the school walls
- Need to redo entire school budget for next year
- Used Payroll assistance from government bailout to help with teacher salaries
- Entire staff is working on how to best teach online and how to manage varying skill levels
- Planning some end of the year celebrations/summer events
- Admin team has been amazing!

Primary School

- Pushing out remote learning to all grade levels
- Trying to figure out the multiple levels of instruction needed, while minimizing screen time
- Continue to communicate with teachers on individual needs.
- Extra classes might be more drop in and then families will just focus on reading/math
- Planning on using Mrs. Gladding for social/emotional needs
- Karen Meachum is moving to ATL. Already beginning the process to find a new Pre-K teacher

PAL

- Mr. Sogard is helping create a comfort strap for face masks using the 3-D printer
- Want to share positive stories from entire EDS community, so let Amanda know!

- Need parents, now more than ever, to help spread the word about EDS as enrollment process continues for next year
- Summer Academy – still planning on June 1 opening, full refunds will be given if they are unable to host the program

Upper School

- Google classroom and Ren Web are combining, which should be easier on students and teachers
- Trying to help with the social needs of the kids during these major life changes
- Senior Celebrations – trying to figure out what that looks like
- Needing new assessment options for the final quarter
- MS teachers have 2 Zoom surprises next week
- Keeping students and teachers connected is of utmost importance all around

Development Update

- Online auction – EDS Strong
- Opens April 18-25, live stream finale on April 25 from 6-8 pm.
- Fund an Item options were the other ideas presented by the teachers for the Legence Bank grant – experiences are also listed for the auction (parking space, HOS for a day, etc.)
- SLC wants a local component for fundraising – creating something that would be passed along as a challenge between families

Friends Events

Teacher Appreciation Week

- So glad we were able to celebrate our teachers and staff not knowing it would be our last week together!

Give Back Nights

- Penn Station on March 11 – need to check to see if we made any money from this event

Earth Day

- Friends will be providing a treat for all students in honor of Earth Day on April 22 – packets of seeds being sent to families

Spring Flower Sale

- Cancelled but please think of Rexing's Nursery for your spring flower needs!

Book Fair

- May 4-8 all online. The school still earns Scholastic Dollars to spend for the teachers.

School Supplies

- Online store should be open soon. Selling through June for August delivery.

Retirements

- \$500 gift if the person has worked at EDS for 10+ years and is fully retiring.
- \$250 gift if the person has worked at EDS for 10+ years but moving onto another career
- Less than 10 years being handled on individual basis

2020-2021 EDS Exec board

- President – Niki Traylor
- VP – Mandy Scurry
- Secretary – Laura Goulbourne
- Treasurer – Lori Wiechmann
- US parent coordinator – Theresa Hamby
- MS parent coordinator – Julia Hoagland
- PS parent coordinator – Tammy Kleeman-Dillback

A motion was made _____ and a second by Theresa, new exec board was voted in unanimously!

Other Business

- Should the fall picnic be moved up to help welcome back the families?
- Fall festival – new warmers will be needed to be purchased for the booth

Meeting was adjourned at 6.01 PM by Niki Traylor. Next meeting is scheduled for some time in May!

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Palmer
EDS Friends Secretary