

Friends of EDS
November 6, 2019
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Megan Collins, Sarah Brooks, Marisa Jones, Lori Wiechmann, Keith Wells, Jennifer Braden, Kevin Kunst, Robin Renschler, Mary Jane Gibson, Tammy Kleeman-Dillback, Leah Whitaker, Mandy Scurry, Anna Palmer

Mandy called the meeting to order at 4.30 pm – time was moved up due to the Giving Project Fair (complete success by the fourth grade)! Mandy had created an EDS trivia game from the website, and we were dazzled with the knowledge of the collective group about our school.

Minutes were presented by Anna. A motion was made by Marisa to approve the October minutes without any changes and a second motion was made by Sarah. Minutes were approved.

Fall Festival: October

- Lori presented the financials from the Fall Festival. \$21990 was made overall, \$13664 was our profit!
- Discussed previous year's expenses and were curious if they were similar as in past years. Sold out of many items on Saturday.
- Need more experienced captains next year for opening and closing the booth
- Need to have previous volunteers combined with new volunteers on each shift – not only new families on a shift
- Captains need an email with responsibilities before the week of Fall Festival
- Need a male counterpart to work the booth on Friday and Saturday night
- Next year choose a theme – house, grade levels, 80s night, etc for each evening shift. Might entice more volunteers
- Create a shift for teachers from 4-7 pm, they are willing to help, just can't make the timing work out
- Could have an after school 2-5 pm shift and allow families to use After Care for free until the kids need to be picked up at 5.30
- BBQ potatoes weren't worth the effort and the cost. Use that space for more taco meat.
- Contact Nancy Hodge for a new drink contract
- Poonam Bhasin is willing to donate Fritos for the Walking Tacos
- Ask Jeff Kelsey if he'd be willing to donate the potatoes once again
- Purchase more small sized gloves for next year
- Two chairs for this event – let the Eastep family handle the food needs (if they are willing to tackle it again next year) then have one chairperson for volunteers and logistics

Head of School update

- Food drive between the houses is going really well – excellent source of a little friendly competition
- Preview night for High School is 11.12.19 – please share the information on Facebook
- Discover Why day is 11.19.19
- Fall festival debrief next week with Niki and Eastep family

Middle & Upper School update

- Tremendous sports season! Last minute pep assemblies kept creeping up and tons of school spirit.
- Seniors are out on Rotary Club shadow day.
- MS speech team is rocking! Tournament is 11.19.19
- Spelling Bee, US Speech, Academic bowl teams will all begin soon
- HS students are choosing second semester classes
- 8th graders will start shadowing HS classes in November
- SLC is still a great success – kids have more pride in their school than ever and feel more of a sense of ownership.

Primary School Update

- Thanks for a great Gnome Night, Halloween parade and Giving Project
- Way to go Tammy on the pumpkin decorating table – it was terrific!
- Teachers and parents really liked the indoor s'mores, that will continue in the future!
- New Book Club will begin in October for parents/friends of EDS. There will be in person meetings held as well as online Facebook groups. There will be a link in the Facebook group to order the book of choice – Teaching with Love and Logic. Launch date is set for 11.13 and 12.4.19
- Megan and Sarah asked to see the information collected at our summer retreat in regards to parent interest to help find speakers/books to focus on those interests

PAL Update

- Thanksgiving email will be going out for students to opt out of lunch. Plenty of volunteers have already stepped up to help
- Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year will be released soon
- First gala meeting was held – discussing new location for this year. Game Night will be the theme – Leah is most excited about the Plinko board!

Trivia Night

- Complete success earning about \$3000, waiting to hear back on a few final numbers
- Need to find a better date next year with everything else booked on the internal calendar
- Excellent to see non-EDS families in attendance
- Half time costume contest was a complete hit!

- Leah has a “Square” reader for events/fall festival. More information on how this can be used in the coming months.

Holiday Luncheon for Teachers is December 11, 2019

- Katie Slane is in charge of this event. More info to be shared in coming weeks.

Holiday Tea Friday, December 20, 2019

- Theresa Hamby chair the event.
- Asking families to make cookies to share. We will decide how many dozen each baker should bring.

Family Fun night is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020 – still needing a chair to coordinate.

Meeting was adjourned at 5.37 pm by Mandy Scurry. Next meeting will be December 4, 2019 at 5.30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Palmer
Secretary, Friends of EDS