

Friends of EDS
January 8, 2020
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Mary Jane Gibson, Katie Slane, Judith Kunst, Misty Eastep, Kevin Kunst, Amanda Bultemeier, Robin Renschler, Theresa Hamby, Niki Traylor, Anna Palmer, Mandy Scurry, Tammy Kleeman-Dillback

Niki called the meeting to order at 5.43 PM. We started the night with a “Minute for Mindfulness” with Mary Jane. It was a lovely way to get focused and is used in the MS/US to help students get centered during their school days.

Minutes were approved from the December meeting without any adjustments or corrections. Motion to approve minutes made by Katie Slane, second by Theresa Hamby.

Treasurer’s Report

- Under budget for holiday luncheon
- Checks arrived for the giveback night at Wayback Burgers and another donation from the Trivia Night

Department Updates

Upper School update

- Lock In is on Saturday for the 8th graders after the basketball game – plenty of activities planned
- MLK day of service – US kids are splitting up to travel to various volunteer activities that day. MS students are planning stations for the PS students to participate in that day.
- Saturday, January 25 is a Turnabout Dance, being held this year instead of homecoming dance!
- Lots of peer tutors this year!

Primary School update

- Polar Express was a complete success in December!
- MLK activities are being planned by the MS students
- Gingerbread Man is on the loose for the JPK students on January 30, where will he travel this year?
- New professional development opportunities have been discovered through various webinars
- Portfolio Night will be held February 4, 2020
- Global Day of Play is February 5, 2020

Head of School update

- Gifts and holiday luncheon were terrific – thank you
- Holiday tea was a great way to connect the EDS community
- New security updates throughout the school – new camera for the front door (better visibility when allowing people in the building) electronic sign in/out procedure being used, visitor badges are now being printed using the picture from their driver’s license
- Archery tournament is happening at the end of January – this is a great way to show families outside of EDS our facilities, lots of volunteers are needed for this event
- Homecoming is Saturday – white out, bring napkins to donate to UCS. Napkin drive is being organized by the cheerleaders.
- Hosting our first high school speech meet next Thursday.
- Another home basketball game has been added for next Saturday, January 18, 2020

Upcoming Events/New Business

Give Back Nights

- Vertical eXcape is Monday, January 20, 2020 – go climb and we get 20% back!

Family Fun Night is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020

- Co-chairs have contacted previous vendors
- Robotics can use the music room
- Home Depot will attend this year and will be placed in the iLab
- Jeans and house shirts are allowed that day!

Darlings & Dates is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2020

- Family dance for Primary and Middle school students.
- Candy Land is the theme – Steffney is working on the details.

Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for March 9-13 – Tammy is in charge of this week!

Goal Review

- Looked back at the goals we had discussed at the summer retreat – pleased with how we have improved in many areas this year!
- Planning on hosting some parent education opportunities. Judith invited us to a conference being sponsored by Youth First on “Strategies for Parenting Stress” to be held on February 3, 2020 at the Southern IN Career & Technical Center at 6 PM. It’s free!
- Holly’s House will be attending the next Friends meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 explaining their school program to our parents. Jeans passes will be handed out for those in attendance!

Meeting was adjourned at 6.18 PM by Niki. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5.30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Palmer
Secretary, Friends of EDS