March 2017 Friends of Evansville Day School Minutes

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Those in attendance: Hope Staubitz, Erica Kissinger, Misty Eastep, Amanda Bultemeier, Niki Traylor, Jarin Jaffee, Helen Christian, Robin Renschler, Teresa Hamby

Jarin Jaffee reported that Step Up Night was very successful and thanked Friends for attending and speaking to the parents. Art in the Atrium is coming up with artist Mathew Powers displaying his works about Art and Gaming. The event is for ages 21 and older. Amanda Bultemeier was thanked for her had work on the Eagle Pride magazine. Intersession is coming up soon, with the help of Friends it will be 5 full days. 5 EDS teachers will be presenting at the upcoming 4Cs conference. Jose Mota recently won an award and Soi Powell continues to receive grants and take on adventurous professional development opportunities. Gala has met its sponsorship goal. Enrollment contracts will be sent out soon to current students as well as many new enrollees. The Op Shop will be having a "Refresh and Invigorate" work day March 19th from 10:00-3:00.

Robin Renschler reports that March is a very busy month in the Primary School. ISTEP for grades 3-8 went smoothly and Robin thanked Dr. Mary Jane Gibson and Blake Oeth for their help. IRead will be administered later this month. March events include Dr. Seuss's birthday, Read Across America/Dress like a Book character day, and an ice cream sundae party. March 7 will be The Giving Project presentations. The 4th grade surpassed their goals this year. Friday will be the Pre-Kindergarten Dinosaur Parade from 10:00-11:00 AM. Intersession will "Peace Week" in the Primary School.

The Upper School report was given by Jarin Jaffee. Bring Your Own Device will be coming to the Upper School (grades 5-12). Sectionals are tonight at Wood Memorial. David Wu has been hired as the new tennis coach.

Amanda Bultemeier reports that the Summer Academy registration is now available on the website. There will also be a Middle School program this year from 12:00-3:00pm the first and last two weeks of Summer Academy. Topics will include robotics, art, coding, and woodworking.

Hope Staubitz reports that Friends is going to host a Spring Flower Sale and School Supply Box Sale. Save the Dates for the Darlings and Dates Dance will be sent soon.

Erica Kissinger reported that Teacher Appreciation Week planning is well under way. Plans include massages, ice cream treats, a luncheon, breakfasts, and other treats and gifts. Niki Traylor will make SignUp Geniuses for volunteers to sign up to bring food, provide treats, to cover classes during the luncheon, etc. These will be send out after Spring Break.

Interest was again expressed about gift cards as a fundraiser. More research will be done.

Teresa Hamby made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, Niki Traylor seconded.