

Friends of EDS
September 4, 2019
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Katie Slane, Mandy Scurry, Tammy Kleeman-Dillback, Lori Wiechmann, Leah Oeth, Laura Goulbourne, Bill James, Stephen Montgomery, Amanda Bultemeier, Robin Renschler, Troy Vaupel, Kevin Kunst, Hope Staubitz, Niki Traylor, Anna Palmer

Niki opened the meeting at 5.32 pm. She opened the meeting explaining the “why” behind why she stays involved in the school. May we all figure out our “why” and share with others to build attendance at meetings! Then we played an action-packed game of “Find someone who...” it allowed us to walk around and find out some interesting facts about our fellow Friends members!

Minutes were presented from the August meeting. A motion was made by Bill, second by Steve, to accept the minutes without any changes or corrections! Minutes were approved.

Head of School update

- Working to help ease the transition of new families and faculty to the school.
- Board retreat recently occurred to help with long range planning. Strong and positive relationship between head of school and the board.

Upper School update

- Intercession trips have been announced – some of the highlights are Puerto Rico, Washington DC and camping. Also bringing back Adulthood 101 to learn some basic “survival skills” upon entering college years and beyond - Can you change a tire? 😊
- Student Leadership Council (SLC) has been created and has been very well received. Allows for more student involvement in all aspects of the school – ambassadors, House committee, academics, co-curricular, service. Committees are being formed this week.
- Science teachers are presenting at a conference as well, love all of the professional development opportunities

Primary School update

- Kids managed to stay clean and not sweaty before picture day. Kudos to the PS staff!
- Gnome Night is Thursday, October 3. Space theme – going where no Gnome has gone before! 😊 Friends organization has covered pumpkin painting station in the past and will do so again this year. Making sure to have parent volunteers to assist with that station, so that it doesn’t fall to teachers. Tammy is organizing this event – securing pumpkins and decorating supplies!
- Dot Day is Friday, September 13. Kids can wear dots on their clothes – will Kevin dazzle us again with a polka dot sock option?
- September 20 is the International Day of Peace, activities planned
- Preschool playground update is almost complete. Families have helped out and the kids are loving it! What could be better than a mud kitchen?
- Betsy Gladding attended a handwriting seminar and is now overseeing that aspect of the curriculum throughout primary school.
- Katie Bocking attended a seminar on visualization in math. She’s already used some of the strategies she learned in the CAS room.

- Pre-K team will once again be presenting at the NAEYC conference
- Sarah Brooks is presenting at a conference to complete her administrative degree
- Halloween parade is October 31!

PAL

- New family Facebook page, trying to add another layer of communication to help inform/answer questions about upcoming events
- EDS will be running television ads during the fall college football games!
- Share and like on social media to help encourage new families to inquire about joining our school

All School Picnic – September from 1-4 PM

- Need bounce house monitors and more volunteers for clean-up crew
- Mums will be delivered Saturday AM at 8.15. Four volunteers will be there to unload/organize
- Mums will be there for pick up, please have families stop by the Friends table first so we know who has taken them home
- Friends table will sell tickets for the US games, money will be given to the various clubs after the event
- Can we email the new families to help explain about the event or use the Facebook page to describe?

Give Back Night: September 24

- TX Roadhouse, school gets 10% back
- Mandy will find out if this would apply to carry out orders

Fall Festival: October 7-11

- Puppy chow, walking tacos, PB&J, drinks... biggest Friends fundraiser of the year!
- Puppy chow ingredients will be collected September 16-30. Will make a Target wish list so that items can be directly delivered to school.
- Booth clean out event on September 20
- Puppy chow making is Friday, October 4 held in MS kitchen
- Potato baking volunteers now get to wash, wrap and bake! Aluminum wraps will be given to them upon pick up of boxes. Bakers will only manage 30 potatoes per box this year.
- Requesting three shift captains for each day. Hoping to use House system to help fill volunteers, no points will be given just a fun way to select volunteers

Fall tailgate event Friday, September 27 at 4.30 pm

- Created to help support fall sports and increase overall school spirit! US girls soccer game vs. Bosse
- School will provide food, Friends organization will provide bounce houses and grilling volunteers
- Points given to Houses for kids wearing shirts.

Trivia Night Friday, November 1

- Adults only
- Fundraiser through table sales
- Creating a committee to plan this event

Value added survey – handed out at the last meeting. Trying to bring in an educational piece to our meetings, TED talks, etc. The top three focus areas were raising responsible people, empowering children and fostering creativity in kids/emotional intelligence. If you have an idea on a speaker to bring in for any of these ideas, please share!

Jeans pass will be handed out at the October meeting for all families in attendance!

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 5.30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6.26 PM by Niki Traylor.