

**Friends of Evansville Day School Zoom Meeting**  
**January 19, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Sarah Brooks, Laura Goulbourne, Amanda Scurry, Soi Powell, Alice Galbreath, Anna Palmer, Niki Traylor, Kevin Kunst, Holly Ziemer, Lauren Hartmayer, Ilfa Zhulamanova, Amanda Bultemeier, Angela Craft

Sarah Brooks brought the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. November meeting minutes were approved.

First order of business was to thank all those that helped with the staff luncheon and holiday tea: Stephanie Schwake, Meghan Ray, Laura Fair, Amy Wagoner, Holly Morozov, Kristin Wintner, Anna Palmer, Amanda Overby, Anna Vance, Tammy Kleeman-Dillback, Amanda Bultemeier, Jenny Ahmed, Mandy Scurry, Lora Arneberg, Carla Englebright, Laura Goulbourne, and Judith Kunst. An additional thank you was extended to room parents/division liaisons for coordinating the classroom coverage.

**Funding Request:**

- Angela Craft requested \$500 to assist in funding her 8<sup>th</sup> grade English class for a field trip to a Holocaust Museum.
- The money will go towards transportation and gas
- Motion put forth by Laura Goulbourne, seconded by Niki Traylor
- Motion was approved

**Financial Report:** Provided by Sarah Brooks

There have been no significant changes since our last meeting

**Event Updates:**

- **Staff Luncheon**
- Soups, salads, and desserts
- Chen family donated food from their restaurant
- Decorations were provided by Mandy Scurry
- Table settings were provided by Meghann Ray
- Gift and cards were given to the staff
- **Holiday Tea**
- Cookies and treats to go were provided by Day School parents and very few were left over
- Recipes were displayed

**Head of School Update given by Kevin Kunst:**

- There are quarantine guidelines have been implemented and a little “bumpy” as people acclimate to new set of rules
- The entire school is now masked due to new quarantine rules
- There has been a greater amount of COVID cases in the primary school
- The goal is to stay in school and leaved to be able to do so far with the help of substitute teachers

**PAL Update given by Amanda Bultemeier:**

- Working on Gala which is set for April 23, 2022
- The theme is “Diamond Gala” to go along with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school
- Looking for parents to partner to join the Gala committee, help with baskets, etc.

**Middle and Upper School Update given by Holly Ziemer:**

- Mrs. Ziemer states that she is grateful to Friends for the generosity shown to the faculty/staff during the holidays
- She is also grateful to parents for keeping children at home when they are ill
- Next week is spirit week with Friday being Homecoming
- There is an archery tournament this weekend and they are looking for volunteers
- Next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the PSAT
- Basketball Senior Night is Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The progressive dinner for the upper school is Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>
- All events will be masked

**Primary School Update given by Soi Powell:**

- Mrs. Renschler is in the UK currently. She is setting up Zoom meeting and finding books to relate to her trip
- The Primary School continues to adapt and remain flexible due to the increased COVID numbers

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Family Fun Night**
  - Has been postponed from original date due to interactive nature of the event and increased COVID cases within the community
  - Future dates of March 7-11 were suggested with the group deciding to reschedule the event for Monday, March 7th
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
  - March 7-11
  - Mandy Scurry volunteered to chair the event; looking for additional committee members
  - Will need a theme for the week and themes for each day
- **Darlings and Dates**
  - it was questioned whether to keep, change, or do away with the event
  - It was decided to push the event back after Family Fun Night and possibly putting a ticket price/fee to recoup some of the expense of the event

**Book Study:**

- Second Nature by Erin Clabough, PhD which incorporates neuroscience into parenting
- We encourage you to buy/borrow this book now and start reading
- An audio clip of the preface was played
- Discussion Question #1:
  - “The book defines empathy, creativity, and self-control as the interrelated skills necessary for self-regulation. How can we, as parents and educators, present opportunities to develop these skills?”

**Additional Announcements:**

We will continue with zoom and in-person meetings this semester based on the current situation. We will plan to stick with evening meetings for now based on feedback from previous meetings.

If you are not already a member of Friends, let us know so we can connect you with Ashley.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Goulbourne  
EDS Friends Secretary