

**EPS PA General Meeting
April 16th, 2019**

Claudia Bayer – PA President

Claudia opened the meeting by welcoming a large group of parents to the last PA meeting of the year. Claudia then gave an overview of what the PA does, and recent events organized by the PA. These events included the Winter Perk Me Up Gift bags for faculty/staff, the Winter Celebration for parents and faculty/staff and the Valentines event for faculty/staff.

Claudia then moved on to a PA budget update. The PA has budgeted \$3400 on Community events (grade level picnic, socials and the ice cream social), \$3000 on Faculty/Staff Appreciation and \$600 on parent support (PA general meetings, class rep, committee and kitchen/facilities appreciation)

Claudia thanked all Parent Reps who helped organize many student/parent events this school year. She hopes that many parents will return to these roles again next year.

Claudia thanked the PA Executive Committee and Vickie Baldwin and Brittany Williams for their hard work during the school year.

Upcoming School Events include:

- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on May 2nd and 3rd
- 7/8 Spring Dance on May 10th 7-9PM in the LPC
- Faculty/Staff year end Thank you on May 17th
- All School Musical – James and the Giant Peach on May 22nd-24th , 7PM
- 5/6 Social on May 24th 3:30-5:30PM in the LPC
- Sports Banquet on May 28th 6PM in the TALI
- 9/10 Social on May 31st 4-6PM in the TMAC
- Junior/Senior Prom on June 1st

Voting for new Executive Committee – Vickie Baldwin opened the floor for a vote on the Parent Association Executive Committee. All members on the committee this year will be returning next year and the vote in the room was unanimous. Your 2019-2020 Parent Association Executive Committee consists of:

- President – Claudia Bayer
- Treasurer – Deepika Sadahiro
- Secretary – Patti Saunry
- Volunteer Coordinator – Heather Burkey
- Staff/Faculty Appreciation – Jenni Heuberger and Ellen Schneider
- Hospitality – Xixi Shakes, Cindy Goetzman and Shairose Gulamani

Open Volunteer Positions:

- PA Executive - Staff Appreciation Committee – 2 people
- Grade level Parent Reps
- April/May – Team Parent for sports teams needed
- May – help needed with Sports Banquet for set-up, tear down and decorating

- 11th Grade Parents to help decorate the tent for the senior dinner

Please contact Vickie Baldwin or Claudia Bayer if you are interested in any of these volunteer positions

Brian Hutcheson – Director of Fine and Performing Arts

Brian said that the students and faculty are really pleased with their new facilities. Students are able to stretch themselves a little more with new ideas in the more creative spaces that are available to them. There was good feedback from parents for splitting up the end of term concerts into 2 events. There was a question if new cameras will be purchased for photography classes. Hutch said that some new equipment will be purchased, including cameras and lenses as the program continues to grow. A question about whether students who play non-traditional instruments (not orchestra) will get a chance to participate in music classes. They are giving some thought as to how to add this to the program.

Bess McKinney –Equity, Inclusion and Compassionate Leadership Coordinator

Ms. McKinney gave the parents an overview of what the goals are for Equity, Inclusion and Compassionate Leadership at EPS. This year is just the beginning and it started with the Upper School Students where they had meetings that discussed norms, changes in the world and then partner debriefs of these meetings. The school also coordinated MS and US assemblies on gender identity and on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. After these assemblies there were advisory debriefs of these topics.

Cheryl Miller – Director of Enrollment Management

Application Growth this year was 30%. School is continuing to grow. There will be 83 - 9th graders next year and enrollment grows from the current 456 students to 491 next year. There is a commitment to grow financial aid to 10% in the near future to further diversify the student population. There is a continuing commitment to neural diversity at the school. And geographic diversity is increasing at the school as more students come from further away to attend EPS.

Beginning next year, there will no longer be early sibling admission for 5th and 6th graders.

Dr. Terry Macaluso – Head of School

There was a question about new faculty for next year. There are 8 open positions, 3 of which are replacements for faculty who are leaving and the rest being new positions.

Bart Gummere will be helping this summer with the transition for the new Upper School Head and the expectation is that this will all go smoothly.

No summer programs for students this summer. There will also, thankfully, be no construction.

There are no new building plans in the works at this time.

The capital campaign was successful and all funds that were needed were donated by our generous parent community.

Closing Announcement

Claudia thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9AM.