

**EPS PA General Meeting  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Claudia Bayer – PA President**

Claudia Bayer opened the meeting by welcoming the large group of parents in attendance. Claudia said that the next meeting will have a change of venue to accommodate all parents. Claudia introduced the PA Executive Committee and described their roles.

Claudia described what the PA has been up to so far this year. The events included the Ice Cream Social, the Fall Premiere event, grade level coffees and socials, and the Fall Harvest Bounty staff/faculty Appreciation event.

Upcoming events include:

- December goodie Bags for staff and faculty
- January Winter Celebration for parents, staff and faculty to be held on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Valentine Student Fun Event and a Valentine Extravaganza for staff and faculty.

Claudia described ways for parents to get involved at EPS. We have staff/faculty appreciation events, hospitality events, class rep positions, as well as theatre and athletics volunteer opportunities.

**Paul Hagan – Dean of Students**

Paul Hagan talked about EBC Week with the parents. EBC Week is an opportunity for students to explore the wider world around them. There are local, national and international trips available. Grades 5, 6 and 7 participate in class trips, 8<sup>th</sup> graders gets to choose from 3 trips. The Upper School had 15 trips offered this year to students. This year all students were given either their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. Two trips for the Upper School did not fill and were subsequently cancelled.

Placement for trips gives seniors priority and then juniors. This year all seniors got their first choice. When filling out a trip, gender balance will play a role in placement as well.

EBC Information Night will be held on March 5, 2019 from 7-8PM. This is for both parents and students. Since this is an all school event, there will be no potluck held on that evening.

A parent asked if they could get information about trips earlier than March 5<sup>th</sup>. Paul said that most chaperones will be contacting the students and parents in the next week or so, especially for international trips with more details about vaccine and travel document requirements.

Another parent asked if they could request specific trips to occur. Paul said that their most popular trips happen every two years and if you have a specific request to please email him.

**Cheryl Miller – Director of Enrollment Management**

Applications for next school year are outpacing applications completed last year. Sibling early decision for 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be ending next year (fall 2019 – for entry fall 2020) but early decision for 5<sup>th</sup> grade will continue. There has been a doubling of applications for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall over last fall.

Re-enrollment contracts will be sent out to parents on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the contracts will be due back on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Kim Eng – Director of Athletics**

Kim announced a new position in the PA: Cindy Goetzmann will be the lead parent sports booster. She will be the bridge between the athletics department and parent Sports Boosters for individual sports. Sports Booster parents will be helping coaches organize snacks and end of season parties, help with homecoming preparations and the end of the year sports banquet.

Kim spoke of the basketball season that has just begun and how large the student participation is in the sport this winter. Kim reminded parents to please register for sports before the deadlines. It is difficult for her to plan on how many teams she will need to form if registrations come in after the deadline.

One parent mentioned that since she had signed up her child for winter sports before the end of last school year she didn't think she needed to register again. Kim said that yes, you did need to register again and she would be sure to make that clear in the emails for spring sports registration. Spring sports registration emails will be sent out in January and will also be in the weekly Friday emails.

Kim is working on getting more basketball games for Middle School teams, but there is a shortage of officials right now.

Kim mentioned that Mr. Castro is organizing a Pep Rally Band to perform at basketball games 3-4 times this season. She also encouraged parents to come out to games and cheer on the EPS teams.

Upper School Girls Ultimate will begin practice in late February and the Middle School teams will start in early March.

### **Closing Announcement**

Claudia thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50AM.