

EPS PA Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
May 10th, 2012

In Attendance

Anne Corley
Vickie Baldwin
Lisa Brashem
Karen Triebes
Vandana Chalana
Diane Najm
Betsy Smith
Debbie Nussbaum
Desiree Eden
Alice Ryan

Written Update from Executive Committee in Absentia

None submitted.

Budget

Karen Triebes presented the proposed budget for 2012-13. The executive committee reviewed all budget items and adjustments were made as discussed. Special attention was paid to the Fall Harvest Event and whether or not the expenses for this event should be included in the PA budget. Further work will be done on budget estimates for the Fall Harvest Event to determine what a reasonable amount for “overage” might be, and that amount will be added to the PA budget.

Discussion also ensued regarding expenses for retaining outside speakers for the evening General Meetings. It was decided the \$750 in the budget for an Executive Workshop would be divided in three, and \$500 would be allocated to two evening General Meetings for possible use to retain speakers.

Discussion ensued on what it takes to interest and engage the parent community—a speaker, an event, opportunities to get students to participate in some way to present to the parents.

A line item was added under Staff Events for an Evening Crew Dinner for Sammi’s staff.

PA Roles and Responsibilities

The Executive Committee reviewed this document prior to the meeting. Diane Najm proposed Betsy Smith be her co-chair as VP of Volunteerism and will be an assistant to Diane in her role.

Lisa Brashem will post the new document to the PA website.

2012-13 Calendar

The Executive Committee reviewed the calendar prior to the meeting.

Thursday was chosen for Executive Committee meetings. Desiree Eden said she would set aside ½-hour before and after meetings for deeper discussion and committee work. It was decided to alternate between an 8 a.m. meeting and a 2 pm. meeting. We will be flexible as to participants' schedules and changes might evolve as the year goes on. A "dial-in" opportunity will exist next year.

Anne Corley discussed how to further engage the PA community. Short brainstorming ensued about how to ask for input and communication from parents.

Year End Events

Ice Cream Socials

Discussion ensued regarding sign ups for volunteers. Class Reps sent out a google doc to ask for parents to volunteer. Class Reps will be asked to resend a reminder.

Senior Dinner—June 13th

Continuation Breakfast—June 14th

Volunteers are needed for the night before for set up. Class Reps will be asked to resend a reminder.

Spring Adult Event

The adult event will be the Fall Harvest. As an aside, a building dedication will take place at the end of August.

Other Business

Desiree spoke about ways to connect members of the Executive Committee and other Class Reps, outside our work at EPS, specifically so we can support each other's volunteer work outside our school.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Brashem