

EPS PA General Meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2011

In Attendance

Anne Corley	Liz Hunt
Desiree Eden	Valerie Horvath
Lisa Brashem	Chris Lang
Vickie Baldwin	Debbie Dimmer
Laurie Goetsch	Kim Merino
Liesl Bohan	Janet Friedberg

Additional members of the school community attended the meeting.

Words from Dr. Terry Macaluso

The timeline on construction of the new building is for completion by the end of this school year, but it is hard to predict if completion will be as planned. Elevation sketches were unveiled. The theater will seat 350 people and there will also be some classrooms, music and theater rooms, a set room and a full-service cafeteria. The building will be an all-school gathering spot.

Dr. Macaluso asked how parents would feel if EPS tuition increased by \$1,000 and included food services? Discussion ensued about the benefits and drawbacks. School lunch/food debit cards were suggested.

Introductions

Anne Corley welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Executive Committee was introduced, as was Vickie Baldwin, Staff Liaison. Class Reps and parent community also introduced themselves.

PA Mission

The purpose of the EPSPA is to promote community, hospitality and school volunteerism.

Budget

The total PA budget for the year is \$6,450. Karen Triebes submitted a change to the budget in the area of Class Picnics. There was an excess of \$145 from the picnics, which will be put into the Staff Appreciation budget.

Hospitality

Fall Harvest Event at The Bellevue Club (October 21st)

This event provides the parent community an opportunity to mingle with faculty and staff in an informal setting. Desiree Eden talked about the details of the event. The invitations were sent by Paperless Post. Grade level reps also sent out emails to their classes. The faculty and staff's cost to attend the event is underwritten by the school. There will be nametags at the event with ribbons indicating the grade level of your student(s).

Halloween Bowling (October 30th from 4-6 p.m. at Tech City Bowl)

This event is sponsored by the 6th grade class. It is a costume party with bowling. It has been well advertised this year. Tickets are available in advance and order forms are on EPSnet on the PA website. Class Reps have also sent emails to families regarding the event. The cost is \$6/child and covers everything. Families need to pay in advance. Volunteers are needed. This event is different from the Halloween Party at school on Thursday, October 27th.

Lucky Strike Adult Event (Date to be determined in January or February)

This will be a casual, adult event.

Staff Appreciation

Friday, October 28th, is the first staff appreciation event. No volunteers are needed. The PA is hosting a catered lunch for the staff.

School Policies

Anne asked that everyone be aware of the following school policies:

--No alcohol at school-sponsored events, including picnics. Faculty/staff are not permitted to attend an event where alcohol is served and students are present.

--Class reps no longer have to organize class gatherings other than picnics. The reps' responsibility is to communicate with grade level families about school-related information, but they are not responsible for planning class parties. Discussion ensued about how to organize a class list for other parents or students to get class events together. The EPS directory is a good source to gather emails and contact information.

Guest Speaker—Dr. Kelly Moore

Dr. Moore's discussion was about social/emotional learning at EPS.

Next General Meeting

Thursday, January 12th, 2012, 8 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Brashem.