

Elm School PTO General Meeting

Date and time: 1/8/14 1:45 pm
Location: Elm School Faculty Lounge
Host: Erin Doppke
Attendees:

Called to Order at 1:45

Welcome and Approve Minutes

Report of Officers, Principal and Faculty

President Erin Doppke (erin@doppke.com, 630-234-8498)

- Hope all had a great break!
- Now seeking people to serve on the **Nominating Committee**. **Must have together by Jan 31.**
 - Needs to be at least 5 people total: one must be the principal, and no more than 2 officers
 - Traditionally chaired by the Prez Elect – OK Cath?
 - Members of committee are appointed by Exec Committee but we want to appoint people who are interested
 - [I will schedule an Exec Board meeting for end of Jan for the purpose of appointing the people on this committee (and talking about evening fundraiser)]
 - The Nominating Committee does two things:
 1. Selects nominees for the Executive Committee (that’s the Prez, Prez Elect, VP-Ways & Means, VP-Volunteers, VP-Programs, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Secretary, Co-Secretary)—we vote on these
 2. Identify and appoint committee chairpersons for the upcoming year (no voting)
 - **Timeline (blue = required by bylaws):**
 - **Now – April 8: Figure out who wants to do what**
 - Contact all current chairs and Exec Board members and find out who is interested in continuing on next year, and in what capacity
 - “Publish notice to the general PTO” (through an email from Jeana to the families) that any member of the PTO may submit an individual name for nomination to the PTO Executive Board
 - Pull together those nominations
 - Check with nominated people to make sure they’re interested – no one may be nominated without their consent
 - For vacant positions, find others who are interested
 - For Exec Board, make sure people are currently members (must be members for 30 days at time of swearing in)
 - **April 9 meeting (“30 days before second to last meeting”): Finalize the slate of Exec Board candidates, present list of Committee Chairs**
 - Nominating Committee presents two things:
 - Slate of candidates for the Executive Committee
 - Appointments for Committee Chairs
 - We take any nominations for the Executive Committee from the floor
 - **May 14 meeting (“second to last meeting of year”): Officer election day**
 - Done by voice except where there are more nominees than positions, in which case we do it by ballot
 - June 4 meeting (last meeting of year): 2014-2015 Officers assume their positions
- No PTO Presidents’ Meeting

President-Elect

Catherine Dietrich

VP Ways & Means**Dawn Wood**

- Running a Valentine's Day Box Top collection
- Party details are coming together
- Please save the date for March 22! David Steinis has been booked; Ruth Lake; invitations will be sent out 1st week of February.

VP Programs**Cate Cook and Lori Brackett****VP Volunteers****Ivona Rocque**

Volunteers needed for Great Books, please sign up.

Treasurers**Trista Negele and Bhavani Ravi****Secretaries****Sheri Shaker and Diane Ray****Principal****Jeana Considine**

District wide new telephone system Elm School 630-861-4000; each teacher has their own line but will not be available to answer during school hours. New door by kindergarten room.

We have new students. There are 31 different languages among the students here.

- Working with the PTO to provide technology
- Buddy Bench idea: 2nd graderS sent a proposal to Foundation to decorate a bench we presently have to accommodate children that sit there to gain a new friendship.
- Fourth grade presentation: Ms. Barcus & Ms. Recktenwall presented how critical thinking and writing impacts the students in studying science, physics in motion and geology in a systematically way of learning as they prepare for the future. How use the library with Mrs. Berry for the research. In the coming ISAT testing the 4th grader will be tested on science. In the end all of this leads to the new Common Core curriculum. Mr. Haeger will be going to Fermilab to institute a friendship learning advise for the school.

Faculty**Jill Berry**

Battle of the Books district wide is January 27, 2014 at 4pm. Please come to support one of the eight teams that will compete.

Committee Reports**Angel Care Network****Deborah Kloubec****Art Awareness****Hala Alhindi****Artsonia****Joy Witt****Book Fair****Jean Ma****Chess Club****Terri Miller****Communication****Catherine Deitrich, Ashley Rowe, & Christina Coate****Community Service****Maddie Schaik**

A report was sent via email of past community services that were impact by the Elm School students. LOVE.

Directory**Sung-Lana Kim****Elm Garden****Liz Thorton****Family Fun****Terri Miller****Family Resource Network****Nadine Gilbert****Health and Safety****Sarah Nadeem****Junior Great books****Stacy Kinnas****Welcome Coffee****Stacy Kinnas****Nominating Committee****TBD****Room Parents****Christina Coate****Science Expo****Sue & Ross Sproveri**

:The science fair is 1/30/2014; last day sign 1/15/2014; welcoming all to enter

SELAS**Hala Alhindi and Lena Touleimat**

**Special Lunch
Spiritwear
Teacher Appreciation
Yearbook**

**Nadine Gilbert, Gonzalo Montoya, & Monica Guttmann
Carla Cooper and Monique Thanos
Sondra Fowler and Ann Marie Ward
Sarah Martinath and Monica Sehgal**

Old Business

New Business

Adjourned at 2:50pm

Notes submitted this 08th of 0114 by Diane Ray.