

Elm School PTO Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: February, 2016 from 1:50-3 p.m.

Attendees: Trista Negele, Hala Hindi, Jen Donnan, Erin Doppke, Jen Lobraco, Gopi Ahuja, Dawn Woods, Jill Berry, Jacqui Parrillo, Jeana Considine, Karla Van Fleet, Monica Guttman, Julie Bryant (Selas), Natalia Alum

Location: Elm School

- **Call to Order by Trista Negele (President Elect)**
- **President/President Elect Report-Trista Negele**
 - Approval of Oct, Dec and Jan minutes
 - Will not know by April for new technology
 - Bini Patel was rep for Elm Digital Initiative, no longer. Haha Hindi volunteer to replace
 - Presentation of Beliefs statement tomorrow
- **VP Tech-Erin Doppke/Katie Mueller**
- Presidents meeting asking to budget for technology. District budgeting for new technology is unclear.
 - Does our PTO need a budget for it? Case by case
 - Right now most of the technology comes through our PTO.
 - Not all schools have same PTO support. .79-1 ratio at Elm. HMS ratio much lower
 - 3,000 tools in district, but need 4,000
 - Our district a little behind on technology compared to surrounding districts. Need to keep up to prepare our children
 - Feedback on DLI belief statements tomorrow/tonight at DLI meeting
 - Tied in to strategic plan
 - Belief statement should clarify it is not the responsibility of PTO to cover the cost
 - Should be provided by district if goal
 - Need access to tech by teacher/district. All kids should have the same technology
 - Elm PTO gifted money to district and can be redistributed to rest of district
 - Need something aspirational in the belief statement. Skills being targeted should be defined
 - Bullets are hyper linked to other websites to explain
 - A lot of new testing in digital, so exposure to kids should be the same
- **Dr. White**

- Presidents report - Nominating committee situated. If anyone is interested please let us know. Anybody is welcome in any/all positions

- **Treasurer-Jen Donnan**

- Need auditor for Jun 15/Jan 16
 - Monica Guttman volunteered

- **MRC Director-Jill Berry**

- Website has One School, One Book

- **Fundraiser: Jacqui Parrillo**

- Gathering auction items
- Tent/Food/Auctioneer/Photo Booth/Artist
- Collection table on fine arts night
- Plant Sale in May at Verngoers
- **District Reps**
 - HMS design concept, financing, strategic plan
 - Thursday weekly communications just for HMS reference
 - Facility challenges - portables, parent meeting space, collaboration, design not access friendly/inefficient gym in old storage, 40 years old, bad lighting, HVAC, roof, parking
 - Facility committee: Objective measures for benchmark. HMS stands alone in amount of work needed. New building would take 1-1.5 years. Classes would continue as usual
 - Commons: cafeteria, club meetings, stage new design for auditorium, fitness center upgraded, green space instead of artificial turf
 - Design chosen: \$65million. Design based on innovation
 - 3rd Floor height less than current HMS. Traditional look fits with downtown look
 - Alternate bid for open area excavated for potential future growth
 - 32 total teaching stations including mobiles. Will become 38
 - Current sq ft is 120,000 vs. new sq ft is 160,000
 - Current design 30-40% inefficient space/unused dead space. New design more efficient
 - Collaboration space in hallway. New space in classroom for supervision standpoint. Currently 910 sq ft and will become 960 sq ft

- \$500,000 home tax will go up \$263
2018-19 (6 years)
- Cordosan Clark has experience with education facilities project and an extensive portfolio
- We know this will stay on budget because 10-11% contingency built into the \$65MM. Also management to oversee fund allocation
- Restoration has more variables. New construction is usually more accurate in pricing
- Lifespan of new building should be about 75 years, some places go to 150
- Election on 5/15
- If referendum doesn't pass about \$5-7million in repairs will be done