



Home and School Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

January 26, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Officers: Kara Erchull, Chrissy Kennedy-Kortes, Theresa Sebestyen, and Ann Szefflinski
Committee Liaison: Sara Johns

Staff: Jaime Veal, Anna Mack, Julie Ibar, Jim Slonac, Gaby Hochmuth, Jess Albert

Parents – Alison Giese, Tracy G., Christina Bowers, Angie Golembiewski, Kim Jaquez, Tiffany Mercer, Danielle Sciano, Colleen Tadych, Kristi Coleman, Rachel Schaar, Tanya Loomer, Karen Kline, Lisa Klein, Marlo McCormick, Craig Miller

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS
Call to order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. in the Elmwood Elementary School Library
Review/Approve Minutes	A motion was made by Rachel Schaar to approve the November 16, 2016 Home and School Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Danielle Sciano. The minutes were approved with no changes.
Notes from Co-Presidents	<p><i>Fun Run</i> - Thank you to everyone for a successful fundraiser. It was noted that over 50% of donations were not from parents. Due to its great success, H&S is able to fund the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bleachers</u> – New bleachers will be installed in the gym. Installation is currently scheduled for April 2017. • <u>2017 High Interest Day (“HID”)</u> will be completely fee free for students. We will still be asking for community donations. • <u>Tables</u> – We would like to purchase 10 folding tables for the school. Several school events (Chess Club, Scouts, Business Expo, High Interest Day, Graduation, etc...) utilize multiple table and we are currently borrowing from other schools in the area to meet our needs. District approved tables will cost approximately \$1,100. Colleen Tadych motioned to approve the purchase of the tables. Tracy G seconded. The motion passes with unanimous approval. <p>Kara noted that the <i>Jump Rope for Heart</i> and <i>Time for Kids Magazine</i> fundraisers are not Home & School sponsored. There have been discussions regarding the staggering of these fundraisers in future years so they do not all run at the same time.</p>
Notes from the Principal and/or Vice Principal	<p>Jaime Veal presented the following updates regarding the Elmwood’s Student Development Program/Mission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Academic</i> – students recently finished MAP testing. Meetings with teachers at each grade level were held to discuss the results. • <i>Behavior</i> – Student reached their second A”paw”zzz goal. Because students reached the goal, they will be having a pajama day with a movie & popcorn on January 27th which is funded by H&S. The students continue to work on being safe, respectful and responsible. • <i>College Readiness</i> – Ms. Thering partnered with Miss New Berlin, Ashley Rewolinski, to speak to the 5th & 6th grade students. Ashley plays classical violin and shared her experiences and career path in the Fine Arts.
Green Team Report	Mr. Slonac and members of the Green Team came to present to H & S. The Green Team started last year and is headed by Mr. Slonac. It was created out of a district initiative to work towards a cleaner environment in New Berlin. The Green Team currently has approximately 20

	<p>participants.</p> <p>Their mission is to be more knowledgeable about how all actions affect the world (good and bad).</p> <p>The Green Team presented ways in which HID can be more environmentally friendly (especially the “Minute to Win It” competition) by using reusable objects. The group proposed ideas of environmentally friendly events that could be used for the 2017 HID.</p> <p>Jaime Veal reported that the New Berlin Library is partnering with the Delafield and Waukesha Green Teams to decorate rain barrels. Jaime suggested that the Elmwood Green Team create one or two rain barrels that will be used for a silent auction to raise money for the library. The only cost to us would be the paint for the rain barrels. Green Team loved the idea and Mrs. Ibar offered to help. Jaime will provide more information as it becomes available.</p>
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Ann distributed two documents to meeting attendees - a Financial Statement and a newly created Treasurer’s Report.</p> <p>Please see the attached Elmwood and School Treasurer’s Report for the items Ann discussed.</p>
Committee Reports	<p><i>Artist in Residence</i> – Sara Johns reported that Marina Lee has agreed to come and lead the project this year. Marina has worked on several projects at schools in the area. Examples of her work can be found at her “Beginning Dreams Forever” website. The project is scheduled to take place the week of May 8-12th and will include all grades (pre-K to 6th). The project will consist of framed 44”x44” art boards and possibility artwork for the arches at the entrances of the pods. The project will be student driven with the children creating sketches that Marina will combine to create a template. The art will be displayed around the entire school. Sara noted that the project, as discussed, would be over the current amount budgeted by H&S. She suggested an extra \$1900 to cover the project. Alison Giese motioned to approve the additional \$1900 to fund for the Artist In Residence project. Tracy G. seconded. The motion passed with unanimous approval.</p> <p><i>Box Tops for Education</i> - Over 4000 points (\$400) were collected in the most recent contest. 1st grade won the contest and will have a popcorn party. It was noted that Pick N Save is running a bonus Box Top promotion through January 31st. If you purchase 5 General Mills items in one order, you will receive a bonus 20 Box Tops.</p> <p><i>Kwik Trip Carwash Fundraiser</i> is currently in process. Order forms went home with youngest and only students last week. Payment is due by Feb 3th with checks payable to Home and School.</p> <p><i>Yearbook</i> – Rachel Schaar reported that group pictures will be taken March 1st. She reminded everyone to send in photos of school events to be included in the yearbook.</p> <p>Colleen Tadych reported that the Hot Cocoa Cart will be occurring again this year. The date is TBD and will be a surprise for staff. The hospitality committee is also planning the staff social which will be held off site. Staff appreciation in the first week of May and she will be having an open meeting with date TBD.</p>
Staff Reports	<p>Classroom updates for each grade level were provided by the teaching staff and are attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Julie Ibar requested, and H&S purchased, miniature posable mannequins for the student to use while learning to draw people. She also requested, and H&S purchased, a toaster oven to be used for heating art projects when needed.</p> <p>5th grade team (Anna Mack, Jim Slonac, Gaby Hochmuth & Jess Albert) presented with respect to the 5th grade class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Writing – Students are working on nonfiction and text structure to use in their own writing. • In Social Studies children are simulating activities through role playing. The classes will be moving on to Biztown in the coming weeks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Writers Workshop, teachers are asking students to read for the purpose of researching. Students are learning to organize ideas into writing. Fantasy topic is coming up next. • In Math, the class is finishing working with decimals and is working on algebraic expressions.
Review of Past Events	<p><i>Book Fair</i> – December 3-9, 2016 – Revenue discussed in Treasurers Report. Income earned is in the form of “Scholastic Dollars” (not US Dollars) which can be used the purchase of books and related material for the staff and library. The Book Fair was held later than usual this year. We learned that December is not the ideal time for this event as sales were down slightly. The event was still very successful and each child received a \$5-6 book.</p> <p><i>Chipotle Eat & Earn</i> – December 6, 2016. - \$317.80 was raised.</p> <p><i>Christmas Cookies for Staff</i> – December 20, 2016 - Colleen reported 60 bakers donated 71 boxes of cookies for the teachers and staff. Extras went to NBPD an NBFD in addition to the Hebron House. Kindergarteners wrote notes to accompany these extra cookies.</p>
Upcoming Events	<p><i>Kwik Trip Car Wash</i> – January 23 – February 3, 2017. Forms and payment can be deposited in H&S lock box in the main hallway.</p> <p><i>Cub Pack 38 Winter Carnival</i> – January 27, 2017 from 6:00-8:30. All are welcome. Games, inflatables, raffle prizes and face painting. Concessions will also be available. This year’s charity this year will go to Hometown Heroes.</p> <p><i>Panera Eat & Earn</i> – February 7, 2017 4-8 PM – A flyer is needed for Elmwood to receive credit. At least 20 different people need to show up to earn any money and the percentage earned will be based on a graduated scale.</p> <p><i>Teacher Raffle</i> – February 20-24, 2017 during lunch periods – More details to follow in PawPrints beginning next week. It was noted that we will also be having Spirit Week that week.</p> <p><i>All School Skate</i> – March 2, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 PM – Event will be held at Incredi-Roll Skate & Family Fun Center. This event is only for Elmwood families (and their guests). It is not open to the general public.</p> <p><i>Chess Tournament</i> – March 11, 2017 – Approx. 70 kids are on the Chess Team at Elmwood. Elmwood hosts the only New Berlin tournament. Each year, this tournament is one of the largest tournaments in the southeastern Wisconsin.</p> <p><i>Buffalo Wild Wings Eat & Earn</i> – March 15, 2017 from 11 AM to close. Flyer will be posted prior to the event.</p> <p><i>Movie Night</i> – We are looking into doing another movie night if we can coordinate an open day in the gym.</p>
Open Floor	No comments.
Next Meeting	Home and School – Monday, March 20, 2017
Adjourned	Danielle Sciano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany Mercer seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Elmwood Home and School

Treasurer Report

January 26, 2017



Synopsis

We are pleased to report that your Elmwood Home and School is on solid financial ground. We have reduced the number of annual fundraisers to focus our energies on the most productive ones. Fundraising efforts have been successful, while our expenses have been at or below budget. These factors allow us to continue to invest in the areas that support our Home and School mission.

At year end 2016, we had \$95,207.51 in our checking account. Approximately half of this amount is reserved for budgeted activities.

We're significantly ahead of budget on revenues for the year. We're under budget on expenses for the year so far.

Revenues

We have had an amazing year, already raising \$20,000 more than expected in contributions and fundraising efforts.

Notable deposits since our November meeting include:

- Fun Run
- Chipotle Eat and Earn
- Box Tops (just arrived!)

Top Fundraisers YTD

Event	Net Income
Fun Run *	\$20,422.28
Matty's Cards**	\$1,774.50
Box Tops for Education *	\$1,611.30
Book Fair (Scholastic dollars for books!)	Thousands

*Includes January deposits and expenses

**More revenue expected this year

Expenses and Purchases

Our fundraising money is put to good use on approved and budgeted items this year.

Examples of where our money went to work on Home and School sponsored activities:

- A Pawzz Positive Behavior celebrations
- A very fun Fall Fest
- Paid for rights to the upcoming musical and additional playbooks
- A magical movie night
- Financial hardship fund
- Staff appreciation (cookie project support and other fun things)
- Classroom support for Art education

For details, please see the accompanying financial statement.

What's Next . . .

During March and April, your Home and School Board will do a careful look back at the past and prepare a budget for our future. We will present the 2017-18 budget to the Home and School at our May, 2017 meeting for discussion and approval.

We are seeking additional opportunities to make great investments in our students, staff and school. If you have ideas, talk to a Board Member.

Please continue to stay engaged, volunteer and support your Elmwood Home and School.

Our finances have been audited and they are available for review at any time. If you have any questions about the Elmwood Home and School budget or finances, contact me at 414-232-7523, or by email ann.breckenfelder@usbank.com.

~ Ann M. Szeflinski, Treasurer

CLASSROOM UPDATES

Kindergarten has been busy at the beginning of 2017. We are working on finishing up our reading and writing units. In reading we have been working on reading bigger books with more words and finding lots of sight words while. In writing, we are working on writing true stories about ourselves. There has been an emphasis on being able to write so others can read our writing which means students are beginning to use proper spaces, more letters in each word, and punctuation at the end of sentences. In math, we finished our counting and cardinality unit. We are onto addition, subtraction, and decomposing numbers. We have friendship club each Friday where we sing songs together as a grade level. We had fun at our recent field trip to Betty Brinn too, where we worked on science and math standards. We are having a ton of fun and things will continue to be busy and exciting in the coming months.

First grade has been immersed in non-fiction over the last several weeks! The kids are learning about the world in reader's workshop by reading a variety of non-fiction topics and teaching their partners about what they read. In writer's workshop, they wrote chapter books all about a topic that they are an "expert" on.

Second grade has also been immersed in nonfiction over the last several weeks. In reader's workshop students are surrounded with text topics like animals, planets and weather while in writer's workshop students are focused on informational writing; teaching a reader s subject they are an "expert" in. This quarter in science students were first introduced to the topic of animals. Second graders learned about animal classifications and characteristics. They studied the attributes of each animal type that distinguish them from one another. The students had fun experimenting adaptations of the specific animals such as birds including water resistant feathers and how different shapes of beaks determine the animal's diet. And finally in social studies students have continued to work on the components of being a good citizen both in our classroom communities but in our New Berlin Community as well. In honor of giving back to the community the second graders will be doing a "Food Kids Love" food drive for the New Berlin Food Pantry in conjunction with our friendship celebration/Valentine's Day coming up next month. Students will be donating kid friendly foods like cereals and mac-and cheese during the next few weeks. We feel this is a great way to continue and promote the spirit of giving back and helping others.

In third grade we are in our "Character Studies" unit in reading, and realistic fiction writing. These units really work well together and we are using much of what we learn in both reading and writing. We have focused on what our character does and says to help us decide what kind of character we are reading about. In writing, for our realistic fiction stories we have created characters and learned the pattern that most stories follow. We have included a hook, problem, climax, falling action and solution. In Science we are studying the different types of simple machines and how they make our lives easier. Kids are putting together Google slides to teach each other about their machines.

Fourth grade has been busy wrapping up the second quarter. In reading, students have been working in lit circle groups. They have been reading and discussing social issues in the book groups. In writing, students are putting on the final touches of their literary essays in which they have spent that past few weeks writing. In math, students are learning long division. Students have been learning about the federal and state government. In science, student were learning about energy. For science in Mrs. Hauswirth's class, students were learning about natural disasters and their impact on the society, environment and the economy.

Fifth Grade: In reading we are wrapping up our nonfiction unit where we focused on summarizing skills and identified multiple main ideas in our complex text. We also examined how authors use text structures to organize information. In writing we are also finishing our research nonfiction pieces. Students concentrated on a narrow focus on the topic of Exploration. We just completed a simulated activity in social studies where student's role played and were tasked to see if they could survive in a colony in the New World and see if they could do better than the actual Pilgrims. We are looking forward to launching Biz Town in a few weeks. Where students learn about economics and essential Life-Skills. They will be role playing organizing and running a business. In Math, students recently learned to multiply and divide decimal numbers. We are now starting in on a new unit which introduces students to algebraic equations. Sixth grade is wrapping up Unit 3 in both reading and writing. Students are reading non-fiction texts and creating their very own information books on a topic that they consider themselves experts on! They also used the App Screencastify to create a multimedia presentation of their information books in order to teach their classmates about their topic! In Science students are currently working on a weather and climate inquiry project. They are creating a Wiki Project on Power Learning to teach their classmates about their specific weather/climate topic. Each partnership is responsible for collaborating to create an essential question to guide research, learning objectives for what they want their classmates to learn and an assessment to insure that the students learned what they intended them to!

In 6/7a math students are wrapping up a unit on solving equations and inequalities. Students are engaging in deep and powerful lessons regarding the meaning of solutions to inequalities as well as equations! Students are learning that we solve both using inverse operations, but equations differ from inequalities because they have only ONE solution which will make the equation true, while inequalities have infinite solutions which can make them true!

In 6th grade math students are learning that a ratio is a comparison of two quantities, which can be written as part to part, part to whole, or whole to part! Students are using multiple strategies to solve ratio problems, including tape diagrams and tables!

Compacted Math 7/8 recently completed a unit on finding the Area and Circumference of Circles and the perimeter and area of composite figures. We are celebrating every student earning a 3 or 4 on the unit test without any retakes! We will be finding the area and circumference of foods such as a cookie cake, a pizza, and fruit. We will also be using our previously learned knowledge to find ratios of fork tines to forks, plates to cups, and pieces of cake and pizza to the whole. Finally, we will begin our new lesson on surface area and volume as we find the volume of soda in a cylinder and the surface area of a pizza box

Band: The Elmwood band had a very successful first concert this past December! Now that our first concert is behind us, the band students are continuing to learn new notes and rhythms on their instruments. We're currently working on exercises and tunes in the band method book during our small group instruction time and the entire band is starting to learn new sheet music. Everyone was excited to start working on the band favorite called "Let's Go Band!" The annual "Band Olympics" will take place in early March and then we'll start to prepare for the spring concert which is performed in May. We also had Mr. Hoef, band director at Eisenhower, visit us recently to talk about band in middle school and high school, too. There's a lot to look forward to for the rest of this year and beyond!

Physical Education: Students have been busy kicking the New Year off with some team building activities and hockey in physical education class. Elmwood is again participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year. This is a great opportunity for students to help support the American Heart Association as well as learn about heart health in physical education class. It also corresponds with our jump rope unit which started this week. This month's fitness challenge was to set a healthy New Year's Resolution. Hopefully everyone is still sticking to their goals and are starting to see some positive changes.

Art: 1st Clay mice and homes for them. Great inspiration for stories! Next we will start tooth fairy paintings.2nd 3D Snowmen and learning about Foreground and Background with bird paintings in snow.3rd Polar Bears and the Aurora Borealis- multi- media pieces. Understanding Proportion and size relationships for construction of 3D paper mache fish.4th Clay suns, Weaving and creating "monster pillows" using sewing techniques.5th Russian inspired Architecture, using Value and Watercolor techniques.6th Artist Styles and techniques. Learning how various artists use different styles and techniques to portray the same subject matter in different ways. Student then produce a work of art using 4 different styles.

Orchestra students have been gearing up for String Fest 2017! On Thursday, January 19, all the orchestra students in the district will travel to the NB West field house to rehearse with each other in preparation for our evening concert. Elementary students have been studying "Blue Danube Waltz," "Linus and Lucy," "Bile 'em Cabbage Down," and "Les Toreadors." They are excited to play in the combined elementary orchestra with over 200 performers from Elmwood, Orchard Lane, Ronald Reagan, and Poplar Creek!