



Home and School Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Officers: Meagan Sliga, Kate McFarlane, Theresa Sebestyen, and Jill Winkler

Staff: Jaime Veal

Parents: Ann Szefflinski, Andrew Grosman, Kim Jaquez, Rick Gearheart, Elaine Gearheart, Tracy G., Kara Erchull, Kathy Barnhart, Christine Taber, Sara Johns, Maryanne Esser

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS
Call to order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Elmwood Library
Review/Approve Minutes	Motioned by Kathy Barnhart to approve the September 11, 2018 Home and School Meeting Minutes, seconded by Tracy G. The minutes were approved with changes to the Fun Run goal of \$20,000 not \$30,000. Changes have been made to minutes on file and posted to Home & School webpage.
College & Career Readiness and Jump Into Your Future	<p>Jaime Veal introduced Dr. Kellie Saunders (Chief Academic Officer) and Royce Lindner (Director of Teaching and Learning) from our district office and Laura Scheunemann from Junior Achievement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royce Linder explained how the NBSD is moving forward with College and Career Development and how it begins in the elementary schools. Then gave a brief intro on what they are doing among all 4 elementary schools. The goal is awareness on career paths, focusing on the student's strengths and interests to steer them toward certain career paths. A video from the district was shared that explained how the schools are creating awareness and opportunities for students to find their careers that use their best skills. Creating an environment that enriches the students and encourages problem solving. This shifts the focus of college and career readiness from secondary to both elementary and secondary schools, and it fosters the same teaching across all schools in the district. Exposing students to collaboratively problem solve in digital and non-digital ways. College and Career Readiness can be found on the Elmwood website. Any questions on this topic, reach out to Katy Williams, Jaime Veal, Royce Lindner or Dr. Kellie Saunders. • Dr. Kellie Saunders spoke on how students can change paths at any time. There are pathways in High School that are being offered for exploration. They do not have to stick with that same path all through high school. These classes will help the students decide which pathways are interesting. Example: There are 3 construction courses alone in the high school and they were able to help build a home in New Berlin. • The district will be tracking students' progress and students can monitor their own progress on Infinite Campus. There will be checkmarks for their benchmarks. Parents can look at their student's progress as well. • Laura Scheunemann, the program manager for Junior Achievement in New Berlin spoke on the program she started, JA Jump Into Your Future. It has been scheduled Feb 8th, 2019. She encourages parents to volunteer regardless if you want to speak on your career. The students pick 6 sessions and will get to sit in 5 sessions. New Berlin is great because the students get to pick what sessions they want to sit in. The presenters are coached to make these sessions interactive. Kids are influenced at a young age by career paths. The careers at Jump Into Your Future are a range of careers from many education levels.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JA is supported by businesses. There is more to JA than career paths, it's to focus on soft skills like eye contact, presenting, working in a team, and presenters tell students their likes and dislikes about their jobs. Presenters bring the tools they use and how they use these tools as well as how they use their education to do their job. • So far we have the following careers covered: banker, environmental scientist, IT, tool and die, video game designer, e-commerce, and still looking for the following careers: hair stylist, food industry, and stay at home parent. We will also need parent volunteers for Brain Breaks offered throughout the day. • Laura Scheunemann showed the Class in a Bag provided by JA, and how they focus on community (jobs, economics). Volunteers go to the classes to teach from these bags. Volunteers will present over 5 sessions spread across a few weeks. These sessions provide experiential learning; examples: a game or group activity. These sessions are based on common core teachings and will be the same across the district. • Jaime Veal reiterated, if you are interested in volunteering for Jump Into Your Future but cannot do all sessions, the school welcomes parents in any capacity and will work with your schedule.
Treasurer's Notes	<p>Checking account balance is at \$72,400.86 (\$13,016.39 belongs to the chess club) Available cash is \$59,376.29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate presented current budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eat and Earns: 9th Slice earned \$134.07 ○ Eat and Earn: Panera earned \$253.40; will most-likely not repeat this event ○ Matty's Cards: earned \$3913.19 so far, discussions on how to handle this fund-raiser next year, so all cards not purchased will be returned. Elmwood does cover the cost to print the cards and we can sell any cards that are returned. ○ Fall Fest: still have outstanding expenses for the food ○ Fun Run: projected \$38,000. And we brought in \$48,000. Huge success and will plan to do the Fun Run again next year in the first month of school. ○ Fun Run: t-shirt expense still negative due to some checks outstanding that have not been collected ○ Spiritwear: Brought in \$2,500.00 (see detailed budget sheet) ○ Assemblies: H&S paid for Mike McGowen to speak to whole school, great assembly for whole school. The students were sectioned by grades for assemblies and each assembly was tailored to suit the ages. It was captivating and interactive. ○ Playworks: H&S paid for Junior Coaches training and brought in lunch. ○ Book Fair: Brought in \$4748.70 (see detailed budget sheet)
Past Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun Run: Kara Erchull spoke of the huge success of the Fun Run this year. The parents, students and teachers are all on board and very supportive. Beginning of the school year was a great time to do it. Next year they strive for beginning of the year as that promotes that this is our large fundraiser. • Book Fair: We earned more books for the school than last year. Each student was able to pick out a free book. Students are excited about their 1 free book. • Fall Fest on October 19th – big success! Smaller turn out than in past, but still highly attended. • Staff Favorite Things Book/Online: Kathy Barnhart explained the Favorite Things Book located in Main Hallway. Also available on the Home and School website and the link will be put in Paw Prints. Parents may access this book or the online link to look up various staff at Elmwood's favorite things, from restaurants to stores to favorite activities. Great help for selecting gifts for staff at Elmwood. • Teacher Conference Dinner for Staff: Kathy Barnhart organized this event and new this year, all food was donated – no expense involved! Kathy will poll teachers for their opinions and doing similar venue next year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritwear Round 1 & 2: Next round will go in next week – the product ordered will be in prior to the holidays. • Panera Eat & Earn: Money was deposited for Panera, not a great event as Panera was slow • MOD Eat & Earn: waiting on update for total earned • Peer Mediation and Assembly: Sara Johns highlighted Michael McGowen. Jennah met him at a conference and hired him to speak and train with the Peer Mediator students. He did 3 different assemblies broken out by age groups. He spoke on digital media, how words do matter, use of sarcasm, and leaving comments online. Your words matter and you do count. Very dynamic speaker with personal stories that pertain to his topics. He taught how to deal with bullies and confrontations. The 5th and 6th graders were engaged and it was a very positive experience for the whole school. He ate lunch with the Peer Mediators, he spent time on the playground. Very successful assembly for whole school.
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elmwood Home & School Meeting: January 11th 2019 at 6:30pm • Elmwood Movie Night: moved from November 30th, 2018 to January 11th, 2019 due to conflict with dance being held at Elmwood in the gym. The movie will be ET. • Eat & Earns: Noodles December 13th, 2018 from 4-9pm and Café Zupas January 8th, 2019 4-8pm • Kwik Trip Car Wash Card Sale: January 3rd-11th 2019 • Skate Night: January 24th 2019 at Incredi-Roll • Spring Dance: March 2th, 2019 at Elmwood • Elmwood School Musical: April 4th, 2019 • Skate Night: April 9th 2019 • Staff Appreciation: Kathy Barnhart will roll out this – sweet treats for teachers in December
Other Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mattys Cards Update: Still have about 100 cards outstanding and we need them returned. Emails and reminders in Paw Prints. • Colorcycle: Kim Jaquez is collecting old markers. Used markers/highlighters/dry erase markers – they can be sent back to Crayola. Girl Scouts from Elmwood will count them and send them in. Crayola will send us free markers and pay for shipping. There is a bin at Elmwood to deposit the old used markers. • Skate Night: Due to school musical scheduled on April 4th 2019, Skate night to move to April 9th, 2019.
Open Floor	Cub Scouts Carnival: February 1 st , 2019 at Elmwood
Next Meeting	Home and School Meeting January 22 nd , 2019 at 6:30 in the Elmwood Library.
Adjourned	Tracy G made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Sara Johns seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.