



Home and School Meeting Minutes

February 5th, 2019

ATTENDEES:

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

Staff: Katy Williams, Jaime Veal

Parents: Kara Erchull, Beth Grosman, Sara Johns, Kim Jaquez, Kim Rajala, Rick Gearheart, Kris Fuehrer, Kathy Barnhart, Jill Buchholz, Anne Markofski, Karen Kline, Cathy Brummer, Ann Szefflinski, Molly Carroll, Rachel Schaar, Scott Klaas, Tonia Schmeier, Ann Schmidt, Elaine Gearheart, Tiffany Mercer

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS
<p>Call to order & Introductions</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Elmwood Library</p>
<p>Review/Approve Minutes</p>	<p>Motioned by Rick Gearheart to approve the November 13, 2018 Home and School Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ann Szefflinski, based on changes to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Schaar suggested to change Weebly site to Elmwood Home and School webpage in reference to posting minutes and the Staff Favorite Things link. • Molly Carroll suggested to change wording in the Treasurer notes for Spiritwear and Book Fair, as these items brought in money vs. earned money.
<p>Principal's Update & District Referendum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy Williams introduced David Coty and Joe Garza from the New Berlin School District. They are here to speak to parents and answer any questions about the upcoming 2019 School Referendum. Joe Garza spoke on what the referendum entails and wants to open the lines of communication. He mentioned to refer to the SDNB website for answers to many questions prior to the referendum voting. There is a section on the website for reference labeled Referendum 2019. There will be a postcard mailed to all persons in the district addressing the referendum and the key components proposed in the referendum. The monetary increase the district is asking for is listed in this mailer. The referendum is being proposed to address the following 3 key points: decrease the overall district debt, increase the budget for staff wages, and increase long term operating budget. • David Coty mentioned 3 additional listening sessions that will be held. Refer to SDNB for dates and times. Look for the Expecting Excellence and Annual Report. Every resident will also get a fact sheet in the mail. Coffee with the Superintendent also another way to get more information. Look at the Frequently Asked Questions on the website. There is an email address to send in your questions as well: referendum2019@nbexcellence.org. • Open Floor for Questions: • Will there be a phone bank? No, due to all the meetings and visits to schools, senior living homes, and public listening hearings. The mailers will also be a reminder to the residents. • There is a Vote Yes group in place within the community – this grassroots group will be going out into the community to explain the main reasons for the referendum. • Is there somewhere on the webpage where people can see all the components on the website? Yes. It is a condensed version of the 3 key components • If we want the referendum to go through vote yes, correct? Yes, correct if we do want the referendum to go through then vote yes. • With the survey done last year, can you share the results? Yes, there is information

	<p>on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this passes, how long will it take to pay off the debt? This can be found on the website. Will take up to 10 years to pay off the debt, more detailed information on the website. This is a very general prediction. • Is there breakdowns of where the money is going for the people who think the information is too vague? There is more detailed information available on where the money would go on the website. There will be more information on this topic at the Listening Sessions. • Joe Garza said to please call or email him with questions, he would be happy to speak to anyone about their questions or concerns regarding the referendum.
<p>Treasurer's Notes</p>	<p>Checking account balance is at \$63,089.85 (\$13,016.39 belongs to the chess club) Available cash is \$50,065.28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate presented current budget update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To date we have earned \$1100.00 from Eat and Earns, we had budgeted for \$800.00. ○ The Kwik Trip Car Wash fundraiser generated \$1150 in sales ○ Spiritwear: have not yet paid 2nd invoice ○ Assembly Budget Update: Home and School has paid \$750 to date, and currently have \$750 left. ○ Paid \$650 for School Musical rights ○ Book Fair: This column shows -\$14.00, per Kate and Molly this could be due to cash handling discrepancies among students and/or volunteers. ○ Peer Mediation has \$8.18 left in their account ○ Kate mentioned that through our major fundraising from Eat & Earns, Matty's Cards, School Toolbox, and the Fun Run; Home and School has roughly \$8,000 over the initial fundraising budget on account. And all in attendance should keep this number as a reference for later in the meeting in regards to suggestions to increase budgets for other committee activities.
<p>Past Event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritwear Round 2: Most orders have been fulfilled, there may be a few orders still on back-order. • Eat and Earn: Noodles on 12/13/18 – well attended, money deposited • Eat and Earn: Café Zupa's on 1/6/19 – money deposited • Staff Cookie Event: Kathy Barnhart organized a cookie event for the staff. All cookies were donated by families, and staff can fill a box of cookies. All good feedback from staff. • Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards: On sale 1/3/19-1/18/19. Cards to be delivered by week of 2/4/19. • Movie Night on 1/11/19: Karen Kline mentioned Movie Night was good, but attendance was down. They did make about \$60.00. She mentioned they sold quite a bit of popcorn. • Skate Night on 1/24/19: Went well, waiting on final numbers
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Driver Appreciation: Katy Williams mentioned it will be March 18th. All the kids will sign posters that will be given to the bus drivers with a gift basket. And Katy and Jaime will get on the buses to say thank you to the bus drivers in person, as well. • Elmwood Raffle: Theresa mentioned the raffle is scheduled for week of 2/25/19-3/1/19. This year the raffle will be changed from past years. It will be extended beyond staff raffle prizes, and it will include items donated from outside the school community. Each student will be given 1 ticket at no cost to them. Students will be able to purchase tickets over lunch all week. The week will also be a spirit week with fun events/dressing up to create more excitement. • Book Fair: Per Molly March 29th will be set up for book fair, and will run 4/1-4/5 and open during the school musical.

<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Tops: Kim Jaquez received check for Box Tops submitted in Fall, next round will be sent in in March and check comes in April. She is currently running a Box Tops contest that ends 2/22/19, a trophy given to top classroom that bring in the most box tops. • Spring Dance: Kate reported the dance will be held on Friday March 29th 6pm-8pm, cost \$10 per family and waived for families that sign up for a volunteer shift. Wristbands will be given to paying attendees to encourage people to pay the fee and stop kids from sneaking in as well as to stop kids from being dropped off without adult supervision. There will be food available to purchase, crafts, a selfie booth, possibly face painters and a balloon artist. Theme for the dance is Under the Sea. Molly Carroll is considering opening the Book Fair that evening so attendees can shop during the hours of the dance. There was a suggestion by parents to try to capture the attendance from the students in older grades. • High Interest Day: Theresa highlighted that there will be some great new options like a Virtual Reality session using the school's VR goggles, a session using the maker space, etc. She also mentioned there will be plenty of fun favorites returning from past years. High Interest Day will be Friday, May 31st. Student sign up will be online again, and will be sent out around mid-March. We will need lots of volunteers and suggested to parents to take off work and volunteer!!!
<p>For Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Skate Night: Rescheduled to 4/9/19. Due to school musical scheduled on 4/4/19. • Stage Curtain: Theresa has been talking about how to change the curtain so there is better visibility from the sides. She will have Main Stage come back to see if there is any resolution to modify. Would like to try to fix prior to this year's musical. • Assembly Budget Increase: Sara Johns would like to discuss the current assembly budget. There is a highly recommended science assembly by Haggerman the Magician that she'd like to bring to Elmwood for the entire school. She spoke with Haggerman the Magician and he gave the dates he will be in Wisconsin – if we book within those specific dates it saves money on the overall cost for the assembly fee. There would be 2 assemblies. One for the lower grades and one for the upper grades. There are 2 options to book: Extreme Science at \$1175 or Extreme Science 2.0 at \$1375. Sara Johns asked the room for a motion to increase the assembly budget for this all school assembly by Haggerman the Magician. Molly Carroll motioned to approve, Kara Erchull seconded the motion. All attendees unanimously approved the vote for increasing the assembly budget for Extreme Science 2.0. Katy Williams thought this is a fantastic tie in to the science curriculum across all grades. Jaime Veal would like to keep this assembly under the radar from the students and would like to use this assembly as the all school behavior incentive for the Spring. • 6th Grade Graduation Budget Increase: Molly Carroll is asking to increase the graduation budget from \$1,500.00 currently budgeted. In past few years the actual expenses were \$1900.00. The Graduation Committee would like the budget increased back up to \$1900.00. Molly believes this will be enough to cover all expenses. The breakdown is \$20/student. Beth Grosman is making a motion for adding \$400.00 more to the 6th Grade Graduation budget. All attendees unanimously approved the vote. • 2019-2020 Executive and Committee Position Openings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theresa mentioned that there will be a vote for 1 or 2 co-presidents for next year and the Treasurer position will also be open. Sara Johns asked about the possibly of creating an opening for 1 co-president that could be a 1 year term and 2nd open position for a 2 year term to keep the staggered co-president scenario. ○ Kara Erchull reported we will need a Copy Room Volunteer Coordinator next year. ○ Molly Carroll mentioned that the Book Fair will need a chair person next year, but there may be a succession plan in place and she will report back to us on that. ○ Kelly Phillips mentioned that Fall Fest will need a new chair person. ○ Kathy Barnhart is looking for a co-chair next year for Staff Appreciation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kelly Phillips asked if there is a list of what each chair position entails. At one time there was a list that existed on the Home and School webpage. There is not currently a list available.
Open Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Schaar mentioned that Saturday March 2nd is the Chess Tournament at Elmwood. Volunteers are needed. This a great event for Elmwood and the Chess Club. • Rachel Schaar also mentioned that Feb 13th is Group Photo Day for Yearbook photos. A reminder for parents. • Jill Winkler mentioned the Candy Grams start 2/6/19 and 2/7/19. Each student will get one. The will be available for purchase for \$.50 each. • Ann Szeflinski and Kathy Barnhart recapped the Cub Scout Carnival. Over 500 people in attendance. Very successful and record year for revenue. Half of the money raised is donated to The Hunger Task Force. • Matty's Cards are on sale now for \$10.00 each. See Kate McFarlane to purchase. • Kelly Phillips asked if there was a survey on all the school events. Theresa reported there was a survey done a few years ago, but not this past year.
Next Meeting	Home and School Meeting, March 21 st , 2019 at 6:30 in the Elmwood Library.
Adjourned	Sara Johns made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kara Erchull seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.