



Home and School Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

ATTENDEES:

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

Committee Liaison: Ashley McKanry

Staff: Katy Williams & Jaime Veal

Parents: Kayti Martin, Kim Jaquez, Elena Goldstein, Carla Fries, Debby Barenz, Laura Vitale, Rae Anne Frey, Tracy G, Elaine Gearheart, Katie O'Donnell, Karen Kline, Jenny Kirby, Terri Strehlow, Kathy Barnhart, Amanda Reinhardt, Paulette Jacobs, Michelle Krueger, Alissa Carriveau, Christine Taber, Ann Szefflinski, Marlo McCormick, Jessica Opat, Danielle Sciano, Jessica Pukansky, Theresa Gruenwald, Chrissy Kennedy, Molly Carroll, Tonia Micale, Ksenija Kokanori, Rachel Schaar, Scott Klass, Rick Gearheart, Sara Johns, Kara Erchull

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS
Call to order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Elmwood Monet Cafe
Review/Approve Minutes	Motioned by Elaine Gearheart to approve the May 15, 2018 Home and School Meeting Minutes, seconded by Rachel Schaar. The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.
Principal's and/or Vice Principal's Welcome	Katy Williams commented on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy Williams introduced and welcomed parents and introduced Jaime Veal. She emphasized how amazing our H&S is at Elmwood. Home & School is about connecting students and families. We have a very strong Home & School Committee that provides so much to this school and the parent commitment is strong. Katy reminded parents we are looking for new chairs for several committees.
Treasurer's Notes	Checking account balance is at \$41,035.47. Available cash is \$29,999.08. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate presented the 2018/2019 proposed budget and highlighted the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only spent \$12,000 over what we budgeted to bring in. ○ Year-end checking balance was \$45,414. ○ Eat and Earn from Portillos deposited: \$176.00 ○ Matty's card printing expense: \$53.00 ○ Spirit Wear expense: \$25.00 ○ 2017-2018 HID expenses that came in after end of school year: \$268.75 ○ Increased H&S Expensed to \$200.00 for software ○ Elmwood H&S overage: Elmwood Elementary letters on building cost \$175.00 additional to what students raised for Legacy Gift ○ Kara and Molly found sponsors for Fun Run t-shirts
Past Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elmwood Fun Run September 27th, 2018 • Elmwood Fall Fest October 19th, 2018 • Elmwood Home & School Meeting November 13th, 2018 • Elmwood Movie Night November 30th, 2018

Other Committee Reports

- Committee Chairs Introduced themselves and provided insight into what each committee entails:
 - Molly Carroll, Kara Erchull & Sara Johns chair the Fun Run. The Fun Run is our largest fundraising event, and run through Boosterthon. This year the event is character building. Boosterthon representatives meet with each class every day. At the Fun Run, the kids will run approximately 30 laps, kids collect pledges per lap or a flat fee. Kids will get prizes for pledges. Each kid that registers online gets a prize. This is our 3rd year doing this. Over 50% of the pledges come from someone other than family. Pledges can be made online from anywhere. The Boosterthon representatives who come here do fun things to incent kids. Last year Katy and Jaime helped encourage kids with a fun event at the end of the Fun Run. Elmwood's Goal is to raise \$20,000 to fund Home & School. The Fun Run will help fund the Maker Space planned in future for the Library. Each kid gets an Elmwood Fun Run t-shirt and the laps are recorded on the t-shirt. Parent volunteers are needed all day. Kids will come home with a packet explaining the Fun Run and how to sign up. Theme this year is S.T.E.A.M. T-shirts have been funded by sponsors. Sponsor names will be printed on the t-shirts
 - Molly Carroll & Alison Giese are the co-chairs for the Scholastic Book Fair, they will be done after this year and are currently looking for a new chair for 2019-2020 school year. Each student gets 1 book for free at the Fall Book Fair. Dates for Fall Book Fair are October 25th-November 2nd. The Book Fair will be open during Parent Teacher Conference dates.
 - Kara Erchull chairs the Copy Room, and coordinates the volunteers that come in to school to help in the Copy Room.
 - Sara Johns chairs Artist/Author in Residence & Coordinates School Assemblies
 - Kelly Phillips chairs Fall Fest, she has chaired for 3 years, and is looking for a new chair for 2019-2020 school year. It is the most well-attended after school event. Kids wear costumes, there are is a DJ in gym, food in cafeteria, craft room, face painting, henna artist, spider hunt and prize table. This year the event will be held on Friday October 19th at Elmwood from 6:00pm-8:00pm. There is always a need for volunteers, sign up genius coming soon and will be in Paw Prints. Still looking for Leader in the Arts and Crafts room.
 - Kate McFarlane chairs the Mattys Card Fundraiser. \$20.00 for the card. Each family will be getting one to sell or purchase. All funds go to Elmwood. These will be available all school year for purchase. No limit on how many you may buy/sell.
 - Danielle Sciano chairs the Spring Dance. Date for dance will be March 29th, 2019 and the theme is Under the Sea. There is a DJ, food and games.
 - Kim Jacquez & Tracy G co-chair the School Box Tops, some help is needed to cut and trim throughout the year. There is a bulletin board to see results on contests. Box Tops are mailed in twice a year. \$399.06 on account. Please look for items you can earn more Box Tops for scanning your receipt. The max we can receive is \$20,000. We need to mail in first order in November. So far Elmwood has earned year to date \$28,552.08. There is a mail slot in the main hallway to deposit them or give to teacher. Please collect them and turn them in to the school with your child's name and teacher on the bag. They do expire, check the date.
 - Kathy Barnhart chairs Elmwood Staff Appreciation. This is a committee devoted to showing appreciation to our staff. They provide dinner for teachers during Parent Teacher Conference week. They also make the Favorite Things book, which details all teachers' favorite things. Parents can look at it and take a picture of your child's teacher's page. Staff appreciation week, doing fun things all week for teachers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen Kline chairs Movie Night. First movie night is on November 30th. Movie is shown in the gym and popcorn can be purchased. Movie will most-likely be ET. May do a 2nd movie night in Spring 2019. Need parent volunteers for selling popcorn and water. This is an event for the whole family. It's a free event, bring blankets and watch the movie. ○ Jessica Opat chairs the Donations Committee. She gathers gift cards from local businesses that can be used as raffle items or gifts for staff. ○ Theresa Gruenwald chairs Eat and Earn. Sets up a night at local restaurants for families to go eat. They can bring in a flyer sent by Elmwood. Show the flyer and our school will get a percentage of the sales. They will run these all year. November 6th is tentatively set for an Eat & Earn at Mod Pizza. Point Burger is on the list, Culvers is on the list, Noodles & Co, and Qdoba. All dates will be listed in Paw Prints and the flyers will be sent in Paw Prints, ○ Chrissy Kennedy-Kortes & Theresa Sebestyen co-chair Elmwood Spiritwear. Order forms available tonight, in Paw Prints and on Elmwood Facebook page. Print form and send in check made out to Home & School to order. ○ Theresa Sebestyen mentioned to like the Elmwood Home & School Facebook page to stay up to date on Home & School events. ○ Rachel Schaar & Ashley McKanry co-chair Yearbook. They are always looking for volunteers to take pictures. Pictures may be emailed to Rachel for Yearbook ○ Ashley McKanry is the Communications/Committee Liaison. She is in charge of communicating all the info that is printed in Paw Prints. If you are running any events, you may email the blurb for Paw Prints to Ashley. ○ Theresa Sebestyen is looking for a new chair for the Elmwood Raffle, looking to change this event to more than just staff raffle items. The raffle is very popular, kids purchase tickets over their lunch period and can pick which raffle they want to put their tickets in. There is always a need for parent volunteers that week to help sell tickets over the lunch periods. There will be a sign up genius sent out in Paw Prints. ○ Theresa S & Alison Giese co-chair High Interest Day (HID). HID is set for Friday May 31st. There is a HID committee always looking for new members and ideas. There is a sign up genius that will be sent out to sign up to volunteer that day. A fantastic day to volunteer at Elmwood!!!
Open Floor	Meeting Minutes from Home & School will be posted on the Elmwood Home & School Weebly wite. Weebly site is accessible from the Paw Prints.
Next Meeting	Home and School – November 13 th , 2018 in Library.
Adjourned	Sara Johns made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kim Jacquez seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.