



Home and School Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 2019

ATTENDEES:

Officers: Sara Johns, Tiffany Mercer, Andy Phillips and Meagan Sliga

Staff: Katy Williams and Jaime Veal

Committee Liaison: Kim Jaquez

Parents: Karen Kline, Tonia Micale, Kate McFarlane, Michele Kruse, Tracy G, Elizabeth (Lisa) Forseth, Elaine Gearheart, Theresa Sebestyen, Angie Golembiewski, Kathy Barnhart, Maryanne Esser, Wendy Konkol, Ashley McKanry, Maria Zaidi, Tina Witmer, Rachel Schaar, Sarah Wick, Stephanie Opel-Seifert, Katie O'Donnell, Jesse Cheng, Gwen Haynh, Scott Klaas

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS
Call to order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm in the Elmwood Library
Principal's Update & Guest Speaker	Katy Williams gave an update on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She thanked the parents for coming tonight and helping our kids have the best school experience. • Focusing on literacy this year for all kids at Elmwood • Also focusing on Social/Emotional dispositions. This is a district wide focus. They will be teaching how to be a community and how the teachers can continue to teach students to be respectful inside and outside of school. • She welcomes parents to keep the lines of communication open to the staff at Elmwood • She thanked the Home and School board for what they help make happen at Elmwood in the way of events and fund-raising • She also said there will be an emphasis on problem-solving, making the world a better place.
Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motioned by Rachel Schaar to approve the May 15th, 2019 Home and School Meeting Minutes, seconded by Kathy Barnhart. Approved by all.
Treasurer's Notes	Checking account balance is at \$52,519.16 (\$11,345.26 belongs to the chess club) Available cash is \$38,948.72 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy presented current budget update for 2019-2020 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Income: Eat and Earns income has been added. ○ Fundraising: Matty's Cards have gone home with students and money will begin coming in. ○ Programs: Money has been deposited for sale of car decals ○ Co-curriculars: money has been dispersed ○ Net Zero Activities: Seat Sack money used to purchase and Elmwood resells. This is a break even line item. ○ Per the Budget Sheet in Held Funds: Chess Club made a deposit of \$1200.00
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat & Earn: first one of school year is Noodles & Co on September 30th • Fun Run: kick-off day is October 1st, Fun Run will be held on Friday October 11th,

	<p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skate Night: first Skate Night will be held on Thursday October 17th at Incredi-Roll. • Fall Book Fair: starts Friday, October 25th and will go through Friday, November 1st. • Fall Fest: Friday November 1st, 2019 • Home & School Meeting: Tuesday November 12th, 2019
<p>Committee Chairperson Introductions</p>	<p>Sara Johns brought up the Volunteer Sign-Up sheets that were out for Meet the Teacher Night and School Pictures, the sign-up sheets are available tonight.</p> <p>Sara also mentioned 3 sheets at the front table that have QR codes for the Elmwood Twitter account, the Elmwood Home & School website and the Elmwood Home & School Facebook Page.</p> <p>Sara Johns provided a brief description on Committees and introduced the chair-persons of each committee if in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Liason: Kim Jaquez, not officially part of the Home and School board, but important person to know. She is the resource between the committees and board. She will be able to help you with proper contact persons and forms. • Hospitality/Staff Appreciation: Kathy Barnhart, Kathy works with Kim Jaquez on this committee. They work throughout the year to provide meals, treats for staff at Elmwood. They welcome help! • Book Fair: Angie Golembiewski, she is our new Book Fair chair-person. She is looking for help setting up the book fair and staffing it during all hours it's open and packing up. • High Interest Day: Theresa Sebestyen & Alison Giese co-chair this large all-school event. High Interest day is by far the students' most favorite day of the year. The kids do fun workshops all day. Alison and Theresa are looking for anyone that wants to be on the planning committee and volunteers for the day. HID will be held on Friday June 5th. They do need approx. 150 volunteers. There are multiple shifts to sign up for that day. • Donations Coordinator: Jessica Opat, she helps obtain gifts from companies in the community for Elmwood to use for raffle items/gifts. • Fun Run: Sara Johns is the chair, and this is our biggest fund-raiser of the school year. Theme this year is Mystery Spark Lab; Wild, Wild West. The actual fun run is held on October 11th. We are fundraising money for the Maker Space Collaboration phase. She will need volunteers for that day to serve water to runners or mark t-shirts. You may come help cheer your kids on. Each student will get t-shirt to wear that day. These t-shirts are sponsored by funds from 11 different businesses. • Matty's Cards: Kate McFarlane is the chair person. This fundraiser is a punch card we sell for \$20 and offers various discounts at Matty's restaurant. All \$20 goes to Elmwood. • Elmwood Raffle: Theresa Sebestyen & Elaine Gearheart co-chair this week long event. The Elmwood Raffle is held in February at school, and that week they will need volunteers to work the tables to sell raffle tickets during lunch periods. • School Store: Theresa Sebestyen, this is a fundraising opportunity that earns the school money through shopping online. • Copy Room: Kim Jaquez in the chair person. This is a day time volunteer position, open to anyone to come into school to help make copies for the staff. • Spirit Wear: Meagan Sliga & Chrissy Kennedy-Kortes co-chair and the store is an on-line store. • Year Book: Rachel Schaar & Ashley McKanry co-chair, and they do ask for parents to help: to take pictures of their students in school or on field trips, and help layout the yearbook pages with photos. • School ToolBox: Theresa Sebestyen chairs this event, parents have the opportunity to order a box of school supplies in summer and pick up before school starts. • Fall Fest: Tonia Micale, this all-school event is going to be held on November 1st. It is a family event and held at school after school. They will send out a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All School Skate Night: Michele Kruse chairs these events, the first one is October 17th, \$5.00 charge per person, private Elmwood event. There will be 3 skate nights this year • Spring Dance: Danielle Sciano chairs this event, this year it will be held in April. Theme will be the '80's. There will be a need for volunteers. • New Family Playdate: Jill Winkler chairs this event, this is held in August after Kindergarten Bus Night. It is a playdate on the playground for all in-coming kindergarteners and families. • Movie Night: Karen & Jason Kline chair this event, it will be held in January in the Elmwood gym and the movie is TBD. They do sell snacks. There is a need for volunteers. • Sixth Grade Completion: TBD, this is a committee of 6th grade parents that plan the 6th grade completion ceremony. • Amazon Smile: Alison Giese chairs this and it is an online fundraiser that earns our school money for purchases made on Amazon. • Box Tops: Christine Taber chairs this, there is a flyer on the table. This year Box Tops changed from cutting out box tops to now down-loading an app and scanning your receipts to submit. There will still be Box Tops on items to cut out and we should continue to submit those. • Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards: Erin Ward chairs this fundraiser. Elmwood students sell car wash gift cards. • Eat & Earns: Theresa Gruenewald chairs this committee, and is looking for trainee to take over next year, as this is her last year with students at Elmwood. Elmwood does 3-5 Eat and Earns per school year. We are looking for someone to step up this year and get tips/training from Theresa. • In Service Coordinator: Sara Johns chairs this and facilitates the school assemblies. Elmwood Home and School does fund many of the assemblies. The first in service will be in November. • Artist in Residence: Sara Johns chairs this committee, this is an expensive event, so we only do them every few years.
Adjourned	Ashley McKanry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Theresa Sebestyen seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.