



Home and School Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Elmwood Elementary School

ATTENDEES:

Officers: Molly Carroll, Alison Giese, Rachel Schaar and Colleen Tadych

Staff: Principal Royce Lindner, Associate Principal Jaime Veal, Colleen Korom

Parents: Theresa Sebestyen, Pam Breitigam, Cathy Boerner, Ann Szefflinski, Tracy G., Tonia Schmeear, Marlo McCormick, Kara Erchull, Shelly Greeson, Kathy Quandt

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/ CONCLUSIONS
Call to order	Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
Review/Approve Minutes	Motion by Tracy G. to approve March 17, 2015 Home and School Meeting Minutes; seconded by Cathy Boerner; minutes approved.
Elections of Co-President and Treasurer	<p>Molly Carroll thanked the outgoing Executive Committee Members: Co-President Colleen Tadych and Treasurer Alison Giese for all of their work and dedication.</p> <p>Molly said Kara Erchull was a nominee for Co-President. Molly asked for any other nominations. Since there were none, she asked for a motion to elect Kara Erchull as Home and School President from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017. Motion made by Tracy G.; seconded by Theresa Sebestyen. Kara Erchull elected as new Co-President.</p> <p>Molly said Ann Szefflinski was a nominee for Treasurer. Molly asked for any other nominations. Since there were none, she asked for a motion to elect Ann Szefflinski as Home and School Treasurer from July 1, 2015 – July 30, 2017. Motion made by Theresa Sebestyen; seconded by Shelly Greeson. Ann elected as new Treasurer.</p>
Presentation and Approval of Budget	<p>Alison went through the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Suggested changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Book Fair, add budget of \$150 to get new baskets (that hold books that students can buy for each teacher) plus \$50 for cash cushion. • The spring dance will move to the revenue section for next year. • Increase Fall Fest budget to \$350 (increased number of families attending) • Next year, Home and School will use Scholastic dollars to give to new teachers to buy books, so a separate line item is not needed. • Home and School will keep miscellaneous line item of \$150 for office to use as special needs arise for students. Yvette Cunningham will reconcile amount at end of school year. • Increase hospitality budge to hold staff social. • Add \$3300 for Extended Learning Support
Treasurer's Report	<p>Alison Giese shared highlights of the budget.</p> <p>Revenue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Box Tops budget to \$3500 for next year since it was so successful this year. • Keep Matty's the same. • Increase Target budget to \$3,900 for next year • Eliminate the Wilderness Hotel fundraiser • We are not budgeting any money for School Kidz • Cubs on the Prowl will become fall event • The dance was very successful and profitable. We showed it as an expense, but will go forward putting it as revenue.

	<p>Expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding a little budget to Book Fair • Added a line item called Extended Learning Support of \$3,300 – this will help to offset field trip expenses to grade levels. • Increased budget to \$350 for Fall Fest • Instructional technology and books: in past we have given money to new teachers to buy books, but we instead have started using Scholastic dollars so we'll reduce that to 0 • The sixth grade students have less students so that amount will be less (\$25 per student) <p>Theresa Sebestyen gave a motion to approve budget. Ann Szefflinski seconded motion. The budget is approved.</p> <p>Other notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The graduating class from last year wanted to put in a bench, so a courtyard is being developed for staff between K pod and 1/2 pod. A bench set from Home Depot will be purchased that can be a bench or picnic table. • The current sixth grade class will be gathering money for an additional picnic table as their gift.
<p>Notes from Principal Royce Lindner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royce said a big thank you for all the work that went into the teacher appreciation week. He and Jaime served root beer and orange soda floats for everyone in attendance! • Royce explained how school supplies costs have come under scrutiny so the district is looking at what supplies can be purchased for cheaper and used year after year (such as scissors, markers, etc). So this is the beginning of a multi-year effort by the district to reduce the cost of school supplies for families. We are also looking at how digital resources become a bigger part of school life, then other supplies may be somewhat reduced (such as notebooks, folders, etc). • Two special assistant paralegals will be retiring – Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Oliphant • Thank you to everyone that has filled out the Parent Input forms. They are due back to school on Thursday. The information helps teachers know what things that students might need help with or where they could be challenged. • Jaime said there is a district committee. We are learning about PBIS Positive Behavior Intervention Systems - a lot of positive reinforcement. We decided there were parts we could use in our schools in our district. Through a staff survey, they said we need something that is clear, positive reinforcements, posters, etc. As a district, we set some commonalities between all schools. We are building expectations (be respectful, be responsible, be safe) – and schools can come up with additional ones. At Elmwood, 15 staff volunteered to be part of a group – thinking about what type of expectations we wanted here. We are almost finished with matrix and will present it to staff and then figure out how to roll out in fall and then look at next steps and how parents can be involved. They will meet a few times this summer and ready to roll out in fall. This will help our environment be emotionally and physically safe for our children. • Royce said we placed third in the 8 schools in the district, about 8000 pounds of clothing and rags and textiles!
<p>Notes from Staff</p>	<p>None at this meeting</p>
<p>Past Events</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Market Day Pick-Up – Friday, April 17 (5th grade) 5th grade received profits for April. 2) Spring Musical – Friday, March 27 The cookie and flower sale went well and raised \$200. 3) Book Fair – April 20-24 The Book Fair was successful and Home and School gave over \$1,900 worth of books to teachers and staff. Every student a free book again this spring to reduce the amount of our Scholastic dollars. We found out that in the future, we can't give 20% off and a free book at the same time (the 20% off would now come out of our Scholastic dollars)

	<p>4) Spring Dance – Saturday, April 25 Pam Breitigam gave a report that 147 advance tickets were sold and 17 tickets were sold at the door. Twenty-six dozen baked goods were donated! They sold out of glow necklaces and bracelets (sold 107 at \$1 each). Anita’s Dance Center donated \$100; Helium gave jump passes and Stonefire gave a \$25 gift card – these gifts were given through games run by DJ. Custodial fees still need to be paid. Pam said overall she heard a lot of good feedback. One thought for next year is to have some additional lights (around concession stand).</p> <p>5) Staff Appreciation Week – May 4-8 Alison said thank you to everyone who helped.</p>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearbook will be distributed during the first week of June. Thank you to all parents who volunteered to put the yearbook together.
Open Floor	None
Adjourned	A motion to adjourn was made at 7:43 p.m. by Kara Erchull and seconded by Theresa Sybestyen.