

# **Edmonds Elementary PTA**

## **General Meeting Minutes – Draft**

**April 15, 2010**

**Call to Order by M. Fellows**

### **Accomplishments to-date for 2009-2010 PTA**

Orca Fund: new method of fundraising, raising/managing nearly \$20,000

Standing Rules & Bylaws: put in place and adopted at first meeting

Internal Controls: system set up for handling of all PTA money, now have records and reports

PTA Newsletter: more & improved communications, if parents sign up they are kept in the loop

“Get Connected” Logo developed

Website: improvements made & updated regularly with info & announcements, minutes online

Updated all documentations for the state: we have brought this organization into compliance

Family events: done w/no budget what-so-ever & not only broke even, but made money

Parent events: attempted a parent-only event in Dec

(we are hoping for more participation & better weather next year)

New Family Outreach: to kindergarten which has a great network in place, new parents

Neighborhood Outreach: flower & newsletter given to neighbors w/our appreciation

Bookfair: helping out library staff with PTA supported event this year

Student Council relations: wrapping party (& cookie exchange) to help with gift drive

### **Objectives for the coming year, 2010-2011 PTA.**

Continue on this path!

Be inclusive to all members of the EE community

Keeping parents involved & informed.

### **Orca Fund adjustments- S. Payte.**

We recently had a great meeting with parents & staff & Melissa.

Purpose: to review challenges, worked on solutions.

Suggestions: consensus that supplies go back to teachers, need to build a shortfall in

Things to consider: Next year, over 100 kids going to Camp Orkila, estimated \$10-11K in cost, this was not a cost this year. There was question as why as STARS supports this (M.Ward)

Answer: STARS has already approved grant money (per D.White & K. Sewell), but PTA does support a portion the costs - combined the efforts help keep parents from having to sell cookie dough/wrapping paper.

### **Treasurer's Report- M.Merrill**

There are records from last year, but that we have switched to a new system of accounting.

See handout. Actual/Budget Comparison for the year.

We are well on track and still have money to distributed before the end of the year.

Question regarding progress of BoxTops this year (N.Matsen). Answer: We have brought in roughly \$600 to date, a check is being mailed out 4/15 and we will have an overflow into next year. We are not far off from last year's payout & there is still monies available from last year (P.Frank)

Motion to approve \$150 funding for Math Club (P.Frank)

Money to go for supplies like flash cards, copies, games, etc.

Second, C.Diefendorf. (Also by C.Baran) All in favor, no opposition.

### **STARS Auction-**

A brief, impromptu report from K. Sewell.

Most RSVP's ever! At the Edmonds Yacht Club this Friday, come out and have a good time!

### **Gratitude Makes our Garden Grown- D.Pierce**

Staff Appreciation Week is the first Monday of May.

Monday: Covering doors for teachers. Children bring in homemade flowers to display.

Tuesday: say thank you to 5 people.

Wednesday: Flowers from their yard.

Open House this day! Teachers please fill out wish lists for the bookfair!

Thursday: Poem, drawing or letter for teacher. Binder provided.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon: following Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Fiscal Futures Committee- S.Payte**

CPC committee broke out into fiscal futures task force.

Final word: 6-8 Million in expected cuts, identified 4 million dollars in “fairly painless cuts” and made some decisions on revenue. \$750,000 in school closings.

#### **Bookfair.**

May 5<sup>th</sup>. Chaired by Jackie Edwards. Going on in library throughout the week, open during open house. Need people on shifts Wed Night, need for help prior Friday for teacher review.

#### **Jog-a-thon.**

Committee decided that STARS and Jog-a-thon were close, moved date to May 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Awards Committee.**

Golden Acorn & student award.

DP. Lifelong achievement award, educator award, endows outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> grader to go to camp.

#### **Nominating Committee.**

Thank you to C. Baran, K. Zimmerman, &P. Frank for taking on this new and exciting task!

C. Baran- This was our first year having a nominating committee. We had a total of 34 nominees, 19 accepted. Email communications had been sent regarding the voting process and

a poll was taken. Not everyone who opened and read it responded, but those who did were 68% in favor of open elections. V.Olson commented that she did receive it, but hadn't voted. C.Diefendorf mentioned that she did receive the email but had not read it all the way through.

For those who were not clear on the difference, voting processes were explained.

Open. 10 positions available for board of directors, vote for who you would like to be on the board. The top 10 vote getters will form the board and work with each other to determine where best they fit. A member asked whether or not this was done before or with other PTA's. Cathy was not aware of whether it was done with other PTAs, but it is common for non-profits and she spoke with Charles Miler, our State PTA rep. His suggestion was that there might be questions about it, but to take it to the membership. P.Frank explained the process for nominating committee began in December & the open election position was discussed in February. Recap of info: Benefits of an open election are inclusive and include all members who are willing to participate, also inspires team-building. J. Hendrix commented that the PTA she was involved in with her last school adopted some of the open process, but not all.

Closed. A traditional ballot, one person voted in per position and the rest are voted out.

A second poll/vote was taken:

26 in favor of open vs. 18 for closed.

( some did not vote, not all present were members)

### **Movement forward with open ballots.**

Ballots were passed out and members were asked to sign in next to their name on the list when they place their ballot in the box.

D. Sheldon asked if this was legal. C.Baran responded that the box was sealed and didn't know of any issues. D. Sheldon clarified that he was talking about the open election and wanted to know if we had read the bylaws. C.Baran explained that we had many times and that we have spoken with our rep and have taken it to the membership twice now. "We can't please everyone all the time, but we are trying. "

### **Voting took place & Meeting Adjourned.**

*Post Meeting note: minutes from the March meeting were distributed, but amidst the voting/election process we forgot approve them. This will be placed on the agenda again and presented for approval at the next meeting.*