

Edgewood PTA Meeting Minutes - August 25th, 2015

Attendance: John Stapleton, Robin Detmer, Bree Bouse, Tanya Bunson, David NT, Gayle Sawyer, Michelle Stecher, Rob Drummond, Susan Carey, Colleen Glick, Edward Davis, and David Donahue.

[Meeting minutes taken by David NT]

1. Review and pass minutes from May 19th, 2015 meeting. Robin moves to pass minutes, Rob seconds. Meeting minutes from 5/19/15 passed.
2. Review and pass budget. Gayle moves to pass budget, Ed seconds. Budget passed.
3. Group discussion of determining check signers of PTA checks for upcoming year. Previously had two non-PTA officers, Bree and Tanya, as signers of checks, and checks required dual signatures. Treasurer cannot be a signer. Group discussion and determination that PTA officers and Tanya/Bree be check signers for upcoming school year. David NT moves to pass, Rob seconds.
4. Edgewood PTA and school websites: Gayle did a great job on the new PTA website. She will continue to use feedback to make updates. Approximate cost of the website is \$450 for the year (had budgeted \$1500). Gayle mentions that the PTA website needs new school building photos, as the photos currently on there are outdated. David NT volunteered to take some new pictures of the school and forward them to her. Tanya indicated that she would also like access some of the new photos, as she's also making updates to the Edgewood school website. In addition to new photos, Tanya invites feedback from others about updating and improving the Edgewood School website. Group offers some ideas, such as making forms and applications (i.e. Edgewood Village) available on the site.
5. Review of Committees: John discusses importance of recruitment of volunteers and identifying early on in the year who will be leaders for the various Committees. Would be helpful to have previous committee leaders, if they're not returning to oversee the same events, to be a resource to the new leaders and to make available to new committee leaders any materials that will better help them do the job without "reinventing the wheel" each year.
6. Edgewood BBQ and Open House: Follow-up discussion about BBQ and Open House at Edgewood. These will be separate events this year.
7. Blending of 4th/5th grade classes at Edgewood: John begins this discussion with the suggestion that if the PTA is going to officially address this issue with the district, it will have to be in the form of a thought-out, cogent effort, not just vague complaints of dislike. Various PTA members express a variety of concerns and complaints as part of this discussion topic, which highlights a general lack of information and understanding by most with regard to what will be involved with the blending of the classes. The group determines that it would be very helpful to increase everyone's understanding of the plan for blending the classes, for implementing curriculum, and for meeting students' needs *prior* to the start of school. It is determined that John will communicate all of this to Larry, and an action plan has been set for John to talk with Larry to quickly get some answers and information out to families of Edgewood.
8. Meeting adjourned.