

Edgewood PTA Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016

Attendees: Reuben Medlock, Ali Megan, Melysa Romstad, Meridith Turnbull, John Stapleton, Beth Casper, David NT, Bree Bouse, Tanya Bunson, Jill Mina, Amelia Reising, Gayle Sawyer, Janet Watson (teacher), Larry Williams (principal). [Meeting minutes taken by David NT].

1. Amelia moves to pass meeting minutes from 2/16/16, Melysa seconds. Meeting minutes from 2/16/16 pass unanimously by group vote.
2. Fun Night: Gayle discusses that everything is underway, they've had a couple of good planning meetings already. Still confirming food carts, Pedal Power; attempting to get Edgewood classes to "adopt a Fun Night game" by updating and refreshing paints and materials for games that need it. Volunteers still needed for Fun Night.
3. Business Fundraising: Amelia discusses that funds raised from last Dine and Donate at TrackTown Pizza haven't been picked up yet. Next Dine and Donate event is at Mazzi's on 4/11/16.
4. Communication: Beth provides updates. They met after the last PTA meeting, Brian doing great job on website, going to have a webpage for every committee, Beth will reach out to committee chairs and event coordinators for any info needed for website.
5. Green Team: Jill mentions that on 4/1/16 four student council officers will be going to the Green Summit in Salem with Tina Leaton, and that they have been working hard on this. Also some things in the works for Earth Day, BRING is coming to do a school presentation. Working on other ways to increase enthusiasm for these events. Next Step materials recycle taking place that week again, including challenge with Camas Ridge again.
6. OBOB: Bree discusses that Edgewood did great, 70 kids participated here at school, team of 5 went to North Eugene HS, one of 3 teams to advance to Salem 4/9/16 for State championship. OBOB thanks the PTA for the money for books. Bree also mentioned that Susan Carey has someone to help her with OBOB next year.
7. Direct Donation Drive: Ali states that the DDD made over \$9000. Had good communication overall, and the thank you cards that were sent out were well-received.
8. Teacher Report: Janet provides some class overviews. Primary classes working still on the BRING stuff, which ends in the middle of April 2016 on Earth Day. Edgewood has an Artist in Residence from MECCA. The garden signs disappeared and asked if anyone knew anything about those. Second Grade is finishing up book presentations, finishing Changes In Matter, getting ready for their Bird Unit. Third Grade is finishing up Rocks and Minerals and the Oregon Unit. Fourth and Fifth Grades are finishing up Magnets and Motors, now Endangered species. For P.E., Kinder, 1st and 2nd Grades are doing Volleyball, Beach Ball activity, and the Rock Wall. In Music, Mrs. Z is doing Keyboarding/Piano.
9. Principal's Report: Larry reports since last time the PTA met they've had a staffing meeting, Edgewood was offered 14.45 FTE (this year we're functioning with 15.45). Will turn in classroom sets tomorrow, largest class size looks like 33 (this will be for 3rd grade). There will be 4th/5th blends again next year. District offered .2 in Counseling (1.0 shared with other schools). District will have a new director for elementary education beginning next year. IA's and EA's likely remain the same, will have supports at Kinder level for incoming special education identified students. Student council off to a good start with the coin drive. Edgewood will be getting some new play equipment from Howard.
10. Treasurers Report: Meridith sending out reports for committee chairs to review. Julia found a rack that could be purchased for Edgewood Village items. Tanya said that St Vinnie's may be donating \$50 gift cards for families who need it, and that St. Vinnie's had already donated \$50 to Edgewood to get some stretchy pants as loaner clothing.
11. Volunteer Appreciations: Beth acknowledges Ali Megan for website/video work, to Bree for multiple roles, to Susan Carey for OBOB, to Jill Mina for work on Green Team, to Robin Detmer for garden and silent auction items, and to Michelle Stecher for work on entertainment/dance (Michelle will also be working with the P.E. teacher to coordinate Field Day).

12. Old/New Business: Gayle moves that the Edgewood PTA endorse "A Better Oregon" ballot measure, Beth seconds the motion. Passes unanimously by group vote. Melysa moves to transfer \$500 from reserve funds to Fun Night committee for a fun night activity to help replace lost revenue from the wine wall event, Bree seconds the motion. Passes unanimously by group vote. Beth mentioned that at the recent dance, kids were being knocked over, and proposes that some rules and expectations for these events are established and communicated via email beforehand, such as reminders of supervision expectations, identifying who is in a working/volunteering role, etc. Larry adds that Edgewood teachers should be able to come to events with their partners and families and not feel expected to supervise or enforce rules while attending, that it's important that staff feel welcome to come to events as community member. John invites members to stay after briefly to discuss the covered, outdoor play area idea.
13. Meeting ended.