

## Edgewood PTA Meeting Minutes

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Attendees:** Gayle Sawyer, Amelia Reising, Taj Morgan, Tanya Bunson, David NT, Edward Davis, Bree Bouse, Anna Galas, Jill Mina, Rob Drummond, Beth Casper, John Stapleton, Michelle Stecher, Jessie Tillett (teacher), Larry Williams (principal). [Meeting minutes taken by David NT].

1. Introductions.
2. Gayle makes a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting, Beth seconds the motion. Meeting minutes from 4/19/16 passed unanimously by group vote.
3. Entertainment Committee: Additional volunteers and items still needed for Field Day. Sign-up sheet passed around.
4. Fun Night: Great feedback from all. Gayle elicits feedback from the group, mentions that food vendors were busy/overwhelmed but did well and those vendors would be open to coming to future events, still awaiting photos from the Fun Night photo booth.
5. Business Fundraising: Amelia discussed that the previous Off The Waffle event yielded \$150, mentioned that Yogurt Extreme is the next Dine and Donate fundraiser scheduled for 6/3/16.
6. Green Team: Walk Bike Run has started this week, first two days have gone well, teachers and kids really into it.
7. OBOB: Meeting tomorrow to prepare for next year.
8. Teacher Report: Jessie provided an overview of class activities and events. Kindergarten is painting wings for "Fly Away" event and enjoying artist in residence with Maya. 1<sup>st</sup> grade to release butterflies and getting ready for end of year play. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade working on bird reports and going to Cascade Raptor Center, also studying Lichtenstein. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade working on Eugene Spring Project and finishing up science unit on plant growth and development. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades wrapping up picture book projects, opening up Classroom City, parents invited to open house to tour it, many students participated in science fair this year as well.
9. Principal Report: Larry reports that they've been developing a schedule for next year that will work for the school, getting feedback from teachers at the staff meeting, and still adding dates to calendar, so let him know as dates are firm. He also mentioned that the school is looking for PVC pipe and connectors as materials for next year's recesses (building/construction play). Edgewood is also hosting A-Z Fruit and Vegetables in the cafeteria this Thursday. State testing is complete, so the school is looking forward to those results down the line. Lastly, it turns out not that Edgewood won't be getting the play structure from another school as we hoped for.
10. Volunteer Appreciation: Beth and group acknowledge Gayle for her huge role in Fun Night, Meridith for Fun Night/class art projects, and Robin for Fun Night silent auction.
11. Budget: Group review/discussion of Edgewood 2016-2017 Budget Summary (handout provided to group). Group review of the handout section by section. Ed moves to approve the amended budget, Gayle seconds the motion, passes unanimously by group vote. Meridith needs a new administrator for bank. Meridith moves to make Michelle the new administrator for the bank, Gayle seconds the motion, passes unanimously by group vote. Meridith makes a motion to move the remainder of the curriculum fund toward the purchase of blue blocks for recess play, Beth seconds the motion, passes unanimously by group vote. Beth moves to support urban renewal being continued, Gayle seconds the motion, passes unanimously by group vote.
12. Covered Play Area: Larry provides an update on the school acquiring/developing a covered play area. Basically, it comes down to 4J District policies, as it's a permanent structure and has various requirements that 4J needs to consider and approve. For now, costs will be significantly beyond the cost of the play structure itself. Group discussion about instead using some funds for a storage shed for new/existing equipment, as a shed is mobile it wouldn't have to adhere to district requirements.
13. Class Sizes: Group discussion on how to best address class sizes. Overall: the state needs to provide more funding. This PTA sent a letter to the district two years ago to express concern. Group discussion about trying to make an impact and addressing this concern by have PTA reps or a group attend legislation meeting in Salem. May want to consider developing a PTA-based activism group.
14. Meeting ended.