

Edgewood PTA Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2015

Attendees: John Stapleton, Michelle Stecher, Taj Morgan, Amelia Reising, Bree Bouse, Tanya Bunson, Sarah Stanley, Casey Wilson, Stacey Zeigler, Rob Drummond, Tina Ralston, Brian Aljian, Meridith Turnbull, Terri Harding, Melysa Romstad, Genna Osborne, Beth Casper, Becky LeDuc (Kindergarten Teacher), Larry Williams (School Principal), and David NT. [Meeting minutes taken by David NT].

1. Introductions.
2. Positive feedback: John opens meeting discussion by mentioning that the Edgewood PTA has received some very positive feedback from our community, and congratulated everyone on jobs and efforts well done.
3. Meeting minutes: Beth makes a quick mention that Anna, Chelsea and Michelle's names weren't included in the volunteer appreciation section of the 10/20/15 meeting minutes. Beth moves to pass meeting minutes from 10/20/15, Melysa seconds. Meeting minutes from 10/20/15 passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer report: Fun Run committee overspent \$200, their committee requesting \$200 in reimbursement. Group discussion to determine if that reimbursement can come from the unused \$150 from magnets, yet need we additional \$50 from another source. Group decision table this discussion.
5. Edgewood Village: Meredith provides an overview of the Village; that we got some food from Lane county, grant from Safeway, many families coming through with donations, but donations to Food For Lane County are so low that not enough to address the need. Beth discussed Coat Drive; Tina has been managing those, 25-30 coats were donated, overall very successful. Tanya has a fairly long list of families that could use support, Edgewood is currently putting together 32 boxes for Thanksgiving. There are two food drives going on: Thanksgiving and Christmas/Winter. John asks if we want to elicit further donations from Edgewood families; Tanya suggests Harvest Lunch would be good opportunity to elicit donations, especially in future years and given more time, but that she will send out an email between now and the soon upcoming Harvest Lunch.
6. Teacher report (Becky): Provide grade-by-grade overview from perspective of teachers, 4th/5th, 2nd, 1st, and Kindergarten (none for 3rd). Beth clarifies that the PTA is here as a resource, and we're open to hearing ideas and feedback from teachers. Terri reminds the group that she is on site council (as is Chelsea Donahue), and is also available as a liaison.
7. Principal report: Observations of 3rd grade teachers have been conducted to ensure that all 3rd grade classes are moving at same pace. There was a safety meeting today with Edgewood's designated school resource officer, and 9-10 parents were in attendance. Edgewood teaching staff has been participating in peer observations to learn from each other. Teachers have been participating in a full day of observations, both here at Edgewood, as well as observing teachers at other schools in the district. Larry indicates that they will have the opportunity to do this again in February or March.
8. Volunteer appreciation: Beth shows the group the bookmark that will be given to volunteers being recognized. Amelia given one for graphic design help; Bree for her general contributions as well as for OBOB; Tina for her help with the management of the clothing closet; Heather for her coordination of the Harvest Lunch; Jenna for help with graphic design. Not present, but also recognized, were: Susan Carey for her help with OBOB; Julia for her help with the Freecycle and coat drive; Billy Dahmen for class volunteering; Brian and Bobby Nesler for Boxtops; Paula Anderson for her help in Jessie Tillett's class.

9. Membership: Beth discusses dues, which are \$10 per member. She mentioned that she can manually input the member information or that prospective members go to the Oregon PTA website to sign up and pay.
10. Foster/Adoption Opportunities and Needs: David Provides an overview of the needs for foster families in our county/community, the research that DHS has recently conducted on this, and some ways that our PTA and school can help share information announcements and information. Larry indicates that information coming from DHS cannot be sent through school modes of communication, or sent home with students. PTA group decides that information and announcements can be shared through PTA-specific channels, including PTA newsletter, PTA Facebook page and PTA info booths.
11. Children's museum: Amelia discusses that she is doing some preliminary research to see if there is support and interest in establishing an adventure children's museum here in Lane County, similar to the ones in Salem and Portland. Amelia provides a questionnaire to elicit info and feedback to see if there is community interest in such a project.
12. Curriculum Committee: John provides an overview, indicates that Beth is currently the temporary Chair of this committee. John discusses a proposed form that would allow committee chairs to be able to vote on and potentially approve certain smaller expenditures for teachers' needs. Group discussion about if there should be a limit to what amount(s) could be approved in this format, and other pros and cons. No clear formation of this process could be established and agreed-upon during this meeting, and it was decided that this matter would be tabled until the next meeting. Becky mentions that the teacher have a meeting tomorrow and that she would get their input about this potential process at that time and relay that feedback to the PTA.
13. Logo: Genna provides an overview of various aspects factored into the new logo design. Genna shows the group two separate iterations of the logo, different aspects about each logo are discussed, and one of the iterations is selected as the preferred design of the new logo.
14. Adjourn: Beth moves to adjourn tonight's meeting, Tanya seconds the motion. Group unanimously votes to adjourn the meeting for 11/17/15.