

PTA Unit MINUTES

February 6, 2014

1) Welcome

- a. Call Meeting to Order - 6:32 start, no quorum
- b. Flag Ceremony – Girl Scouts
- c. Approval of January 2013 unit minutes . No vote.

2) President's Report – Marlow Sipes

- a. Teacher appreciation week coming up. May 5-9. Need a chair. Please step up.

3) Principal's Report – Belinda Baldwin

- a. Fire Safety Check - Fire chief from local station was one of the responders to the Barnard fire. He and Belinda scheduled a time and they came to check out the whole facility. Tunnels under the school, every closet, every classroom, to inspect gas, water, etc and all shut-off valves. Brought whole day crew to see everything and will fill in the night crew. Took cell phone numbers to reach Belinda etc in emergency.
- b. Kinder Tours/Lottery date change - Tours completed. Lottery now on 27th at 6:00pm in Service Center. Changed due to snow days. Finishing testing now. Need not be present to be selected.
- c. Teacher/support staff of the year - Dora Allen and Gilda Garcia teacher and support staff of the year.
- d. 4th grade performing at Global Fest at TCC. Will confirm date.
- e. Mr. Ligon wants to bring back skate night and will take it on. March 27th, April 28th. \$4/person for 50 or more. We get \$350 back for the PTA or PE budget. It will be just us in the skate rink for these events.
- F. French study Hall - Student from HH who has taken many years of French and has gone on exchange to France and wants to major in French in College. Wants to volunteer to help at EIS and will do a FREE study hall on Tuesdays after school. He will be gathering friends to help and they have to have volunteer clearance, etc. Once we know how many we will see how many can be accepted. Hopefully as many as want to take part.
- g. American Friends of Blerancourt Exhibit Venue - Elaine Leary, Executive Director of American Friends of Blerancourt. Area of France devastated by WWI and there is now a museum to

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memorialize the area. She has visited EIS and was very impressed. Will bring part of the exhibit here to our global education center. The full exhibit will be at Philbrook or other area museums. Specifically for EIS students and family and help tie in with history and language. She also happens to be friends with a man in NY who is the head of immersion curriculum there and she will hook us up with him to help with easier access to supplies if possible.

- h. Judy Glenn – New Global Education Coordinator. Has been on foundation board for the past 6 years. Not currently on board. Has made many contacts already and developing new relationships. Very exciting.
- i. Immersion training for EIS and ZIS teachers - District has agreed to pay for three day immersion training we've asked for. Tara Fortune from Minnesota will come this summer and train EIS and Zarrow staff. Will be available for new incoming staff, too.

4) 1st VP – Rob Wright

5) 2nd VP/Volunteers – Lisa Albers. Not present.

- a. Volunteer positions available
- b. Fiestivale Update – Missy/Mary/Marcy. Not present.

6) Treasurer's Report – Chris Rankin. Not present.

- a. Update on financials

7) Fund Development – Alecia McLain. Not present.

8) New Business

- a. Para-teacher campaign – Paul Wheeler need approx \$100,00 more for para campaign. Materials almost ready and will be sent out asap.
- b. How many applied for EIS? Tours were full – at least 15 tours with at least 20 apiece. There were so many applicants they got bogged down with testing. They are finishing up the last 70 now. Met some great people on the tours, great potentials. Close to 30 siblings at last check with Jeanne. We have 116 spots.

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- c. Do we factor in siblings and those being held back. Yes – we will do that so we know how many spots are open.
- d. What time do East side doors open now that South entrance is ready? They should be opening at 3:10pm but if they are not, call the office and they'll send maintenance down. We have had someone out and so we're dealing with subs at the moment. It should get smoother.
- e. South parking needs to be striped. It's been graded in preparation for sod. The cold has prevented finishing it this week.
- f. Parking in handicapped parking spots without stickers is unacceptable. We have many parents who need those spots – please ask people to move if you see it.
- g. TPD will be ticketing with motorcycle cops at 56th catching those turning left.
- h. Drop kids off in the right place – even in the cold. Traffic is backing up all the way down Harvard since we're down to one lane on Harvard.
- i. Will fiestivale signs be transferred to the South side for parking? It will be striped next year for drop-off and pick up but for now it will be straight parking. We'll check with Marcy about that.
- j. Link on EIS wesbite at the very top for Dolphin Diamond Tickets. \$100/ticket and only 100 available. If you win, you get your choice of the auction items before the auction. Fiestivale April 5th. Accepting live auction items now.
- k. Go to the website and there is a google calendar. It has to be updated so if you see something wrong, let us know. The district changes things often so we try to stay up with it but it's tricky. Contact Jeanne if you need to add something or see an error. Start getting in the habit of checking.

9) **Adjournment** - Motion: Greg Jennings, Second: Marnie Phelps

****Agenda subject to change****