



# PTA Unit

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April 11, 2013

## 1) Welcome

- a. Call Meeting to Order
- b. Brownie Troop 365 – Flag Ceremony
- c. Approval of March 2013 Unit minutes – No quorum. Tabled until next month.

## 2) President's Report – Marlow Sipes

- a. Farewell to New Haven Building - Shelley Heckenkemper & Missy Bruns
  - i. - April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm. Opening the classrooms to all old and current students. Photos and old year books available for viewing.
  - ii. Art contest – draw a picture of school, teacher, classroom. Winner's framed artwork to be hung in new building.
  - iii. Channel 8, TulsaWorld and TulsaKids promoting
  - iv. EIS alumni t-shirts will be available for purchase.
  - v. Volunteers needed
- b. Thank you notes for teacher appreciation week available to view. Will be placed on PTA bulletin board.

## 3) Principal's Report – Belinda Baldwin

- a. Uniform Update – Staff met to discuss.
  - i. Comments about EIS not having uniforms from touring families and those outside the school– too much variation
  - ii. Only elementary that allows jeans. Decided to eliminate that option.
  - iii. Logo patches back in, except Pre-K since it's not the entry point.
  - iv. T-shirt silk screens shirts still acceptable, no teal.
  - v. Polo shirts in any shade of blue and white *with logo*.
  - vi. Black socks added.
  - vii. EIS Spirit shirts and jeans on Fridays only. Jeans may not be worn without spirit shirts.
  - viii. Athletic shoes – no mary janes, sperry's/docksiders, sandals, etc. Must be appropriate for gym. Others cause problems.
- b. AMITY Update – foreign teachers doing work experience abroad.
  - i. \$1500 for para for a full year, including visa. \$150/mo stipend.
  - ii. Skype interviewed with staff and teachers. Have two from Spain already, working on French now.



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- iii. Lisa Albers will be coordinating host families.
  - iv. One of the paras coming from Spain has a background in Special Ed so we'll be able to provide support in target language.
  - c. National Magnet School conference is coming in May. French student Audrey will be doing Indian cultural dance at the conference. Michelle Diaz will give information on the bus on the way here. Will have 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade greeters and may have a "hello song" welcome as they walk in. Will have lunch here – we may get creative on food. Lezlie Segovia is coordinating as Belinda gone.
  - d. Early Release has been helpful for teachers. Has not effected EIS attendance. Has effected other schools – perhaps because it's Friday. EIS and ZIS are meeting together which has helped teachers to collaborate, etc.
- 4) 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Volunteers – Lisa Albers**
- a. Volunteers needed for Spring Fling (May 18<sup>th</sup>) and Farewell to Eisenhower.
- 5) Treasurer's Report – Chris Rankin**
- a. Updates on financials – handout.
  - b. Reimbursement receipts need to be turned in by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - c. Looking at the possibility of making budgets for teachers setting up new classrooms larger to help them get supplies.
  - d. \$220 spent on Reflections. Only 4 entries. Millie Hammond, co-chair, doesn't feel that time and effort is justified. Interested to hear input for change.
- 6) Fundraising Report – Ramon Wu**
- a. Fiestavale Update –Marcy Wilson. Intake \$83.4k , very little uncollected but all in the works to collect.
    - i. Bidding for good will get some money from online auctions.
    - ii. Suggestions in the works for next year: QR codes to track an item so you don't have to keep checking, no fighting or hovering; Looking at putting more items on website ahead of the event to get the prices up before it starts.
    - iii. Expenses were \$300 more than expected at \$11.5k. Goal was to raise \$81k and we raised nearly \$84k. \$95.6k before expenses.
    - iv. Looking for a new Chair for next year.
  - b. iGive – all purchases give 3-5% back to school. EIS is registered as a beneficiary. Use it as a search engine to look through Amazon, Target, Best Buy and other registered users. All details on the school website.



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c. Check website for all no brainer info.

## 7) **Other Reports and Announcements**

a. Para Campaign update – Marlow presenting for Gabby Ricketts

- i. 55 parents and grandparents have \$35,000 donated already. Every family will get a packet & will have been invited to a party.
- ii. Matching donations have been secured up to \$30,000k if we reach an additional \$30,000k in donations.
- iii. Coffee at EIS April 19<sup>th</sup> for those who haven't been able to attend another party.
- iv. There is a grandparent trying to organize a grandparent group to help support financially and socially.
- v. Several bottles of unopened alcohol were taken from the bar at the end of the night. Those bottles were not donated and the PTA has lost all that money. If you took a bottle, please pay for it, anonymously, if you want.

8) **Adjournment** - motioned, Johnny Onkst. Seconded, Signee Bland.

\*\*\*Agenda subject to approval\*\*\*