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PTA Statement of intent: We are all parents, volunteers and staff that are genuinely invested in what we believe is best for the school and our children. With this in mind, let's endeavor to start on time and stay on topic, and to speak and act with respect at all times.

May 08, 2014

1) Welcome

- a. Call Meeting to Order – 6:34pm
- b. Flag Ceremony – Troop 554
- c. Approval of April 2014 meeting minutes – motion: Cynthia Mooney, second – Ann Watson

2) President's Report – Marlow Sipes

- a. Principal search - narrowed the list to two finalists. One will visit EIS tomorrow. Second candidate should be visiting next week. Names not yet released to respect their rights to inform their employers. Extensive search of the US.
- b. Playground update – Process began today. Should only be 4-5 days unless there is bad weather.
- c. Spirit wear items – EIS socks. \$10. Navy, Royal and Red Nike Elite socks. Navy and Royal can be worn during the week, Red are for Fridays only.
- e. Thank yous to the executive board. Special thanks to Rob Wright and Lisa Albers for their many, many years of service.

3) Principal's Report – Judy Fessenden

- a. Want to thank you for teacher appreciation week.

4) 1st VP/Communication - Rob Wright

- a. State Superintendent Debate – co-sponsoring a panel discussion of the candidates for the state superintendent of education with ZIS, May 14th at 7:00pm in EIS auditorium. All seven have been invited and six have accepted, including Janet Barresi. No cost to us. Need approval of unit. Motion – Greg Jennings, Second – Signee Bland

5) 2nd VP/Volunteers – Lisa Albers

- a. Volunteer recognition – Sept – April we have put in 11,895 volunteer hours. That equals 1,487 days or 4 years of service.
- b. Recognition of fifth grade parents leaving EIS this year. Thank you.
- c. Volunteers of the year – Greg Jennings and Marcy Wilson
- d. Thank you to Mrs. Fessenden
- e. Spring Fling – need more volunteers. May 17th. Come before 9:30 to help with set-up, meet and greet. Will set up on the North Play Ground.



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Contact Paula Udwin if you want to help. Can't have too many volunteers.

- f. Thank you to Missy Bruns for handling Teacher Appreciation.
- g. Retirement reception for Sra. Benavides, Emily Wood Room. ' Friday the 23rd. 3:30-4:30

6) **Treasurer's Report – Chris Rankin**

- a. budget – approval process will take place next year at the beginning of the school year once actual numbers are in.
- b. Preliminary budget approval – “motion to approve the preliminary budget for 2014-15. “ Virginia Gleason. Grey Strickland, second.

7) **Fund Development – Alecia McLain**

- a. Fall Carnival – September 20th. OSU and TU have a bye. OU out of state. Looking for a co-chair to join one co-chair volunteer. Looking to develop as a community builder as well as fund raiser. Also looking for committee members. Would like to have co-chairs in place by the end of the year so the committee can get together and start working on it over the summer.
- b. Fiestavale update - \$87,312.44 used to create budget for the following year. Next year's festival is Feb 28th. Wanted to keep the spring free since it gets so crazy.

8) **New Business**

- a. PTA Board Elections
 - i. Proposed slate – nominating committee:
President: Missy Bruns – elected by majority
1st VP/Communication: Greg Jennings – elected by majority
2nd VP/Volunteers: Hannah Middlebrook – elected by majority
Secretary: Jessica Surmac – elected by majority
Treasurer: Holly Becker – elected by majority
PTA Delegate: Virginia Gleason – elected by majority
 - ii. Nominations from the floor – none.
- b. Sue Ann Blair – Chairing designer showcase. Open until May 18th at 72nd and Evanston. Makes money for the Tulsa Public Schools Foundation. Volunteering means you can see the house for free.
- c. Gabby Ricketts – para teacher fund. TPS gave us two additional allocations so our goal was \$60k. As of Thursday we raised \$63k. That budget includes the AMITY interns. \$40k surplus to cover the years when we don't have enough. These funds can only be used for paras – excess will rollover to



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other years. This is a partnership with the foundation and the principal. Relies on the principal to be on board and we're hopeful that the new principal will be on board. The foundation does not decide who will be hired or fired or placed in which classroom. Foundation feels it is fiscally responsible to keep a surplus aside. The district has indicated this may be the last year that they will fund the additional two paras. The \$40K holdover would cover that for next year if that is the case.

- d. Grey Strickland – reading sufficiency act results come in tomorrow. 6-12k third graders are estimated to be held back. HB 2625 provides a discretionary exception. 3rd grade teacher, 4th grade teacher, principal, reading specialist and parent work together to allow kids to continue on to fourth grade even if they don't pass the reading exam by unanimous vote. Need parents in the gallery at the House in OKC at 12:45. Look on FB for PleaseDon'tFlunkOurThirdGraders page and it has all the contact info for the legislators. If the house passes it Monday, it will go to Gov. Fallin. It's important that she sees a full gallery to see how important this is to parents. This possible exemption would effect all Oklahoma students, not just EIS kids. Fallin's official answer is that teachers and administrators are too soft on the situation and that what is right for the kids is to hold them back. No opt-out provision for this test. There will be a FB invite to the event at the capital on Monday. Please share with your network, even if you cannot make it.
- e. Signee Bland motion to adjourn, Second – Grey Strickland. Adjourned 7:31pm

Minutes subject to approval