

EISENHOWER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

October 6, 2016 PTA Unit Meeting Minutes

6:30 p.m. EIS Auditorium

EIS Mission: Creating responsible, global citizens through language immersion and international exchanges

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, stay on topic and to speak and act with respect at all times.

40 members in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Steve Mitchell, President
Opening Flag ceremony was led by Pack 318 Webelos I
Alicia welcomed everyone and introduced the PTA board members and chairman.

Principal Report – Kelly Mears, Assistant Principal, shared good reports on the current exchanges, described the Learning Lab “going strong”, shared her concerns how the after school dismissal by the East doors are not going very well. This includes parents needing to be better role models and use the crosswalks. The number of kids arriving before 8:15 (when the building can be open to them) is decreasing.

President's Report – Steve Mitchell, commented on the cafeteria chaos and the recent additional cafeteria staffing. Concrete was poured outside for the 2nd Basketball court, mentioned Life Lab was featured on KOTV, channel 6 news segment.

1st Vice President Report – Alicia McClain, The finishing edits are being made on the directories. On behalf of 2nd V.P, requests were made for volunteers for the upcoming bookfair; the run club is on hold until a volunteer will chair this activity or until the new P.E Instructor is hired; the Tulsa Run is coming up, the Spring Fling Date is set for May 5 with rain date of 12

Treasurer's Report – given by Steve Mitchell. Steve reported the board approval for the Run Club equipment to go “high tech” . Also reported was the curriculum work that Michelle Diaz and Laurence Hall accomplished over the 2016 summer, along with the hours they spent working on this. Steve shared the board's proposal to transfer up to \$5,600 from professional development line item to The Foundation.

Motion was made to move up to \$5,600 to The Foundation from the PTA Professional Development line item Passed.

Secretary's Report – Karen Hiller presented the written minutes from EIS PTA September 1, 2016 Unit Meeting.

Motion made to approve the written EIS PTA September 1, 2016 Unit Meeting. Motion made by Neil VanDalsem 2nd by Virginia. . Passed.

PTA Delegate Report – Laci Gregory advised members to go online to locate their legislators, announced voter registration is closing soon and the general election is also approaching.

Membership Report – Virginia Gleason reported 410 members.

Foundation – Gabby Ricketts discussed their goal of \$120,00 for next year to continue to include learning lab, library assistant, and media specialist. Gave special thanks to families that are hosting amity interns. The Foundation held its first fundraising party. Gabby described with the loss of a Global Exchange Coordinator this year, that a stipend will be given to Christy Mason to oversee the French exchanges, and a stipend to Jennifer Starr to oversee the Spanish exchanges. A reminder of the Learning Lab purpose and how it came to be a solution to the staffing budget cuts.

Steve presented the board proposal to add Enrichment Chair and President Emeritus.

Motion was made to add 2 positions to the PTA

Enrichment Committee Chair to the PTA board which would include overseeing International Fair, Media Enrichment, Life Lab and Junior Great Books.

President Emeritus, which would not have voting privileges. And to move Library volunteer and Amity Liaison. from PTA program committee to The Foundation. Motion made by Jennifer White, 2nd by Lakassia Moody.

Passed

Hospitality – Jennifer White announced the 4th grade parents will be providing lunch to the staff on October 12. The staff will be provided dinner courtesy of the PTA on Parent/Teacher Conference night, October 18. Pam Patterson's farewell party has been moved to the cafeteria.

Program Update, the 4/5th grade pool party at Sungate went well and the board received many compliments. An outing for all grades to the Children's Museum is in the planning stages.

Life Lab- Laura Shannon talked about KOTV, Channel 6 came out to record a segment on the Life Lab. She reminded us volunteers will be needed over fall break to take care of the Life Lab, and this can be tasks you wouldn't normally think of for a garden, like releasing monarchs if they are ready in their little hotel.

New Business

- a. Pam Patterson farewell reception will take place Monday, October 10.
- b. \$3,000 Dental Grant to Eisenhower from Alliance of Oklahoma Dental Association. There will be a presentation on November 21 at the Rise Up and Shine assembly. All students will receive a free toothbrush.
- c. Corporate sponsorships for Fiestavale will be sought after The Foundation is finished with its initial campaign.

Motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hiller