

EISENHOWER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

September 1, 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.

68 members in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Alicia McLain, 1st VP President.

Opening Flag ceremony was led by Pack 318 Webelos II

Alicia welcomed everyone and introduced the PTA board members and chairman.

Principal Report - Connie Horner reported that the PTA teacher representative this year is Angel Alvarez. Updates were given on faculty changes this year, request for parents to fill out the online parent survey for volunteering, at this point only 47 have taken the survey. The 7 C's of the Learning Lab for 2nd thru 5th grade was introduced and Assistant Principal, Kelly Mears gave details on the program and scheduling. Connie added how much she loves all the EIS volunteers.

Guest Speaker – Eric Smith was not present.

President's Report – Given by Alicia McLain, 1st Vice President: Most of the Google class groups are up, please contact Alicia if you are not set up.

2nd Vice President Report – Melanie Branham: Emphasized the importance of filling out the online parent volunteer survey form. Announced we are still in need of chairs for Spring Fling and Teacher Appreciation Week. Continued need for volunteers in the cafeteria, library and humanities. Reported the Home Room Parent meeting took place last week. An upcoming need for volunteers will be the Speech Arts Competition in early 2017.

Treasurer's Report – Vaughn Graham went over the changes in the proposed budgets, entertained questions, and went over difference of teacher classroom funds which is line item in PTA budget and parent classfunds which is donations by the parents to their class account. Vaughn presented the board's recommendation to add Think Thru Math annual fee to the proposed budget.

Motion made for the PTA budget to include line item for paying the annual fee of \$1,000 this year for Think Thru Math online math program which 3rd thru 5th grade utilizes throughout the year. Motion 2nd. Passed..

*Motion made to approve the 2016-2017 proposed budget.
Motion 2nd . Passed..*

Secretary's Report – Karen Hiller presented the written minutes from EIS PTA June 16, 2016 Unit Meeting.

*Motion made to approve the written EIS PTA June 16, 2016
Unit Meeting. Motion 2nd . Passed..*

Membership Report – Virginia Gleason reported 332 members.

Fund Development – Amber Knoll mentioned we have no brainer fundraisers and Fiestivale will be held February 25.

Hospitality – Jennifer White explained what her committee works on, which included the kick off dinner for teachers, introducing this year a monthly staff meal provided by classes, requesting items to help keep the teachers' lounge stocked with their favorite things.

Foundation – Gabbi Ricketts explained how the foundation revisited their goals after the 11 ½ staffing cuts took place due to TPS budgets. Priorities shifted to funding an assistant librarian and a site tech support person and staffing for the Learning Lab. Gabbi announced there will be an open house for the Learning Lab at Back to School Night. She also explained “The Scoop” which is a 3rd Thursday Coffee and speaker event held each month.

Program Chair – Susannah Brooks reported that Jennifer Parks will assist her as program chair. Reported the success of the PTA sponsored class playdates. Susannah said her job is to get people together and enjoy each other and get to know each other.

Life Lab- Laura Shannon reminded us that the Life Lab is a place for us to gather, and helps connect the students and teachers. Living examples from the lab visited the meeting.

Connie Horner returned to the floor with news of the delay of pouring the concrete for the new basketball court. All grades will have science days the last 4 days of each month by using the Learning Lab. Kelly Mears has set the schedule. Connie announced that Eisenhower was awarded the LabelFrancÉducation Seal from France. Mme Rose, Mme Weller and Mme Hall assisted Connie with the paperwork translations over the summer. 91 French programs have been awarded, 45 are elementary, 11 are in North America of which 7 in Utah, 3 in New York and now Oklahoma. Connie also recognized all the teachers present at the unit meeting tonight.

New Business

Virginia Gleason asked Connie Horner to speak on her view of the “no homework policy” that Zarrow International school has announced they have adopted.

Calendar changes of No Early Dismissal this year, but there are several full Fridays off instead. Check the TPS calendar.

Motion was made to adjourn, motion 2ⁿ. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hiller