

Eastgate Elementary PTA General Meeting

APPROVED

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY
10/5/2011

7:00PM LIBRARY

START TIME	Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM
END TIME	8:34 PM
ATTENDEES	See attached sign in sheet. The required quorum was present.

Note: Proper notice of this meeting was given to all members.

Minutes Review/Approval – Joanne DePina

REPORT	The minutes from the Sept 14, 2011 General Meeting were read and approved as written.
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Principal Report-Gail McDonald

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New students are continuing to register <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current enrollment is 447 students ○ Due to enrollment numbers BSD has approved the addition of another certificated teacher at .5 (4 hours per day) at Eastgate • There was terrific turnout for Curriculum Night this year • The teaching of the new Anti-bullying curriculum has started in K-2 and 3-5 will begin in a few weeks. • Reviewed Eastgate's performance on last year's MSP Tests. Overall the school did well. There are 33 criteria measured and the only area the school did not pass in was overall reading. The teachers are focusing on reading which will be supported by the new literacy curriculum. Results were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading: 3rd & 4th results increased from prior year, 5th decreased from prior year ○ Math: 4th results increased from prior year, 3rd & 5th decreased from prior year ○ Writing: 4th results increased from prior year ○ Science: 5th results increased from prior year • The school submitted two grant applications to the Bellevue Schools Foundation. They were for Young Authors Day and the 5th Grade Marine Research Trip. We will find out in a few months if we are awarded the grants. • After School Activities-The district did come out with a new policy and if an after school activity (defined as those activities that begin immediately following school) takes place the Principal of the school has to own it. Liability is an issue. At this point in time it looks like only evening events will take place at Eastgate.
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Treasurer Report- Rosella Picado

REPORT	<p>Rosella was not in attendance so the report was given by Joanne DePina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financial Report, through 9/30/11, was available for review • The PTA received a \$5,000 restricted donation for the VIPP program. In addition, the Treasurer was made aware of another restricted donation for the VIPP program that is on its way. See motion section of minutes for acceptance of donations.
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VP of Fundraising - Beth Aigbe

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our first fundraiser of the year is the Walkathon and it will take place on Oct 7th. Volunteers are all lined up and the event is expected to be great. • Easy Money Program Update (Box Tops). The first big contest to turn in EMP items ended Sept 30th and the results are below. Considering changing the incentive program for students. Idea is to have weekly drawings for a small prize and a monthly drawing for a larger prize. Any student who turns in EMP items weekly would be included in the drawings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collected 1432 Box Tops resulting in \$143 ○ Earned 1562 points from Labels for Education ○ Collected 76 ink cartridges resulting in \$152 gift card from Office Depot
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V.P. of Programs – Tracey Cook-Lee

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Walkabout program is in the works and should be up and running by the end of the month. This is a program where volunteers walk around during recess. There has been some interest in Chess Club so hoping to get the program going soon.
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VP of Communications – Eli D’Alessandro

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently looking into redesigning the PTA website
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V.P. of Hospitality – Deb Grover

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Parent Education session is after the PTA meeting tonight. Topic is Fostering Empathy. Picture Day is Oct 13 for the entire school
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President – (given by Joanne DePina)

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bellevue School District and the Bellevue PTA Council are partnering to put on 3 Bullying Prevention Information Nights for parents. The dates and locations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 11 (Tuesday) @ 5:00 pm – Newport High School January 24 (Tuesday) @ 5:00 pm – Sammamish High School March 21 (Wednesday) @ 5:00 pm – Interlake High School Bellevue Superintendent, Amalia Cudeiro, will host her first Superintendent Coffee of the school year on Tuesday, November 8th @ 6:30 pm at Sammamish High School. This is a relaxed, open forum atmosphere where parents are encouraged to ask questions regarding issues at specific schools and the district.
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From the Eagle’s nest: Other items of business

REPORT	<p>Supplemental Education Program (formerly VIPP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee member Linda O’Byrne gave an update. Received an anonymous restricted donation of \$5,000 and have been notified of another anonymous restricted donation of \$8,000. This brings our total VIPP budget for the year to \$58,000. Grades K-4 have decided to hire Instructional Assistants (IAs) to help in the classrooms. The budget will allow us to hire 2.5 IAs for the remainder of the school year. The IAs will be used in multiple subject areas however, the main focus will be in literacy. The 5th grade team is still deciding what will work this year and are expected to have a plan soon. <p>Multi Cultural Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair Kathy Takahashi gave an update. This year’s Multi Cultural Week is October 17th-21st. Small World Day is on Tuesday, Oct 18th. Throughout the week children can volunteer to help Mrs. McDonald give the morning announcements in their native language. The specialists are enhancing their curriculum over the next two weeks to include information from other countries. We are still looking for volunteers to host various country booths at Small World Day. <p>Student Banking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program head Courtney Ahlstedt gave an update. We are continuing the Student Banking Program through Washington Federal this year. Applications to open an account will be going home in Kid Mail the week of Oct 10th. Details are on the flier. One change this year is banking days at school will be the first Wednesday of month from 8:50am-9:05am starting Nov 2nd in the atrium. Deposits can be made anytime at the bank. Spanish fliers are available in the school office. <p>Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program head Katrina Marier gave an update. The theme this year is “Diversity Means...” The deadline for students to submit their artwork is Friday, Oct 14th. All of the participant’s artwork will be displayed at school on Tuesday, Oct 18th. <p>Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an auction year and the auction will be held on Saturday, March 31st. Looking for volunteers to help orchestrate the event. Contact Shauna Backus at sbackus@comcast.net.
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	Bellevue Schools Foundation (BSF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micki Larimer, Eastgate's BSF Rep, stated the annual phone-a-thon is November 7th & 8th this year. If you would like to help make calls contact Micki at mickilarimer@gmail.com.
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Motions

REPORT	Motion: I move to accept the \$5,000 restricted donation for VIPP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion made by Micki Larimer 2nd made by Gail McDonald Approved with 100% Motion: I move to accept the \$8,000 restricted donation check for VIPP when it comes in. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion made by Kathy Takahashi 2nd made by Shauna Backus Approved with 100%
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These minutes were created by Joanne DePina, Secretary.

These minutes were distributed in the Oct 14, 2011 Weekly PTA Email.

These minutes were read at the Nov 2, 2011 General PTA Meeting and approved as written.

Joanne DePina, Secretary

Date