

# Eastgate Elementary PTA General Meeting

## MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

WEDNESDAY  
1/4/2012

7:00PM LIBRARY

START TIME	Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM
END TIME	9:01 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 November 2, 2011 General Meeting were read and approved as written. There was not a December meeting.
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### Principal Report - Gail McDonald

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gail was not in attendance, no report given.</li> </ul>
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### Treasurer Report – Rosella Picado

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In November the check for the VIPP program was issued to the District.</li> <li>We are receiving matching donations from the walkathon.</li> <li>The Financial Report through 12/31/11 was available for review.</li> </ul>
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### VP of Fundraising - Beth Aigbe

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skate King was a success and had a big turnout. Raised \$205.</li> <li>As of December 31, 2011 the membership count was 220. Our goal this year is 250.</li> <li>Easy Money Program Update: Box Tops-80% of goal, collected \$637 to date. Labels for education-obtained 15,000 points to be used towards recess and PE equipment purchases. Ink cartridges-received \$40 credit from Staples Office Supply. The weekly drawings are going well and the first quarterly winner will be announced in the next few weeks.</li> </ul>
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### V.P. of Programs – Tracey Cook-Lee

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talent Show is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to sign up was today at 3:30. Looking for volunteers to run the event next year as the current committee chair has a graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Contact Linda O’Byrne if interested at <a href="mailto:skilindaski@yahoo.com">skilindaski@yahoo.com</a>.</li> <li>Science Fair is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. Pacific Science Center will be hosting their program, Science on Wheels, at Eastgate on February 17<sup>th</sup>. K-3 will attend an assembly and 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> will have a classroom demonstration. This program is intended to get the kids thinking about the upcoming science fair. Packets will be sent out in February detailing the program this year.</li> </ul>
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### VP of Communications – Eli D’Alessandro

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new PTA website was launched in the beginning of January. It has a completely new look and includes a calendar and sections for programs, documents, auction info, a community board and much more. Check it out at <a href="http://www.eastgatepta.org">www.eastgatepta.org</a>. A contest is being held as it relates to the new website. The first 15 people to find the 16 Did You Know (?) phrases hidden within pages of the website will win a prize. Email the 16 phrases to Eli. If you have any thoughts or comments regarding the new website contact Eli at <a href="mailto:elisletters@hotmail.com">elisletters@hotmail.com</a>.</li> </ul>
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### V.P. of Hospitality – Deb Grover

REPORT	<p>Deb was not in attendance so the report was given by Joanne DePina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hopelink food drive was a huge success. Students donated just over 1,800 pounds of food. Thank you to the students and parents who loaded the cars and drove the food to Hopelink.</li> <li>There is no parent education this week but there will be after the February meeting.</li> </ul>
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## President – (given by Tracey Cook-Lee)

<b>REPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new district wide committee for parents with children with special needs is holding its first meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the ESC Building at the district headquarters. If you have any questions regarding the meeting contact Tracey Cook-Lee at tcooklee@gmail.com.</li> </ul>
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## From the Eagle’s nest: Other items of business

<b>REPORT</b>	<p>Supplemental Education Program (VIPP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair Abby Stanton gave an update. The budget allowed the school to hire 3 fulltime Instructional Assistants (IA) for the remainder of the school year. Two of the three IA’s started in November. Both IAs are actually certificated teachers with masters degrees. One IA is working with kindergarten and third grade and other is working with second and fourth grades. The process for hiring the third IA is almost complete. A letter detailing this year’s program and introducing the IAs will be sent to the community in the near future.</li> <li>Update from BSD – at this time school board policy 1460 will remain in effect as written. As a result, next year we should be able to hire IAs again. If the money is available at the end of this year, for next year, it would be good to be able to get a jump on the hiring process. The hiring process is very labor intensive resulting in the program starting so late this school year.</li> </ul> <p>Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Co-Chair Shauna Backus gave an update. Meeting with the Red Lion on Friday to determine menu and logistics. Auctioneer has been hired, same as last auction, Jay Fiske. Could use more procurement volunteers. Discussion was had regarding how to maintain the current database for the procured items.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A motion was made to direct the money raised at the auction during “Raise the Paddle” to fund VIPP again for the next two years. See Motion section at the end of the minutes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Procurement Co-Chair Robyn Fuller gave an update. Received 3 sponsorships so far. The largest is \$1,000 from Michaels Toyota and two others at \$250 each. Also many items have been procured to date including a Walla Walla wine tour package. Procurement contests will be held in the coming months so watch kid mail and the Eastgate PTA website <a href="http://www.eastgatepta.org">www.eastgatepta.org</a>.</li> </ul> <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Yearbook</u> - DeeDee Blumenstein gave an update. Pre-order forms will be sent out in early February with a March 2<sup>nd</sup> due date. Pre-order yearbooks will cost \$18 whereas they will cost \$20 at the end of the year. Pre-orders allow us to make sure there are enough yearbooks for everyone interested.</li> <li><u>PTSA Council Updates</u> – Abby Stanton gave an update.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy Buckmaster, Executive Director of Student Services, will be giving a district wide update on AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) at the January 9<sup>th</sup> Council PTSA meeting.</li> <li>Redistricting-the BSD is currently looking into the boundary lines for all schools in the district. A committee will be formed which will include 2 parents from every school. The committee should be formed by the end of this school year. The entire process is expected to take two years.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 9<sup>th</sup> – Council PTSA Meeting</li> <li>January 16<sup>th</sup> – No School</li> <li>January 20<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show</li> <li>February 1<sup>st</sup> – Next PTA Meeting</li> <li>February 16<sup>th</sup> – Dads &amp; Donuts</li> <li>February 17<sup>th</sup> – Science on Wheels (Pacific Science Center)</li> <li>February 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – Mid Winter Break (No School)</li> </ul>
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## Motions

<b>REPORT</b>	<p>Motion: I move that the Raise the Paddle funds at the auction be designated to support the VIPP program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion made by Abby Stanton</li> <li>2nd made by Tracey Cook-Lee</li> <li>Approved with 100%</li> </ul>
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These minutes were created by Joanne DePina, Secretary.

These minutes were distributed in the January 31, 2012 Weekly PTA Email.

These minutes were read at the February 1, 2012 General PTA Meeting and approved as written.