

Eastgate Elementary PTA General Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

UNAPPROVED

WEDNESDAY
2/1/2012

7:00PM LIBRARY

START TIME	Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM
END TIME	8:46 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 January 4, 2012 General Meeting were read and approved as written.
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Principal Report - Gail McDonald

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

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent financial activity is related to the auction. The Financial Report through 1/31/12 was available for review.
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VP of Fundraising - Beth Aigbe

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auction update – Shauna Backus will give an update later in the meeting. We are planning to offer the school supply program, through Staples, again this year. We are looking for someone to help run the program. The time commitment is minimal and falls at the end of this school year and the beginning of next school year. We have been receiving a better copy rate at Staples than through the BSD copy center. Through the toner cartridge return program we have received \$100 in Staples gift certificates.
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V.P. of Programs – Tracey Cook-Lee

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent Show was amazing again this year and it was well attended. Dads & Donuts is February 16th. Pacific Science Center will be hosting their program, Science on Wheels, at Eastgate on February 17th. Talk Time – Kathy Takahashi is starting a new program geared towards parents, of Eastgate kids, for who English is not their first language. The program's intent is to help bridge the gap and make those parents feel more welcome. The meetings will be informal and relaxed and are a way to practice speaking English. Talk Time will take place every Thursday from 10:00-11:30am in the Music Room at Eastgate.
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VP of Communications – Eli D'Alessandro

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new PTA website is up and running. We encourage people to take a look at it. It has a lot of new information especially about upcoming events such as Science Fair and the Auction. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions contact Eli at elisletters@hotmail.com. The weekly enews is going out on Mondays. The deadline to have items included in the weekly enews is 8:00 pm the prior Thursday. Submissions should be sent to Monica Privat at mprivat@comcast.net.
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V.P. of Hospitality – Deb Grover

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next edition of The Talon, monthly PTA newsletter, will be going out by the end of the week. This month's parent ed is the screening of the film called Finding Kind. It is geared towards kids 10+ and their parents. It is about bullying in middle and high school and the lasting emotional effect it can have on children. The screening will be on February 29th at 7:00 pm at
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	<p>Sammamish High School. The film is free but you must register for tickets. Contact Deb at deb@bellysock.com.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking into expanding the summer play date program from just incoming Kindergarteners to include all grades. Deb will be looking to find a grade level parent representative from each grade. Roots of Empathy program-Deb gave a brief update as the program is new this year. It is currently a 5th grade program where the kids receive weekly instruction by Roots of Empathy trained instructors. In addition a mother and newborn visit the class monthly. The children are learning empathy and caring and are really bonding with the babies.
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President – (given by Joanne DePina)

REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominating Committee – The nominating committee for this year was elected with a unanimous vote. The members are Abby Stanton, Kathy Takahashi and Janice Rios. Abby has accepted the chair position. The nominating committee is responsible for putting together a slate of officers for next year’s executive board. Elections for the new officers will take place at the April general meeting. If you are interested in being on the board or nominating someone please contact Abby at abbystanton@msn.com.
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From the Eagle’s nest: Other items of business

REPORT	<p>Supplemental Education Program (VIPP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair Abby Stanton gave an update. The third and final VIPP IA was hired and started on Friday, January 27th. The third IA is assisting the 1st and 5th grades. A newsletter regarding the status of the program and introducing all of the IAs will be coming out in the next few weeks. <p>Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Co-Chair Shauna Backus gave an update. The auction is March 31st at the Red Lion in Bellevue. Invites will be mailed before mid-winter break. The auction planning is on track and everyone is looking forward to a wonderful event. Procurement Co-Chair Robyn Fuller gave an update. The procurement team is working hard and entering the home stretch. Currently looking for more experiences. The procurement deadline is February 17th. This year we will be bidding on the centerpieces, by classroom, prior to the auction. The centerpieces will be given to the teachers on the Monday after the auction as a thank you. Hoping the classroom bidding will cover the cost of the centerpieces. One of the events at the auction will be a wine toss. In order to collect donated bottles of wine, Jason Cook will be hosting a wine drop off party on March 4th from 10:00am-2:00pm. More information will be sent home regarding this event. <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Yearbook</u> - DeeDee Blumenstein gave an update. Pre-order forms were sent home today. The pre-sale will end on March 2nd. Cost is \$18 per yearbook during pre-sale and \$20 at the end of the year. In order to guarantee a yearbook for your child you should pre-order. <u>PTSA Council Updates</u> – Abby Stanton gave an update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from BSF - they are piloting a new campaign where you can send up to three teachers a valentine by making a minimum donation on their website. The art work for the valentine is being created by the graphic arts department at Sammamish High School. 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 and the principal from every school. The committee should be formed by the end of this school year. The entire process is expected to take two years. <u>Young Authors Day</u> – This year YAD will be on April 27th and the author is Margaret Read McDonald. The author is donating \$100 worth of books to our library. We will be partnering again this year with Island Books on Mercer Island for the book sale portion of the event. <u>Last Day of School</u>– The district announced the last day of school will now be Monday, June 25th due to the snow make-up days. <p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 6th – Council PTSA Meeting February 16th – Dads & Donuts February 17th – Science on Wheels (Pacific Science Center) February 20th – Focus Day in Olympia February 20th-24th – Mid Winter Break (No School) March 7th – Next PTA Meeting
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Motions

REPORT	• No motions were made at the February meeting.
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These minutes were created by Joanne DePina, Secretary.