



EPA Board Agenda



Date: 10/12/21

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Stephanie Sikes

Location: Zoom

Attendance: Stephanie Sikes, Kristen Meritt, Amy Toomey, Becki Lee, Candy Garza, Rebekah Joseph, Amanda Pitoscia, Morriah Mryszuk, Xaviera Johnson, Chantay Stanley, Emily Blanchard, Melissa Damann, Kathy Jenkins, Nikki Risinger

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Kathy Jenkins and seconded by Becki Lee

Treasurer's Report:

Old Business:

New Business:

-Code Ninja Referral Bonus

EPA made \$100 from the Code Ninja ad in our newsletter. Code Ninjas proposed a referral program in which new sign-ups that mention the EPA earn us \$25. This would replace the income from running the ad. Stephanie proposed sharing a FB post instead of putting it in the newsletter. We will take more time to discuss and decide.

-Donation Committee

Ms. Jordan has reached out to the EPA for support in gathering donations of items for children in need (such as uniforms). It was discussed that we do not need a committee for this but instead a point person with whom school staff could reach out to. Rebekah Joseph offered to be that person. It was also suggested that we use Note in the Pocket as an additional resource.

-Art showcase in newsletter

Ms Brown emailed Stephanie to ask if she could share some student art work in our EPA newsletter. The board LOVED this idea and Kathy will set up an Art Corner/Showcase in our newsletter. We will also invite middle school students to share their art.

-Teacher Retention

The EPA is sad to see so many teachers leaving our school (for both teaching and non-education related jobs). Ms. Johnson confirmed that it has been a very challenging time for teachers and staff. She believes that Covid has really hurt morale and that the administration is working on increasing support to teachers and staff. The board would like to make a plan to help support them. Ideas included: getting volunteers in to cover recess

and lunch duties so that teachers can have necessary breaks throughout the day. Kristen Meritt has agreed to communicate with administration in an effort to increase volunteer presence at school. Stephanie, Candy and Morriah offered to help. As recommended by Ms Johnson, Kristen will email administration before their next meeting so that they can discuss ways we can help.

-Community Partnership

Robin Davis-Lay has resigned as she has taken a full time position at ESA. We need to consider potential candidates to replace her.

-Giving Tree event

We need to decide which week. Looking at the second week of December.

Committee Reports

Back to School Supply Kits- Inga Kaidel

Book Fair - Becki Lee and Nikki Risinger

There will be a live sale in the gym on the first Saturday in November. It will be a FULL book fair and Becki is excited to share that EVERY student will receive a \$5 coupon to use that day. Teacher wish lists will also be available. She is also looking for food trucks for that day.

Communications - Kathy Jenkins

Ms Johnson suggested that the newsletter highlight all staff and not just new members.

Community Partnership -

Cultural Events - Melissa Damann

Melissa was excited to announce that we received the full grant amount and every grade will be able to participate. Events include a storyteller, drummers, writer residence, theater and workshops. She wanted to thank Emily and Ms Scherrer for their help.

Hospitality - Amy Cagle, Nikki Risinger and Emily Blanchard

There will be a luncheon tomorrow on 10/13. The theme is "Greatest Staff on Earth" and lunch will be tacos and salads from San Jose. They received \$570 in donations from families!

Lost and Found - Amy Toomey

Amy cleaned out Lost & Found on 10/9. There may be some outerwear pieces that Ms Jordan can use for students in need.

Membership - Kim Soden and Mandy Pitoscia

There are 224 total memberships: 66 individuals, 105 families and 53 staff.

Middle School - Candy Garza

No-Fuss Fundraiser - Rebekah Joseph

The 2nd grade won with the most donations and earned \$600 in Scholastic dollars to sue towards books.

Shop and Earn - Lori Thompson, Mandy Pitoscia and Jen Ludgate

Spirit Events - Becki Lee, Chantay Stanley and Shane Brosgard

MOD Pizza brought in \$478! Chantay and Shane will be taking over in 2022.

Spirit Gear - Kristen Meritt and Kathy Jenkins

Spring Fundraiser - Rebekah Joseph and Morriah Mryszak

They will be meeting soon with the administration to discuss the fundraiser and any goals we should be working towards.

Stock the Shelves - Kim Bailey and Amy Toomey

Sunshine Committee - Whitney Carey

Miscellaneous:

The No-Fuss fundraiser was such a success and has allowed us to order the new cafeteria tables!

Mr. Gorski and Ms Johnson were the “losers” of the No Fuss competition and will be sporting their costumes soon! Keep an eye out!

An idea for our next general meeting is to invite Ms Jordan or other school staff to discuss ways to help support our students.

Upcoming Dates:

Book Fair: Online shopping 11/5 - 11/18, Shop via Google Slide Show 11/5 - 11/11, Live Sale at ESA 11/6 from 9 am - 3 pm

Spirit Night: 11/22 at Texas Roadhouse

Next Board Meeting: 11/9

Next General Meeting 12/14

