



## EPA Board Minutes



**Date:** 2/1/22

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Meeting called to order by:** Stephanie Sikes

**Location:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2909697825?pwd=bnd1bW1IMHAvTnJDdHVzZURiaGRpQT09>

**Attendance:** Amy Toomey, Kristen Meritt, Kathy Jenkins, Stephanie Sikes, Melissa Damann, Emily Blanchard, Candy Garza, Inga Kaidel, Kim Soden, Erica Prentice, Rebekah Joseph, Amanda Pitoscia

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**Approval of Minutes:** Candy motioned and Kathy seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy shared that Box Tops brought in \$114

### **Old Business:**

Cafeteria Tables:

Stephanie shared that the tables have been delivered. The order contained two different lengths of tables to accommodate the needs of the school. Unknowingly, this variation in table length also affected the height of some of the tables. As a result, six tables are shorter (in height) than the rest. School Outfitters, our vendor, originally wanted a 50% restocking fee but Stephanie was able to negotiate it down to 25%. The remaining amount would become a credit. The board discussed options, including re-selling the tables ourselves locally, and decided to order the replacement tables now. We will decide what to do about the six "short" tables.

### **New Business:**

Committee chairs and board positions for 2022-2023:

Stephanie is asking for current board members and committee chairs to email her about their intentions for next year. The board also discussed the need to recruit new people to help cover these committee chair positions. Erica Prentice offered to send out recruitment information from the school.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Back to School Supply Kits- Inga Kaidel**

Inga shared that there is a kindergarten parent that has expressed an interest in running the committee next year. Inga also led a discussion about the current company and their religious affiliation. She has researched several companies and has found that all of those companies that offer what we want (home delivery and customization options) all seem to have affiliations. The company we have been using for the last two years is truly the BEST option for both the needs of the EPA and the families. The board has decided to stay with this company and to include a disclosure about the affiliation. We will also ask that the school include links to both the supply lists as listed by teachers as well as to our vendor so that it is clear that using this service is optional. The board thanked Inga for her hard work.

### **Book Fair - Becki Lee and Nikki Risinger**

Becki sent in a report that the spring bookfair will be delivered the week of May 9th. We will have a 2-day live fair in the gym on May 14th-15th. Online shopping will run from the 12th-25th but will not be our primary focus. We've requested to set up on Thursday night so that teachers and kids can preview the sale on Friday.

### **Communications - Kathy Jenkins**

### **Community Partnership - Ian Foley**

Ian has written email drafts to send to local businesses. We need to discuss keeping gift cards and one-time donations as a level of participation.

### **Cultural Events - Melissa Damann**

Melissa shared that last week the middle school was able to view a one hour presentation video on Shakespeare. They were then able to participate in a live Q & A with the actors. Coming up we have pre-recorded performances for African American culture appreciation for all grade levels. In April, grades 2-5 will get to see Number Drummers. This is yet to be determined as virtual or in-person. Melissa had some questions for Ms. Prentice: Can we create a google form for teacher feedback? Would they help in sharing it? For next year, can administration help get staff to choose or favor future events?

### **Hospitality - Amy Cagle, Nikki Risinger and Emily Blanchard**

There will be a luncheon for staff on next week's early release day. Texas Roadhouse gave us a great rate for a bagged lunch option. Staff Appreciation will take place next month.

### **Lost and Found - Amy Toomey**

### **Membership - Kim Soden and Mandy Pitoscia**

Kim shared that they have a few options for next month's general meeting: a therapist from WCPSS, Ms Snyder with information about EC services, and a parent who advocates for disordered eating in children.

### **Middle School - Candy Garza**

### **No-Fuss Fundraiser - Rebekah Joseph**

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

### **Spirit Events - Chantay Stanley and Shayne Brodsgaard**

Our next spirit event will be at City BBQ on 2/24. All early release days will also be spirit days.

### **Spirit Gear - Kristen Meritt and Kathy Jenkins**

### **Spring Fundraiser - Rebekah Joseph and Morriah Mryszak**

Morriah and Rebekah are planning a Fun Run. We still have Covid concerns to consider.

**Stock the Shelves - Kim Bailey and Amy Toomey**

Kim thanked Amy and Kathy for their help.

**Sunshine Committee - Whitney Carey**

**Miscellaneous:**

There was a question about indoor events at school and capacity with Covid restrictions. Some people believed that the basketball games had been allowing spectators and we are hopeful this may mean we can have in-person EPA meetings and events soon.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Spirit Events: 2/24 at City BBQ

Next Board Meeting: 3/1

Next General Meeting: 3/8