



EPA Board Minutes



Date: 11/9/21

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Stephanie Sikes

Location: Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2909697825?pwd=bnd1bW1lMHAyTnJDaHVzZURlaGRpOT09>

Attendance: Amy Toomey, Nikki Risinger, Shayne Brodsgaard, Amy Cagle, Becki Lee, Inga Kaidel, Candy Garza, Morriah Myrszuk, Erica Prentice, Rebekah Joseph, Emily Blanchard, Kathy Jenkins, Kim Bailey

Approval of Minutes: October minutes were approved with no changes. Kim moved and Becki seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Amy T. presented the current budget. She noted that the commons area tables have been ordered and there was a slight addition to the No Fuss totals.

Old Business: None reported.

New Business: The new tables for the Commons Area are scheduled to be delivered in February.

-Spring Fundraiser Rebekah reported that she and Morriah had met with admn to discuss what needs there were to direct funds from a spring fundraiser. Currently we are deciding between an EPA-led Fun Run or RaiseCraze (kindness based fundraiser). A form was sent to admin and staff to gauge the impact it has on teachers (no stress or more stress); where they would best see funds (building and classroom) and if they would like the opportunity for the funds to start an EPA Grant program where they could request funds from the fundraiser via a Grant to directly contribute to their classrooms/CEUs/Curriculum.

Decisions will be made when the results of the survey are known.

-Staff Support John McDonald is working on a listserv of approved volunteers so signups can be sent directly to them in the future. Apparently a few people are showing up to volunteer who have not completed all the steps to be approved. There was discussion about how to increase the number of volunteers as the staff is welcoming the extra help at recess and during lunch. It was suggested that maybe each grade could schedule their own volunteers. Others said they like the flexibility to help other grades.

Since we did not spend all of the budgeted funds on the commons area tables, the board unanimously recommended giving funds to admin to bolster staff morale. Thanks to Candy for giving them good ideas from other sources on how to do that. Most of them have been implemented i.e. surprise coffee days, jeans on Friday, pizza days, etc. Amy T will be consulted to determine the amount we can give. Mrs. Prentice reported that teacher retention and satisfaction is not just an ESA problem, but is a national problem.

Committee Reports

Back to School Supply Kits- Inga Kaidel - Inga is still looking for a vendor for next school year. She is having trouble finding one that is cost effective and does not donate their funds to universal causes. Supply samples will be donated to Mrs. Jordan.

Book Fair - Becki Lee and Nikki Risinger-We have earned \$7,600 so far toward our \$9000 goal. So far 120 teacher wish lists have been filled. The board authorized Becki to use Scholastic Dollars as she wished including filling the remaining teacher wish lists

Communications - Kathy Jenkins- Asked if every Spirit Night could be a Spirit Day; was told to email admin for permission for each one to make sure there are no calendar conflicts.

Community Partnership - Still looking for a chair for this committee.

Cultural Events - Melissa Damann- The first cultural event will be a 7th & 8th grades Writer Residency workshop Nov 29-Dec 3. It was reported that during the school year that all grades will benefit from this program because we qualified for a grant.

Hospitality - Amy Cagle, Nikki Risinger and Emily Blanchard The October luncheon was a great success. The food was good and the staff enjoyed looking under their seats to see if they had won a prize! Thanks to Amy for being in charge. Pies from Walmart were given as a treat in November. Each staff meeting the committee is going to provide a treat.

Lost and Found - Amy Toomey Amy reported that nothing had changed. Kids are still losing stuff and most of the time there are no names on the items!!

Membership - Kim Soden and Mandy Pitoscia-no report

Middle School - Candy Garza-no report

No-Fuss Fundraiser - Rebekah Joseph

Shop and Earn - Lori Thompson, Mandy Pitoscia and Jen Ludgate- Giving Tree Drive will be Dec 6-11. Items dropped off during this time will earn triple credit for ESA. Everyone is reminded to use AmazonSmile for Black Friday and holiday purchases.

Spirit Events - Becki Lee, Chantay Stanley and Shane Brosgard-Texas Roadhouse Nov 22; income might be less due to new school holiday. We earned \$314 from Panic Point sales this year. Shane reported that she is working on Pappa Murphy's for December and Gooley's for January. There was a discussion about selling pies; no decision was made.

Spirit Gear - Kristen Meritt and Kathy Jenkins-Shirt inventory is low in some sizes; it was decided to wait until spring to reorder. Will have a fleece sale in the next few weeks for January delivery.

Spring Fundraiser - Rebekah Joseph and Morriah Mryszuk-see above

Stock the Shelves - Kim Bailey and Amy Toomey-Sixth grade is lucky to have lost a week this month. Fifth grade has December to stock the shelves.

Sunshine Committee - Whitney Carey is continuing to use the Favorite Things to celebrate staff birthdays

Upcoming Dates:

Book Fair: Online shopping 11/5 - 11/18, Shop via Google Slide Show 11/5 - 11/11,

Spirit Night: 11/22 at Texas Roadhouse

Giving Tree: 12/6 - 12/11

Next Board Meeting: 12/7

Next General Meeting 12/14 (Membership is working on the agenda)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm

Kathy Jenkins (for Kristen Meritt)

