

Erskine PTA Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Marcy Pease, PTA President

Reading and Approval of minutes from May meeting:

Motion to approve: Diana Ledford, Seconded by Christine Engel

Principal's Report (Mrs. Zimmerman):

370 students at Erskine.

Kindergarten started differently this year as they were allowed to spend time in each kindergarten classroom and get the opportunity to connect with all the adults in the kindergarten community. Last Friday they announced their homerooms.

Feedback from the Woo Hoo BBQ and Curriculum night was that it went well. We hope to expand it next year.

Kids are very excited for the Phase 1 playground that was installed over the summer and looking forward to Phase 2.

Counselor's Report (Mrs. Hall):

Starting Social and Emotional curriculum. Will be going into classrooms in a large group setting to go over mindfulness and how to regulate themselves.

We had our first Eagle Ambassador meeting - it is a leadership opportunity for 5th graders and the kids are very excited about it. They are doing morning announcements, the school store and are helping others by being new student buddies.

Treasurer's Report (Karl Hoffman):

Vote to approve budget for 2018-2019 with note that any extra money above the Walk N Rock budgeted income (\$8,500) will go towards Phase 2 playground.

Motioned by: Jennifer Patterson, Seconded by Amanda Zenner

Membership:

*40 paid memberships

Teacher Reimbursement & Field Trip Grants (Karl Hoffman):

*Teacher Reimbursement - 1x, \$250 through the School Foundation

*Applications open September 5th - first come, first serve so get your applications in early

*PTA classroom sponsorships - \$100 each for classroom

School Store (Angel West/Mrs. Hall):

Store will be starting next week; open every Friday 8:30-8:50 AM

Student Directory (Angel West):

*Opt out is with E-registration so once we receive a majority of completed registrations, Mrs. Buck will send me the data and I'll get it formatted for the directory. Art contest is same as the last few years, but we are featuring the new logo on the front cover with student artwork featured in other areas of the directory.

Kate Cervantes suggested emailing staff so they can remind students to get their submissions in.

Playground Phase 2 (Playground Committee):

Phase 2 includes a double slide and tile below it adjacent to the location of Phase 1. It will add tile below the current tire swings as well as putting benches near Phase 1 and under the sun shade which will be turned into a butterfly garden.

Walk-n-Rock Fundraiser (Jennifer Patterson, Kristin Davis, Diana Ledford):

*Pep rally & packet distribution 8/31

*Money & packets due on Wednesday, 9/12 to qualify for grand prizes

*Final donation deadline is 9/21

*Walk-n-Rock event Friday 9/14 12:30-1:45 - all are invited to join the fun!

We are using the Get Movin' Crew again for online fundraising and some prizes. So far there have been \$1080 in online donations and \$1600 from sponsors. We are working on getting Shucks, Washington High School students and members of the Fire Dept to cheer and motivate the walkers.

Other Fundraisers:

*Box Tops (Dena Aretz-Burian) *Hy-Vee Receipts (Dena Aretz-Burian)

New location near the drinking fountain for box tops and receipts

\$212 on balance for boxtops (last year we earned over \$660)

\$3001 earned from Hyvee receipts last year which was 4th place out of 92 schools. Let's go for 3rd place this year!

Containers are in the classrooms - trophy to follow

Labels for Education is officially over and Mr. Pelechek received some items with the balance we had left last year.

School Apparel (Jessica Gurwell):

*Order sheet is in the works. Will probably have a fall order to arrive before Christmas and a spring order.

Items will be affordable and will hopefully include tri-blend soft cotton tshirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants, etc.

Washington Homecoming Parade (Sue Gonzales):

*Wednesday, September 26th 5:30-7:30 p.m. WHS North Parking Lot

(confirm time - Wash website says 5 pm)

Woo Hoo BBQ (Marcy Pease & Diana Ledford)

Seemed to be successful even for a rainy day!

Book Fair (Dena Aretz-Burian)

Scholastic Book Fair is currently scheduled for Oct 17-24 but trying to move it to Oct 10-17.

New Business:

Discussed a donation for an Erskine family who recently experienced a tragedy. Some assistance with lunch expenses was agreed upon. The PTA will also post information for donations to the family on their Facebook page.

Mrs. A Zimmerman suggested we design a handout with descriptions of all the PTA events and activities for new or incoming families to Erskine.

Amanda Zenner suggested Amazon Smile as a fundraiser.

*Reminder - please log volunteer hours on [blue sheet](#) in main office

*We are looking for someone to join the America Reads committee.

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming Parade (9/26) Walk-N-Rock (9/14) PTA Meeting (10/4)

Staff Conference Dinner (10/16) Pumpkin Decorating Contest (10/30)

Adjournment:Next meeting is on Oct 4th at 6:30 PM - childcare provided