

East Goshen Elementary School
Home & School Association Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
9:30 a.m.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:39 am with 24 in attendance.
- II. **Parliamentarian's Report (Leigh Tobin):** Leigh reported that after the resignation of Karen Dougherty (due to family moving to another school), the Executive Board voted in Leighann Carpenter as the new Recording Secretary. Everyone welcomed Leighann.
- III. **Recording Secretary (Leighann Carpenter):** Leighann motioned for approval of the May 2017 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved.
- IV. **Corresponding Secretary (Ann Degler):** No changes to report.
- V. **Treasurer's Report (Dottie White):** Dottie reported the HSA account currently has \$33,600. There will be new forms on the website for the deposit request, withdrawal and reimbursements as well as gift cards for HSA Committee Chairs usage. Receipts should be attached. Tax ID number will be made available to committees. Easy ongoing fundraisers for the school are the Giant Rewards, AmazonSmile, Box Tops, and company matches for iGive (currently 9 companies). Financial Review completed by Shari Maun and Kelly Troland.
- VI. **Co-President's Report (Robyn King and Kendall Sisk):** Each HSA member who attended the meeting today introduced themselves and their child who is a student at EGE. Robyn announced volunteers needed to Chair 5th Grade Bingo, School Board representatives, and for Bank Reconciliation. Lisa Pagano requested a volunteer(s) to assist with the Spring Fair who will shadow the Co-Chairs this year. This/These volunteer(s) would Chair for next year. Upcoming events include; Homeroom Parent Orientation this Friday 9:30-10:30 a.m, 1st Grade Muffins with Mom-Oct 4 from 8-8:30a.m., Family Fun Night-Oct 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m, iGive at EGE the weeks of Sept 26-Oct 6. Clothing Drive- Oct 16-20 (raises approx. \$600-\$1000 ea/yr).
- VII. **Committee Reports (Committee Chairs)**
 - **Hospitality: (Kendall Sisk reported for Christine Swierczek)** Christine needs a co-chair. Kindergarten Coffee Social had 25 attend and was a success

with a lot of positive feedback from parents. 1st Grade Muffins with Mom is Oct 4.

- **Community Outreach: (Kate Diem)** 5th grade visits Bellingham next week. Feed the Hungry raised \$1700 this year (down from \$2500 the previous year). Food Fund Drive in November. Parents will be asked to purchase and make the pasta this year.
- **Homeroom Parent: (Kendall Sisk reported for Carol Panossian)** Dottie White and Nicole Gross to co-chair. Each will take two grades for parent leads to use as a contact source (Carol K-1, Nicole Gross 2-3, Dottie White 4-5). At this point, there are leads for all classrooms. Some classrooms will have co-leads. Friday is Home Room Parent Orientation from 9:30-10:30.
- **Directory: (Kristina Cogill/Tracey Todd)** The directory is currently at the printer and will be sent out to families next week.
- **Adult Social/Silent Auction: (Lisa Pagano/Karen Turek & Jen Platt/Christine Cuccinota)** Location for the Adult Social this year is Barnaby's in downtown West Chester. The event will take place from 7-10pm on 11/11/17. The committee is looking to keep the ticket charge at \$25/ per person. Barnaby's is charging \$16 per person. They are looking into parking vouchers and adding some food into the package (chicken fingers and pizza squares included) . The committee will be handing out fliers at the door at Family Fun Night. Big items coming to the Auction this year include; Great Wolf Lodge, American Girl Doll, 50/50 Raffle, Beauty Counter and Young Living Baskets. Looking for Eagles Tickets or show tickets. Blurb will go in the Rundown.
- **Publishing Center: (Kristina Cogill/Tracey Todd)** Tracey Todd reported that she will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius for those who have volunteered to help with Publishing in February or March. Parents can sign up to only help with their child's class or offer to help with other classes too. Parents will type and insert labels for individual child's books. Teachers select two books from each class to display in the library.
- **Wellness: (Pam Armbruster/Sarah Truman)** Need volunteers. The committee is planning an upcoming Halloween candy collection for Operation Gratitude through a local dentist.

VIII. Old Business – None to report.

IX. New Business

- Election of Executive Secretary
- Majority voted to use PayPal for iGive as another form of payment option. Link to PayPal will be communicated via Rundown and the website. Paypal charges 2.2% + \$.30 per transaction.
- Swiss Farms is not doing a rewards program this year.
- Parents will be invited to join AmazonSmile. Amazon will give back .5% for eligible purchases. Info will go home in Rundown.
- Learning Express has a holiday shopping fundraiser Nov. 6-10. EGE parents will get 10% discount and Learning Express will give back 10% of total sales to school.

X. Principal's Report (Mr. Brown): Mr. Brown reported:

- Mrs. Wingerd will go out for maternity leave next week on 9/22. A replacement is in place.
- Roadrunner Goal – Students are to try to collect 400 tokens per trimester. This year the students have voted on a movie day if they can collect enough tokens.
- Roadrunner of the Week to start soon.
- STEM: Motion to approve electronics purchase including Nearpod, connectors from iPad to projectors, adaptors, stylus and apps; library – mobile book tower; recess – soccer nets (4) and playground balls (6). Motion approved by Dottie W. 2nd motion to approve by Lisa P. All were in favor, none against.

XI. Other Topics

- The Co-Presidents introduced the idea of the HSA using an app that some of the teachers are currently using called Remind. It could be used to send out reminders to parents on various functions and fundraisers going on in the school. May wait till after iGive to roll out as it is a very busy time and don't want to overwhelm with too much information.
- Many teachers wrote very thoughtful thank you letters to the HSA between last Spring to the beginning of the school year. The Co-Presidents shared Mrs. Romeika's with everyone from her retirement last year but had others for viewing for after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Leighann Carpenter