

## EHSPTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

3/5/2020 9:00AM EH Art Room

BOARD ATTENDING: Liz Barrett – President  
Amy Boss – VP  
Katie Gorman – Recording Secretary  
Nicole Azzara - Corresponding Secretary  
Beth McCool - Trustee

### Yearbook Update- Amy Boss

- Progress is in great shape! Individual spotlights done, group photos coming. Picture/Room parents will be asked to start working on their pages to get this out near Spring Break.

### Principal Update - Gerry Bissinger

- Past events in January and February went well.
  - Kindergarten Information Night was hosted at EHS for all 3 elementary schools to learn about the program. New student/K registration opened (56 Kindergarten students registered, or 3 K sections, for EHS). Looking at rearranging and finding new classroom space.
  - One book One school program received good feedback.
  - In January, a group of teachers from China visited and collaborated with EHS staff over how to use STEM and Makerspace programs.
- Noontime enrichment is ending and well-received this year.
- We newly partnered with BST Education, who is working with grade 3, 4 and 5 during library time to code websites. Kids are responding well, and BST indicates our students are advanced in this space.
- Current events include Battle of Books, 3D printing, Science Olympiad and Read Across America. A new team of 6 5th graders has been formed, called STAT, to help younger kids with technology projects.
- In March, report cards will come out and there will be a delayed opening March 25th. The annual book fair will be held at end of March. The quiet lunch pilot program has a few parent volunteers enlisted for a few days a week later in March.
- In April, spring break starts April 10. On 4/7, elementary principals are hosting movie night screening "Wonder," with breaks during film to host Q&A over the topics in movie.

- The Future Chefs competition is underway amongst 5th graders, with 4 teams maximum up to 5 students from each of the 3 Haddonfield elementary schools. Winner of school-based competitions compete in final competition across the 3 schools. PTA is giving money. Must follow USDA guidelines.
- June 5th is Grandfriends Day
- Future programs include a robotic lego team for 4th and 5th grade next year, considering Robotech to run the team.

#### President Update - Liz Barrett

- Talent Show
  - Reaction to the new ticket structure was good, with over 600 tickets sold.
  - Very smooth process this year with groups, practice spaces and fun environment.
  - DVD order form went out. Videos and dress rehearsal photos will be for sale night of.
- Winter Parent Social
  - The event (3/6) is sold out. We believe the new location of King's Road is driving force. Baskets are ready to go.

#### Upcoming Activities - Amy Boss

- Bookworm
  - Author Night is scheduled for June. Details about the form and deadline out in Gerry e-blast tomorrow 3/6. April 1 deadline for bookworm. Need 2-3 volunteers to take over program. Need a subcommittee of 10-15 for book assembly.
- Book Fair
  - Kona Ice offered to do a fundraiser. Schedule for Monday, rain date Tuesday. Family night is Wednesday.
- 5K
  - Borough permit, barrier, and timing company secured. Looking for DJ and ready to set up subcommittees next.
  - Getting together a sponsorship committee to do a joint package across 5K and Fall Fair in one ask.
- 5th Grade Penny Wars coming in April, new fundraiser

#### Committee/Chairperson Recruiting - Amy Boss/Katie Gorman

- Trying to consolidate volunteer, shadow and chair asks. Asking for personal recommendations for parent volunteers to send to Amy Boss. A parent survey will

go out in April to get feedback in order to understand better the barriers to volunteering and for paying membership dues.

END MINUTES