

Minutes of the Edison Parent Council • April 18, 2006

Present: Sarah Bascom, Karen Cooper, Leita Dzubay, Sheri Engelbert, Mel Erickson, Becky Gordon, Dave Hulbert, Hillary Johnson, Robin Latimer, Tara Lucas, Tom Maloney, Kate McCarthy, Lisa Namyet, Dick Pfunder, Michael Sheehan, Beth Stein, Jen Thoennes, Lynette Williams, Nancy Zimmerman,

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 21, 2005 meeting were approved.

Public Input: Mel Erickson suggested combining Ocean Week with earth and sky to make a more integrated global connection, especially given global warming and environmental issues.

STANDING REPORTS:

Edison Education Fund: From April 6 meeting: Susan Daniell reported that \$50,000 has been raised since July 1, 2005 with \$2,000 in pledges still to be paid. A Spring fundraising letter will soon be sent (before Jogathon) highlighting the \$100,000 annual goal to parents. EEF has also been thinking about a restaurant night before the end of school (one to happen at Bene Gourmet Pizza on May 2, 4-9 pm). EEF is looking for new members for next year; contact Susan Daniell at 345-7463 or sndaniell@hotmail.com.

FUNDRAISING:

Kids Night Out: To be held this Friday, April 22 from 6-9 pm; kids are free if parents update Scrip information.

Pancake Breakfast by Sons of Norway happening this Saturday, April 22; 50% of proceeds goes to Edison.

Chinook Books: Sheri Engelbert announced the opportunity to sell Chinook books in front of Market of Choice on 28th and Willamette for 2 days. Sheri will put together a schedule for each class year to participate in the selling effort.

T-shirts: One more order will be placed this year. Leita Dzubay is looking for help in keeping this going next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and UPCOMING EVENTS:

Anthology: Books to be available in May.

Jogathon: Event on May 12 has been moved to field behind the track field used last year. Kate volunteered her husband Dennis McCarthy to volunteer as medical coverage.

Peer (POP) Committee: Peer Flags to begin in May. Tom Maloney suggested that we think about flag(s) maybe going home with kids. The Playground Partner program is looking for parents to fill in gaps recently vacated. A change has been made so that if you have younger kids, in backpack or not, you are welcome to volunteer! Contact Sarah Bascom at 686-2867 or sarahkbascom@yahoo.com.

Staff Appreciation: During the week of May 1, we will try to coordinate offering massages to Staff but we are in need of volunteer chair massage therapists. Contact Jen Thoennes if you know of someone. Karen Cooper reported that the last event is the Staff breakfast in June.

Community Service: An event is planned in Hendrick's Park from 9:30 to 1pm on this Saturday, April 22.

PC Plans for '06-'07: 1. A Parent Council co-chair, a very important role, is needed for next year to partner with current co-chair Jen Thoennes. 2. For May PC meeting: Think about events or committees we would like to commit to for next year; Should we add a committee around nutrition? Around reinforcing character development? What can we do to better include all parents? One idea: Explore PC meetings with childcare coverage. Tom suggested that a core group should brainstorm ways to be more inclusive and improve outreach.

Site Council Report: See separate notes from Site Council meeting. Draft of mission and vision statements to be presented at the next Parent Council meeting.

Principal's Report: Tom Maloney reported that Health Services Department is looking for an Edison parent to sit on a committee that discusses health issues. Interested? Contact Karen Cooper. Tom also reported the following: Once visioning process reaches clarity, the financial engine will then become a priority. Edison will have a "move up" day this year – on the second to last day of school, kids will move up to see their new classroom with new teacher and new classmates. Prior to this date, notes will go to parents with teacher assignments for next year. As done in previous years, Kinder teachers will still do an Open House orientation and home visits. Response to Intervention project giving teachers tools to assess reading levels and improve skills – three year project. Status of Kinder .66 position: to be posted tomorrow open first to in-district applicants, then later to be open to out-of-district. Contact Tom if you are interested in being on a panel member to help interview candidates. A SUNA garage sale will be held on May 20 from 8-4 at Edison; parent help is needed on Friday after 4 pm to help price things and Saturday all day working at the sale. Proceeds will be shared by SUNA and Edison.

Adjournment: 9:05 p.m.
Lisa Namyet, Note-taker