

Minutes of Ed Smith PTO Meeting Held Feb. 12, 2020

Attendees: Lesley Porcelli, Emily Hart-Gorman, Kay Scott, Lee Kennard, April Beier, Ashley Bloomer, Amy Warner, Kate LaClair, Erika Hegland, Michael Grifasi, Karly Grifasi, Kate Saufley, Beth Myers, Julie Gozan, Eric Ferguson

Principal's report

- Science Fair parent viewing 2/27 6-7
- New York State ELA testing to begin four weeks after break
- Encourage students practicing online so they're used to it
- Classroom mock exams in ELA and math will guide re-teaching based on identified opportunities for improvement
- Parent advocacy for moving testing closer to the end of the year would be appreciated
- March 11 - no school for professional development
- President Grifasi thanks Principal Barber and Vice Principal Lawson for kindergarten preview night, feedback has been positive – suggestion to alter format to be more participatory for kids next time

Approval of Dec and Jan minutes

- December minutes – approved unanimously
- January minutes – approved unanimously

President's report

- Thank you to Erika Hegland for the Ed Smith Art Auction (applause all around ... seriously); event attracted parents of current students, alumni, attendees of all ages
- STEM night and Family Fun night dates are currently TBD, possibly combining activities into one event
- 2/14 - Black History Month and Valentine's Day celebrations, stamp unveiling (middle school students attend)
- 100th planning ongoing, inclusion panel 4/24, Gala 5/16, Nottingham/Ed Smith talent and fashion show on 5/17

Proposal for 100th Project Funding (Kay Scott)

- Goal for tile installation is April
- See proposal (attached to email) for details on mural and timeline projects
- Funded through combination of tile and PTO funds
- Seeking to balance honoring the history of the school with the needs of current students in terms of funding allocation – possibly delaying the timeline project for AY20 budgetary purposes
- Will explore possibility of SCSD Foundation grant to fund timeline project, in addition to Gala revenue

Treasurer's report

- \$4,650 revenue from art auction (probably closer to \$4,000 after all expenses are accounted for)
- See attachment for updated budget line-item detail
- Re-evaluating candy fundraiser vs. alternative fundraising options (including benefit concert)
- On pace to exceed projected income without including projected Gertrude Hawke fundraiser
- Determining a venue for benefit concert (bands are lined up)
- Speech Candy possible for a candy fundraiser – also celebrating their centennial; any fundraiser would depend on a volunteer (or volunteers) to lead it
- Tote bag fundraiser scheduled for May
- Call to order: funding votes
 - O'Connor for \$300 for pizza and wings for BHM celebration – approved
 - Sindoni - \$430 for math competition field trip to Dutchess Community College – motion to approve, seconded

Upcoming volunteer opportunities

- List of upcoming volunteer opportunities circulated for sign-up

Yearbook

- Request to comp yearbooks to yearbook students – motion to approve, seconded

Support for musical

- Concessions sale – proceeds to benefit the drama/music program
- PTO to purchase pizza for middle-school students participating in the musical

Open discussion

- Re-opened discussion on the Centennial project funding (mural and timeline)
- Motion to support Centennial mural project funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,800 within existing PTO line items – all in favor, none opposed
- Timeline funding will come from possible Foundation grant, tile sales, and/or Gala revenue
- Leslie motions to adjourn 8:16 – Kate seconds