

Minutes of Ed Smith PTO Meeting Held January 23, 2020

Attendees: Karly Grifasi, Sarah Brown, Anna Dahlstein, Susan Fuller, Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, Jonah Minkoff-Zern, Ashley Kennard, Eric Ferguson, Jill Ferguson, Beth Myers, Amy Warner, Ashley Bloomer, April Beier, Karen Cordano, Michael Grifasi, Heather Coleman, Rebecca Shaffer Mannion, Julie Gozan, Connie Myers, Reggie Washington, Margaret Martin, Erika Hegland, Anna Lumsden

1. Principal's report (Principal Sam Barber)
 - Greetings and thanks to everyone for the great first half of the year
 - Reggie Washington discussed 21st Century after-school program, enrichment and activities, still accepting students
2. Special election for recording secretary (Karly Grifasi)
 - Thank you to Connie for her service
 - Eric Ferguson elected by majority of votes
3. President's report (Karly Grifasi)
 - Website revisions in progress with help from Ashley Bloomer, Fullers, and Ferguson
 - Welcome banner approved for \$150 in funding unanimously, amount will cover costs of 6'x3' or 5'x4' banner TBD
 - Great turnout for three Title I events so far, including 70-plus for literacy event in January; data chats have been successful and interactive
 - Upcoming events for spring including Carnival, 100th anniversary event
 - Discussion about possibility of replacing Gertrude Hawke's candy fundraiser with other fundraising effort; possibilities include See's Candies, Equal Exchange (fair trade/fair labor), direct appeal; budget factored in \$2,750 from fundraiser; call for volunteers to run spring candy fundraiser; possibility of covering anticipated loss through savings; issue tabled until after art auction
4. Treasurer's report (Mike Grifasi)
 - \$1,400 to Carson family
 - \$300 for Black History Luncheon approved
 - \$123 for testing privacy shields approved
 - Evaluating costs for lost street sign letters
5. Art auction (Erika Hegland)
 - Scheduled for 2/8 at Bishop Harrison, Venmo @EdSmith
 - Musicians scheduled to perform
 - Still accepting art submissions, including (possibly) Ed Smith student contributions
 - More info available at Ed Smith Facebook page and Instagram account
6. Science fair (Emily Hart-Gorman)
 - Packets sent home 1/23
 - Event added for 2/12
 - Volunteers needed for both events
 - Laura-Ann Minkoff-Zern volunteers to collect ideas and materials for science experiments
 - Every K-8 student whose proposal is accepted can participate

7. Book sale and giveaway (Anna Dahlstein)
 - Scheduled for week of May 18
 - Long-term funding needs to be discussed
8. Upcoming events (Karly Grifasi)
 - Bettina Love 1/24
 - Kindergarten preview 2/6
 - Arabic-speaking parents forum 2/5
9. Motion to adjourn
 - Motion carries