

**Edmonds-Woodway High School
Parent Staff Organization Meeting
May 7, 2009
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Eileen Kelliher at 7:00 pm.

Old Business

Approval of April Minutes

There was a motion, and a second to the motion, to approve the minutes from the last meeting; the motion passed. Laurie Hetherington prepared the April minutes because Martha was not at that meeting.

Treasurer's Report

This month's treasurer's report, by Pam Hill, shows about \$324 available. Pam reported on three interim grants made by the board in the last month. They were \$200 for the Mom and Me Tea for graduating seniors, \$175 for the upcoming Senior Awards Night, and \$200 to the Frisbee Club for tournament fees. These grant requests came in after the deadline for the earlier grant meeting; however, Board was able to approve these grants without member vote because each was under \$250.

Status Report of Pending Activities

Annual Giving Campaign

The Annual Giving Campaign, headed by parent Lisa Landry, has a current total of \$15,362. The deadline for donations that will be recognized on a plaque for the school is May 15. Board members had recently sent notes to a small set of previous donors who had not yet donated this year and the results of those notes was reported to be fruitful. The consensus was that this was a worthwhile effort, more so than previously sending out mass-mailings with reminders to all parents. The PSO board and Lisa are very pleased that current board member Carol Hollyfield and Linda Hebert will co-chair next year's Annual Giving Campaign.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Tomorrow, May 8, is the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, an effort headed by Melody Benton and Margaret Smith.

New Business

Report by Administration Representative

Our assistant principal Robert Johnson reported on a few items going on in the school.

- All eight spring sports teams had GPA's of 3.0 and higher. The Girls Golf team was the Class 4A State Academic Champion with a GPA of 3.85.
- Sandy Metzger reports that the E-W's sports med team won WESCO and placed 11th in state competition.
- Two E-W graduating seniors received academic honors: Julia Do is a Washington Honor Scholar and Sally Chu is a National Honor Scholar.
- Senior Culminating Project presentations are scheduled for tomorrow at noon.
- E-W is pleased to report that two staff members, Jen Daskin and Joann Maher, had babies recently, and that Angela Bond is expecting a baby.
- E-W students participated in a recent World Unity Cruise in Seattle and reported it a great success with over 400 participants.
- The school's Fabric of Life event raised \$1300. Fabric of Life was run through IB for CAS hours; money raised was used to fund a school in Mali, Africa. The purpose of the school is to train women to make color-dies for fabric and sell textiles. The evening event here had African food, African dancing, and a concert with African music.
- A fund-raiser at school for the American Cancer Society includes a vote on which teacher will be the target of a cream pie throwing.
- It is Teacher Appreciation Week and there are events on-going to show our appreciation for all that our E-W teachers do.
- Warrior Chef is a cooking class at the school and it recently came in second in the district Iron Chef competition.
- A special mention was made to publically thank out-going PSO president Eileen Kelliher for all the many things she has done, over many years, for Edmonds Woodway.

Robert and our principal Michelle Trifunociv responded to a few questions about Superintendent Nick Broissott's request for parent input with respect to next year's schedule. In conjunction with budget cuts, the school will have a single start time. The district is considering switching from Community Transit to yellow school buses for transportation. It is important to align the E-W start time with that of the other high schools as there are some staff members who are shared by the schools and some students take courses at other schools.

Citizens Planning Committee

Parent Lisa Speer, the school representative on the CPC, was not present.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship committee headed, Eileen Carter, reported that so far there have been no applications for the PSO scholarships for graduating seniors. Parents in the audience noted the many students are busy with AP exams and IB testing. The deadline was extended to May 21. Some commented that the scholarship application was lengthy and

Eileen welcomed feedback on the application process, noting that the application had been shortened from last year's.

Vote to Change By-laws

Greg Arnold proposed two changes to the PSO By-laws. The overall goals of the proposals were to assist in creating a succession planning process for continuity from year to year, to get more people involved, and in particular to get more 9th grade parents involved. The first proposal was related to the make-up of the PSO board. One change was to include on the board the immediate past president, as available, and another change was to add positions to the board. The second proposal was to add to the By-laws that an individual cannot serve more than one consecutive year as President. Both proposals were unanimously approved by member vote.

Presentation of Slate for 2009-2010 PSO Board

Greg presented for vote the new board members and the vote was an enthusiastic "yes" for all. They include

Matt Douglas, President

Ken Johnson, President-Elect

Pam Hill, Treasurer

Martha Pilcher-Broadlick, Secretary

Michelle Mann and Teresa Hodge, co-chairs, Membership

Bill Henning, Programming

Larry, Mertz, In-Kind Sponsorship

Pia Dixon, Website director

Carol Hollyfield and Linda Hebert, co-chairs of Annual Giving Campaign

Sherri Bush, Special Events

Linda Cadigan, Marketing and Public Relations

Positions of Project Administrator and Volunteer Coordinator are open. The board welcomes any interested parents to contact any of us if you would like to hear more about these positions, or if you would just like to get involved, in a big or small way.

Comments by New PSO President

At the closing of the meeting Matt Douglas was asked to make a few comments. He outlined his mission for the PSO to build a bond among teachers, students, parents, and the community. He hopes the PSO can tap into the community and local businesses for support, noting the 70% of the residents of Edmonds do not currently have children in the schools. His vision for the PSO board is to do three things: raise funds, get parents involved, and improve the school's graduation rate. For that vision he has goals of:

- Raising \$100,000
- Having 200 parents actively involved in PSO
- Having 500 PSO members; currently there are 200 members

- Working with administration and teachers to improve the dropout rate, currently at 20%
- Having fun while doing all this

At the conclusion of the meeting we all enjoyed the many treats and coffee brought by the school faculty and staff as their appreciation to all who volunteer at the school.

The meeting was adjourned; it was approximately 8:30 PM.

Submitted by Martha Pilcher-Broadlick, E-W PSO Secretary