

**EDMONDS WOODWAY HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT STAFF ORGANIZATION MEETING
Minutes from Monday, October 5th, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Douglas at 7:00PM. He also introduced those officers present. Vice Principal Robert Johnson, administrative representative for the PSO was not able to attend due to illness.

OLD BUSINESS:

September Meeting Minutes

The minutes were available for review. It was moved and seconded that they be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Pam Hill presented the current report. Highlights included that the \$2,000 grant given to Escapade 2009 was returned as they did not need it due to great fundraising by that committee. Also, the PSO carwash raised about \$1300 in total distributed among the groups that worked. \$56 of that went to the PSO.

NEW BUSINESS:

Announcement

A representative from the Public Education Foundation gave information about this non-profit organization that raises money for all schools in the ESD. Brochures were available and their website is www.edmondspef.org On October 10th, 2009, the Bill Hamilton Memorial "Edmonds Street Strut" is being held to raise money for this organization.

Grant Requests

1. The Counseling Department requested \$1500. This is the amount they received last year. There are many students in need at EW. The Board and the administration approved this grant. It was moved and seconded that this request be granted. The motion passed. Carol Hollyfield also reminded the group about the EW Clothes Closet, which has new or gently used clothing for our students. There is a population of homeless students at EW.
2. Robert Johnson requested \$200 for Warrior Excellence, Tireless Teacher and Golden Apple awards. This has been granted the last two years and the school budget is not able to provide these funds. It was moved and seconded that this request be granted. It was voted on and passed.

Membership Drive Update

Co-Chairs Michelle Mann and Teresa Hodge reported that the present number of members is 125. The booster clubs will encourage their members to also join the PSO.

Annual Giving Campaign

Co-Chairs Carol Hollyfield and Linda Hebert reported that in the first 10 days, contributions are \$4700.

Robert's Top Ten

Principal Michelle Trifunovic stepped in for Robert Johnson. Essentially all is going well with the year given all of the changes. There were 800 people present at Curriculum Night. All fall sports are going very well. The teachers are personally calling struggling students as a means of

early intervention. Apple Day, which is a luncheon for teachers and staff, headed up by Jill Milet and Susan Swartz, was a huge hit – thank you to all who brought food and worked all day. Lynnwood HS saw an increase in students this year and thus had an increase in staffing. Enrollment at EW is 1810 total and 1760 full-time. We were funded for 1640 and did not get an increase in staffing. The Explorer Program is now on campus which is our own alternate program and is now able to capture students that would not have attended previously. EW saw the first 7 on an IB Higher Level Physics Exam last Spring and the first 7 on an IB Higher Level Spanish Exam. The teachers survived the new math curriculum and are discussing what worked and what did not. EW is celebrating being on one schedule. It does mean that the teachers are less accessible. The office now closes at 2:30PM each afternoon. Homecoming is October 16th and there will be no floats and no parade this year. The focus is on the school this year.

Salmon BBQ

The 2010 Escapade Committee ran this event this year. They cleared \$1500 thanks to a great team, great weather, a music ensemble and donations of salmon from Trident Foods. This event will be handed off to 2011 Escapade Committee.

PSO Carwash

As previously stated, \$1300 was raised. A parent present asked if the procedure used was environmentally sound. President Matt Douglas stated that it was; the water was pumped back onto the grass and not down drains and proper soap products were utilized.

Poinsetta & Wreath Sale

This is now being run by the 2012 Escapade Committee. Forms are available.

2009-2010 Budget Proposal

This information is available at the PSO website. Grants will no longer be given to athletics due to the new Athletic Booster Club. Together with the carry-over from last year, the proposed amount for use is \$41,893 (\$32,300 from fundraising). Given \$3,000 put aside for scholarships and \$8,000 put aside per PSO bylaws, the proposed amount for new grants is \$27,243. The grant allocation proposal is 70% to academics, 10% to clubs and 20% to “other”.

EDMONDS WOODWAY VISION FOR 2009-2010

Principal Michelle Trifunovic presented this discussion. Overall, the ESD had a budget cut of 11.3 million dollars. This translated to a budget cut of 2/3 for EW. There is a possibility of another budget shortfall. This means a difficult situation for the next several years. Increased class size is a part of this picture as is increased sports fees. Much of this discussion focused on the credit retrieval program which serves approximately 200 kids in Success House. They use Apex which is an online program. Explorer and Apex will be combined. Michelle targeted 3 areas of need and will submit grant requests for them: funding Success House students, funding tutoring for Evening Academy students, and funding Extended Learning Opportunities. A parent present also suggested that we fund bus passes for kids to stay after school for tutoring. This was because at present, the only school bus option is directly after school. Kids who cannot afford a bus pass cannot stay later for possible tutoring help.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00PM

Minutes submitted by Laurie Hetherington for Secretary Martha Pilcher-Broadlick