

Edmonds Woodway High School

Parent Staff Organization (PSO) Board and Membership meeting - MINUTES

Date: October 3rd 2019 – EWHS Library, Edmonds – 19h to 20h20

Present:

Co-presidents: Beth Sanger, Tara Denkinger, EWHS Teacher and Staff Liaisons: James Ogren,
Membership: Debbie Fields, Treasurer: Heather Rees, Secretary/Website/Newsletter: Karen De Nys,
Members: Michelle Massey, Jami Samione, Margeret Browne, Jill Luke, Latiefa O’Niel, Maribel Mennano, Cindy Sacket (guest)

19h Call to order and welcoming

(No Principals Report due to absence Principal/Staff Liaison)

19h05 Teacher report by James Ogren:

- 1- Bruce Mindt: Help is needed for Homecoming Dance – Emails have been sent out for volunteers and snacks (by the school and Jennifer Eaton, Hospitality board member)
- 2- Karen Rautenberg (Library): Alicia no longer works at EWHS, so what will happen to coffee supplies? PSO has done coffee and extra’s in the past, but we don’t know how much we want to manage this. She is asking for coffee, creamer, etc. PSO says that they will gladly provide non-perishable supplies as needed. Kim will possibly be taking over the “responsibility from Alicia.
- 3- Cindy Hansen: Can we please put the word out regarding “Refit” (Aerobic, ...) starting Tuesday Oct 8th 2-3pm. We will post on our Newsletter (See Warrior Newsletter Fitness for more details).

19h10 Treasurer report

The bank balance was shared. There is currently some money coming in through PayPal (Annual giving campaign), but not very much yet. An Idea for this or next year was discussed: make the **Fundraiser** flyers in not only English but also extra languages. This year possibly Spanish, if time, other languages next year. Michele will find out what the top 5 demographics are at school, so that we know which languages.

19h15 Grad Grams Book intro – Cindy Sackett

This is a proposal for our graduates. Format of end product: Simple card cover & paper bound booklet which every students gets at graduation or prom. Comments of encouragement would be sent by teachers, peers, family members, after an invitation is sent to them via email and link (sent via student or parents); 100 words or less per comment. This is meant to be a motivational souvenir for students at a remarkable time, just before going off to college. Cindy would like to take this on, as a free thing for students, i.e. sponsoring would be needed. Her school spent about 1000\$ for 150 students. Kids who don’t have a lot of family support could get more teacher and staff support; this would be overseen by Cindy, making sure it’s all inclusive.

19h25 Newsletter topics

Annual Giving, Meeting dates, Parent resource nights, Summarize grants given so far this year

Section on HOW YOU CAN HELP NOW (Time vs Money), Hospitality dates, Coffee meetings invitation

19h35 Grants

1- **\$500 for the Writing Center, requested by Kate Newman**

(We have been lucky to receive this grant for the past five years to support the tutors at the Writing Center. Our upperclassmen work hard to support their "customers" and this grant provides snacks to support them and keep their minds sharp as they work through their peers' writing.)

\$700 for after school tutoring program snacks, requested by Patricia Cortez-Quinones

(All departments, all subjects. This also includes a large new group of ELL learners.)

Both of these grant requests have GONE UP since last year. This could be due to the success of the program and number of students attending. PSO, being an academic booster club, obviously wants to support these groups, but for future records, would like more details with regards to the number of students benefitting from these 2 after school programs, how many times per week they take place, etc. The cost should be proportional to the need.

Margaret Brown motions to vote in favor, **Karen De Nys** seconds, **Everyone else also voted in favor.**

2- **\$350 requested by Kate Newman for the Senior English Art Gallery**

We have been fortunate to receive a grant for this event for the past four years. We now have all students at EWHS take the same English course, and this event is an end-of-course celebration for seniors during which they create art inspired by what they've learned over the course of the two-year course, and present it to one another as well as their parents and families. The grant is used to provide refreshments for the event. The request is a bit **higher** from previous years as the course has grown to include **all seniors** (rather than just Ms. Newman's classes, since EWHS now has IB For All. We received \$250 last year and it was not enough to provide for all students and their families.

Jami Samione Motions to vote in favor, **Heather Rees** Seconds, **Everyone else also voted in favor.**

3- **\$50 requested for THANK YOU GIFT CARD for Laminator Repair, requested by Karen Rautenberg**

Alicia, our copy center assistant, retired last year and her husband always repaired our laminator for free. It's been out three times this year, is very old, and he's been down three times since mid August. We'd like to give him a token gift (just once for the year) to thank him: Gift card for Amazon.

Michelle Massey Motions to vote in favor, **Maribel Mennano** Seconds, **Everyone voted in favor**, but noted that perhaps it was time to consider a new laminator.

4- **\$2000 for LIBRARY, requested by Karen Rautenberg**

Support the Battle of the books club. Purchase books and snacks. Possibly will use to replace a couple of Nooks (= electronic books) that have aged (?) beyond use.

This was discussed, and a motion to approve **HALF** the grant at this point was made by **Heather Rees**.

Jami Samione seconds this proposal and **everyone else also voted in favor of \$1000 grant for now.**

After more specifics are given regarding the exact spending of the funds (e.g. quantity of Nooks) and after the PSO receives more funds from the Annual Giving Fundraiser, this can be discussed further.

20h00 Voting in board members:

Position for Co-Vice Presidents 2019-2020: Michelle Massey and Michele Fellows **Nominated**

Voting took place. General vote **everyone voted in favor.**

20h05 SAT/ACT Testing (Emailed Request from Kim Palmer)

School administers PSAT and PLAN (PLAN = like a PSAT for ACT)

The PSO organizes practice SAT and ACT tests (via Kim Palmer); it is a fundraiser event, administered and proctored by the Princeton Review Board. The money goes to PSO minus the facilities fees. **Kim would like a helper, to take over from her next year. Margaret Browne offered to be that person.**

We will clarify in the PSO Newsletter who does what and announce that we are canceling the Oct 19th Practice SAT Test, since the school is already organizing a PSAT on Oct 16th, which many students have already signed up for, and will give them a similar chance to practice. We would still have the Nov ACT.

End of Meeting 20h20

Next Meetings: Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, June 4.

Hospitality Date: November 8th (Luncheon)