

## Edmonds-Woodway High School

### Parent Staff Organization (PSO) Board and Membership Meeting Minutes

*April 16th, 2020, Meeting via Zoom*

#### Attendance:

Beth Sanger and Tara Denkinger (Presidents), Michele Fellows and Michelle Massey (Vice-Presidents), Heather Rees (Treasurer), Karen De Nys (Secretary, Website), Allison Larsen (Staff Liaison), Jim Ogren (Teacher Liaison), Teresa Polendo (school counselor for family support), Debby Fields (Membership), Jami Samione (member, Coffee Morning), Donna Madath and Maribel Menano (members).

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- **7:00 Call to Order – Beth Sanger**

- **7:05-7:15 Principal Report- Allison Larsen**

EW is working hard with the food delivery program and is looking into school supply deliveries as well. General staff is mostly working from home except for food drop off and some other admin tasks, but teachers are working from home, putting in lots of hours.

**Senior graduation:** ceremonies have NOT been cancelled for now. Depending on the stay at home order in May/June graduation could still go ahead as planned, more info should follow after May 4<sup>th</sup>. (depending on shelter in place order continuation)

District is still waiting for more direction regarding grading schoolwork and credits. There is a taskforce in place, waiting for decision from state. The decision will be district wise. Most importantly, students should not be harmed as a result of school closure.

Another challenge is the difference in engagement from the students, be it due to WiFi, or just self-motivation. It's important to get all students connected again.

**Ask to parents:** How is communication been and how can adjustments be made?

Response from PSO members: In general, parents are happy with teacher's efforts! Some concerns were expressed about college in high school credit which has been cancelled but not refunded, and now the ask is: what can be done towards college credit? Most colleges have a system of math placement instead, which could be looked into.

- **7:15-7:20 Teacher report- Jim Ogren**

In general, teachers are very busy, different to before, but online teaching seems to be going well, considering the circumstances. Teachers are always happy to see/hear from students, to stay in contact with them. Connection is key in these unprecedented times.

- **7:20-7:25 Family support- Teresa Polendo**

The need is up for extra family support, but they are doing ok. There is also collaboration with Madrona. Aside from what the district is doing, Teresa also does personal shopping, using the second part of the grant that was donated right before closure, to help those families that are most in need. Looking into organizing food drive.

- **7:25-7:35 Treasurer Report- Heather Rees**

Bank Balance \$19 800 ; large amount of that is pledged to several grants.

Beth (President) has reached out to staff members who had requested grants, to ask whether it would still be fulfilled. There is a mixture of answers (from events being cancelled, to grants which will still be used, such as library). Grants which have not been used will be rolled back into the PSO budget, and next year new grants can be requested. Example: ALS night of expression won't happen; College Night moved to online but won't need pizzas, ... We are waiting to hear from several grant requestors.

- **7:35-7:40 ACT/SAT testing update Heather Rees**

March 21<sup>st</sup> ACT was canceled.

Email was sent to everyone who signed up for the canceled event.

2 people requested a refund, others moved the test to next year's session.

SAT/ACT room paid; will this be "paid for" next year then, or refunded. (Allison checks)

- **7:40 Meeting adjourned**

### **Upcoming Dates**

Coffee(s) with Dr. Mims	Friday May 1 <sup>st</sup> and June 5 <sup>th</sup> = cancelled due to school closure.
Hospitality Date	May 8 <sup>th</sup> Salad Bar = cancelled due to school closure

**Next Meetings:** May 7<sup>th</sup>, will most likely take place via Zoom again at 7pm,  
June 4<sup>th</sup> hopefully in person, depending on the stay in shelter order.