

Edmonds-Woodway High School

Parent Staff Organization (PSO) Board and Membership Meeting

Beth Sanger and Tara Denkinger	Presidents	Gretchen Cook	Graphic Design
Michele Fellows Michelle Massey	Presidents Elect	T. Denkinger/M. Fellows	Annual Giving Campaign
Karen De Nys	Secretary	Jim Ogren	EWHS Teacher Liaison
Heather Rees	Treasurer	Allison Larsen	EWHS Staff Liaison
Debby Fields	Membership	Kim Palmer/M. Browne	ACT/SAT Testing
Jennifer Eaton/Eli Fuller	Hospitality	Karen De Nys	Website

Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2020, 7pm, Zoom

Attended: Allison Larsen, Beth Sanger, Tara Denkinger, Karen De Nys, Heather Rees, Michele Fellows, James Ogren, Jami Samione, Jennifer Eaton, Margeret Browne, Debby Fields, Cindy Sackett, Teresa Polendo, David Millette (part of the meeting)

- **7:00 Call to Order**

Staff appreciation will be delivered and handed out next week.

- **7:00-7:10 Principal Report- Allison Larsen**

Allison is now the new Principal, Virtual graduation was fun, successful and appreciated. Video will come out on June 12th. (maybe put this on Website), Books etc. collected next week (email sent with info), last day of school June 19th

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

Amy (Emond) Thanks us for the support with the **night of expression**; hopefully this can take place next year, as is has other years (before Covid-19).

Mary Stephens-Bell: Asking for tutoring support; Paty Cortez: Will the money not spent this year for snacks for tutoring be rolled over next year? (Answer = No, please submit another grant)

Karen Rautenberg: Virtual Battle of the books: 58 participants; very successful 😊

David Millette: See note below (will attend the meeting himself and explain the grant status)

- **7:20-7:40 Treasurer Report & Grant Requests - Heather Rees: 20319 \$ Bank Balance**

Money has been distributed for alumni posters, teacher appreciation, and other grants

2 outstanding grant requests: Do we want to extend or **re-apply at the beginning of next year**

PSO will be going into next year with about 17000\$

Mr David Millette: PSO was waiting for him to reimburse him for the Save the Salmon Grant, which was already approved. He attended this meeting in person to explain that he is waiting for the matching donation from Hubbard foundation. They have (unofficially) heard that they are receiving PART of what they requested, so they contacted another environmental organization, and are now waiting for a response.

PSO Books need to be closed for the tax return by June 30th, so either the purchase needs to be done before then, to be reimbursed, OR move the grant to next year (and request it again, in September).

Note for next year that this grant was already approved by this board. (see minutes Feb 2020)

Jesse Goodsky (see note below): Our conclusion is that this seems to be out of the scope of PSO, so we advise him to **search for other resources to fund this** (as he has also suggested through A.L.)

Jesse Goodsky, \$600- Throughout the year I meet with staff to conduct evaluations. While discussing classroom observations at my previous school, I used the large format display in my office to show data, observation notes, and year-long goals. I show them on my laptop and the screen is pretty small. I have already purchased a docking station that can support 3 monitors which would allow me to bring over my keyboard to my table and show teachers this information right on the screen. I have found that this adds to the richness of discussion around student learning when I did this at my previous school. Additionally, I meet with students (3-4 times per week) about things like schedule changes - typically I print out Skyward information to show them. It would be cost-efficient and much more engaging if I could show them the live skyward document as we talk about their concerns and requests. Finally, it does help me to have a 3rd place to store running documents (such as a calendar or Skyward) as I work to be as efficient as possible. Often I need multiple screens to schedule items or meet student/teacher/family requests. Since I had 3 screens to work from before, I have found many ways to be efficient.

Karen R. Battle of books fall '20: Best to purchase in the spring, from Edmonds Bookshop, to be ready in the fall. (see below) She probably also wants to set up the next librarian for success, in good conditions (she is retiring) Our idea would be to advise her to help next year's librarian build a relationship with next year's PSO leadership, asking for a grant right at the start of the year. (which will almost certainly be approved)

Debby motions to table this grant request for next year, Tara seconds, and all are in favor

Karen Rautenberg, \$400- Battle Books for 20-21. It's best to purchase MOST in Spring before so they are ready in Fall. 15 Titles at \$15 (average cost) each is \$225 for one copy/title. I'd like to have 4, plus we may need digital copies next year. I will buy Nookbook gift cards with this money as well to get the books on the Nooks. Kids like real books better though! 4 copies of each title will cost around \$900. I have \$500 left this year. Asking \$400 more to cover the rest. Will ask for additional funds next year for battle snacks and sequels and digital copies. Thank you!

Teresa Polendo attended to thank PSO "in person" for all their hard work this year in supporting EWHS families

- **7:40-7:50 Next year's leadership**

Motion by Karen De Nys to **install the new president elects** (Michele Fellows and Michelle Massey) and remove the current presidents (Beth Sanger and Tara Denkinger);

Seconded by Jennifer Eaton; **voted in favor by all**

Communication needs to be sent out to parents about:

-Secretary/Webmaster need for '20-'21

-Assist with annual giving

-Staff appreciation gifts

- **7:50 end of meeting**