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PTO Meeting Minutes – May 14th, 2024 6:30 pm

Dress Down passes will be given to families who attend the meeting. Volunteer hours earned for attending. Please record in the book under your family name.

Welcome – Megan Wood and Julia Place Co-Presidents

Focus: Parents and Student Surveys, Site Visit, and School Report “How is the school doing?”

Minutes - Tanesha Wilson and Trish Symister. They will be kept in the office, uploaded to webpage, and a copy sent home with the next newsletter.

Treasurers Report – Diana Hernandez and Cristina Wright. Current balance in the account is \$12853.41. We still have some pending payment for overhead pass that is being built, payment for graduation venue and gifts for the 6th grade graduates. We also still have a few payments to be posted to the account for the yearbooks.

Vice President’s report - Alicia Savela

- **Project** – Covered walkway, almost complete. Mrs. Turner is meeting with the contractors on 5/15/24 to discussed the final project as she is not pleased with the current cover and ropes attached to the structure.
- **Health and Wellness: May 20th 9am -12pm.** We are still looking for volunteers to assist at Health and Wellness event. Anyone interest please notify Mrs. Turner. Presenters do not have to be a registered volunteers because students will be with the teachers at all times. The more presenters we have the better. Still looking for volunteers
- **ART show** – Need one person to stay at each of the 6 stations for the **evening May 16 evening 6pm – 8pm.** Currently have 5 volunteers plus 1 teacher. This is a family event and intended to be enjoyed together as a family. Each group will move from station to station to participate in an art centered group activity. Will have activities involving paint, yarn, and sculptures. Families are encouraged to have fun and participate as a team. The art show will be hosted at EHCS.
- **EOY and Grad May 21st at Calvary Baptist 6-8pm.** Arrive no earlier than 5:50pm. We are being asked to keep noise level down and be respectful because it’s a place of worship. Families are responsible for monitoring their child/children to facilitate a smooth program.



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- **Pool party: Saturday, August 17th, 2024** Bring your own snacks **4:30 to 6:30pm**. Hoping for great weather and a great turn out especially for the incoming kindergarteners. This is a social so there are no associated fees. This event is being sponsored by the PTO. Last year our pool party was a big success, the families and kids had a great time socializing with peers and embraced the new school year.
- **Teacher Luncheon on May 28th** for the final day by PTO. The PTO will provide food and have teachers not having to worry about food on the last day. This will give our teachers time to pack up, organize, and plan for the new school year.

Principal's report - Cheryl Turner

- **EHCS had a site visit** on April 18th. The site visit is like a state of the union looking at the vision, school's website, and how everything aligns with what was said would be done. Health, safety, and welfare review was also done. Logs were reviewed to see if fire drills have been done. We also had documents reviewed to ensure that documents and records are in place. Lesson plans are also reviewed- lesson were complimented. This is a comprehensive visit to make sure that we so what we say that we would do. The site visit was successful with no areas of concerns. We had a compliance score of 100%. Mrs. Turner opened the floor for questions about the site report. There were no questions.
- **Parents Survey-** One of three 3 goals was to increase parent participation. The question was asked how we could get people more involved. Suggestions were made for more virtual meetings. Parents were overwhelming happy with the cleanliness of the school and the job teachers and administrators are doing. There were concerns raised about a comment regarding the separation in the 1st and 2nd grade class seemingly along racial lines. Principal Turner advised that they had no idea who said it and why it was said. However, it was explained that the students are placed into the class because of the qualification and experience of the teachers in the classroom.

Principal Turner reassured the families that students are paired with teachers based on their needs and skill set of the teachers to ensure student successful throughout the academic year. She also emphasized that is never an intent or deliberate effort to segregate students based on race, ethnicity, gender or culture and that the primary focus of EHCS is the growth and development of all students.

Other comments brought up by survey participants were included expressed interest in having a 7th and 8th grade addition and adding recess time. No other significant concerns were raised, participants in general were overall pleased with the school and staff. Principal Turner advised that it would be difficult to hit the minimum required time if recess time is extended. Morning Mile was offered as an alternative to extending recess time. Clubs can be an alternative to this and parents are welcome to create clubs for students to interactive with their friends.

Principal Turner advised that the whole administrative staff is opened to more discussions on the issues brought up and expressed appreciation to all participants who



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shared their concerns. Mrs. Turner opened the floor for questions about the site report. Parents/Family present at the meeting shared their opinions about the survey concerns and expressed that they happy with the school in general.

- **Student Survey-** We received generally positive comments. **What I would like my Principal to know-** students commented that they wanted to more swings, swimming pools, more PE, more field trips among other things. Students commented that they would like more play or recess time.
- **Return registration packet with EHCS papers and look for online registration.** If you are having any issue, ask Eileen in the office for help
- **Work to be done beginning June 1st** on expanding classrooms in Building B. The goal is to add make 2 classrooms in building B bigger.
- School has been purchased from CDAY in April 2024 for \$1.6 million. That will give us leverage for possibly securing another place for the possible expansion for 7-8 graders. We are still looking for an opportunity to purchase another space.
- **Last week of school Tuesday through Friday** will be early release Tuesdays to Thursday will be dress down
- **Yearbooks** go home on Friday, signing on Thursday, May 16th
- **Bridge up** Tuesday, May 22nd – Students will get an opportunity to meet new teachers in grade level above

Teacher's Report – Lisa Eiben

All teachers are working to wrap up the year. The teachers are very happy with the State testing scores and FAST test scores. School in general did extremely well in all applicable grade levels. During the final week of school teachers will be reviewing standards and creating up final report cards. Teachers also wanted to express thanks for all the gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week. They shared how amazing they felt to see all the support families showed them.

Concerns and Comments:

Next PTO will be August 20th, 2024 6:30 Tuesday – Introduce Teachers, Board for next year.