

Endeavour Elementary PTA General Meeting

February 18th, 2010

6:37 PM: Meeting was called to order by Endeavour PTA President, Julie Moore. All members were sent proper notice and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Lisa Greenough made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19th, 2009 Endeavour PTA General meeting. Sara Smeby seconded. The motion was approved.

Treasurers Report:

Melinda Toom provided a budget report for attendees and presented an overview of the report. In January and February to date, there was \$1,100.00 received in donations. We received \$451.00 from the Box Tops for Education program and \$1,086.00 from Innisbrook internet sales. Expenses included \$752.00 for new books which were purchased for the library, \$600.00 for teacher grants, \$246.00 for Reflections program and \$200.00 for advocacy expenses. The PTA sponsored a Movie Night at Endeavour at the cost of \$71.00. Account totals included: Checking \$29,244.36, Giving Wishes \$6,970.52, Reserve Fund \$11,368.44 with a total of \$47,583.32. Upcoming expenses include the purchase of 2 document cameras for Mrs. Danielson and Mrs. Scanes classrooms at the cost of \$1,124.00. All classrooms will now be equipped with document cameras and projectors.

Principals Report:

Mrs. Jordan reported we now have 431 students at Endeavour Elementary. All Day Kindergarten was approved for Endeavour. Picnic Point Elementary and Columbia Elementary schools will not have an all day kindergarten option. The all day kindergarten is tuition based with support from Mukilteo School District. Mrs. Jordan reminded everyone that the line for sign ups would start early and to let others know. Mrs. Jordan spoke about the importance of monitoring our children on the computer. She had recently spoken to police detectives from Mukilteo and Seattle. There have been certain gaming websites with chat rooms attached. These chat rooms become a "predator's playground". A couple of Endeavour students had linked up to "chat" with these types of predators while on their computers at home. They had no idea that it was an adult they were talking to. Mrs. Jordan urged parents to have supervision when children are on the computer.

Dates to remember: February 24th 5th Grade Night, February 25th Kindergarten Information Night, March 1st, Kindergarten registration, March 1st-5th Read Across America Week, March 24th Progress Reports will go home, March 25th will be the 1st Annual Multicultural Fair. Spring Break is March 29th-April 2nd. April 12th-April 15th will be the Scholastic Book Fair. Contact Tracey Stark or Annette Vorhees if you would like to help.

Committee Updates:

Kelly Waldo spoke on behalf of the Staff Appreciation committee and expressed gratitude for food which has been brought in for luncheons. The Next Staff Appreciation luncheon is on March 10th. There will be a pasta buffet. Contact Kelly Waldo or Michele Andres if you are interested in donating food for the luncheon.

Julie explained that Albertson's is no longer participating in the "free money" rewards program. The Box Tops program is still going. It would be extremely helpful if everyone were to trim the Box Tops before sending them in. There is a sheet online if your child is interested in gluing them on, otherwise you can just sent them in a baggie to school with your child's name on it. Endeavour is participating in an ink cartridge recycling program. Send in used ink cartridges in a baggie and label it PTA.

Amy Miller announced there will be a Mariners Night on Saturday May 1st at 12:10pm. Endeavour will purchase the game tickets at the cost of \$11.00 for all interested participants from our school. We will have a block of seats and our schools name will be up on the screen. Payment must be sent to Endeavour by April 9th. There will be a flyer sent home soon.

There are Art Docents for each classroom but there is a need for helpers for the docents. Contact Lisa Greenough if you are interested in helping one of our art docents in the classroom.

Tracey Stark reported for membership. There are 208 Endeavour PTA members. There were 214 last year.

Old Business:

There is still a vacancy on the PTA board in the co-vice president position. There have been no volunteers thus far.

New Business:

Spelling Bee Update: There will be a different format this year for the Spelling Bee. There will be preliminary Spelling Bees done in each classroom. Students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each classroom will go on to the school spelling bee. The winners from the school spelling bee will proceed to the District level. The word list will not be distributed prior to the preliminary spelling bees which will be done as regular classroom curriculum. March 15th, 16th, 17th will be the school spelling bee. The District spelling bee will be April 14th.

Budget amendments:

A motion was made by Kelly Waldo to increase the amount to the Innisbrook fall fundraiser income from the current amount of \$7000.00 to \$14,000.00. The allocation will be more in line with the true income. Chris Baltrukovicz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by membership to increase the line item to \$14,000.00.

A motion was made by Kelly Waldo to add an expense line item for the Spring Basket raffle. This will cover expenses for the basket raffle. The motion was seconded by Chris Baltrukovicz. The motion was approved by membership to add a \$300.00 expense line item for the Spring Basket Raffle expenses. This money will be taken from the unallocated expenses line item.

Nominations were taken from the floor for the election nominating committee for the upcoming 2010-2011 PTA Executive Board. Lisa Greenough, Kelly Waldo, Kristi Wells and Sara Smeby volunteered to be on the nominating committee with no objections from the floor.

Guest Speaker:

Don Schmitz, Director of Assessment and Program Evaluation for Mukilteo School District spoke regarding the new "MSP" Measure of Student Progress. This test will replace the "WASL". The Federal and State Government requires annual standardized testing to be done in Science, Math, Reading and Writing (grades 3-8 and 10 in reading and math and grades 5, 8 and 10 in science). Washington State also tests writing in grades 4, 7 and 10. The tests are done because of a requirement of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. For grades 3-5 there will be the following changes: The MSP will have reduced testing time for each testing session. There will be a 75 minute test for each testing session. The reading passages will be shorter and word count will be decreased. There will be no 4 pt. questions. In 2010, 6th grade students will take the MSP online. They will be given a tutorial prior to testing. Online testing will be more economical in the long run and more efficient. Grades will be phased in for online testing each year. Next year the 5th grade students will take the MSP online. Samples and literature were distributed by Mr. Schmitz. There was general discussion and questions from the floor. Information is available online about the Washington State testing system at www.WAtesting.com

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm

Submitted by: Lisa Hatfield, Endeavour PTA Secretary