

## Endeavour Elementary PTA General Meeting

November 19, 2009.

**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.

**Guest Speaker:** Judy Schwab, a representative from Citizens' Action Team for Mukilteo Schools was introduced by Julie Moore. Judy discussed the importance of voting "yes" on February 9, 2010. The Mukilteo School District will have two ballot measures for the election. There will be Maintenance and Operations Levy and a Capital Projects Levy. The current Maintenance and Operations Levy will expire in 2010. Voters will be asked to approve a replacement to the expiring levy. This is a 4 year levy which will provide nearly 20% of the District's annual operating revenue. This levy is used to pay for basic education costs which are not fully funded by the state. This includes funding for all sports and extracurricular activities, additional teachers to provide PE and music in elementary schools as well as an elementary instrumental music program. This money helps to pay for 6<sup>th</sup> period classes at our high schools, Para educators and ELL specialists. It is critical this is passed or there will be no funding for these programs. The second levy is a Capital Projects Levy. The District is hoping that there will be voter approval for a 6 year capital projects levy totaling \$20 million dollars. This will allow the District to proceed with some major maintenance and renovation for schools. This would include a new roof for Kamiak H.S., replacement of aging portables, energy efficiency improvements, updated fire and smoke detectors, replacement of deteriorated flooring and carpeting, plumbing for drinking water, classroom air handling/ventilation systems. Mrs. Jordan has mold and standing water in her office when it rains and Mrs. Schneider has water coming through the roof in her room when there is a heavy rainfall. These are just a couple of examples of the need for these to have majority votes.

Additional information is provided on the website [www.vote4mukilteoschools.org](http://www.vote4mukilteoschools.org)

There will be opportunities to help with the campaign by helping to distribute information by leaving literature at homes in the district in January. Any further concerns or questions can be addressed by contacting Judy Schwab via the Mukilteo School District website.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kelly Waldo made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17<sup>th</sup> Endeavour PTA General meeting. Amy Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Melinda Toom provided a budget report for attendees and presented an overview of the report. There has been over \$9,200.00 received in donations thus far. We have received \$481.00 in free money from the Albertson's card program. The Scholastic Book Fair showed an income of \$4,346.00 but we actually get to only keep approximately 50% of that as our profit. We owed Scholastic \$2,301.00. The Innisbrook fall fundraiser goal was \$7000.00. Our actual profit was \$7,300.00 from internet and catalogue sales. As far as expenses, the PTA paid \$1,345.00 for school assemblies (Power of One and

Square Dance Night Instruction). An ASB grant of \$2,000.00 was given to provide field trip transportation. Other expenses included the purchase of books for the library, supplies for the art docent program, the Take 5 Dinner and Family Fun Nights. We are within our budget for all programs. Overall assets total \$54,041.00

### **Principals Report:**

Mrs. Jordan reported that 99% of Endeavor families attended the fall teacher conferences. Only 3 families did not attend. There is no administrative assistant at the front office at the moment. Mrs. Jordan asked that we please be patient and provide a lot of information when calling and leaving messages as temporary workers aren't familiar with all the students and teachers. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had a fabulous speaker who talked about his time spent in a concentration camp during the Holocaust from the age of 6-9 years of age. On December 11th-13th the Giving Wishes program will be taking donations of toys and clothing for families in need within our school district. There are 10 families in need at our school. There is also a need for cleaning supplies, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toiletries, and of course toys for children of all ages, including the older children. Thousands of unwrapped gifts are needed. Mrs. Jordan asked that we remember the older kids as they are often forgotten. Kamiak will sponsor 48 families. There will also be a clothing bank for those in need to "shop" for clothing when they pick up their gifts. Gently used and clean items would be appreciated for donation. Progress reports will go home December 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a holiday concert December 17<sup>th</sup> for grades K and 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a music group from South America performing on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Jordan thanked Kelly Waldo for planting 600 bulbs in the rain with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **Committee Updates:**

Edith Ross thanked Rita Davison for her hard work on the newsletter. Reflections are due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Amy Miller explained the Albertson's card as a way for our school to earn free money with 4% cash back for purchases made while shopping at their store. Amy also explained the Box Tops for Education program. There is a program in which Office Depot will credit a percentage to Endeavour PTA which Amy will look into.

Kelly Waldo thanked volunteers for food donations brought for the chili lunch and baked potato bar for our teachers. There will be an appetizer buffet on December 16<sup>th</sup> for the teachers. Any appetizers would be greatly appreciated. Kelly reported on Spirit Wear. Lands End is more expensive but much better quality with an 80-20% cotton blend. Our school will receive 3% cash back from purchases at the end of the school year. Kelly also commended Amy Stengle on her hard work with list serve and our website.

Lisa Greenough reported that the art docent program is going well. Some art will be kept at school for the art walk at the end of the school year.

### **New Business:**

Julie explained the need to add a budget line item for Innisbrook fundraising product expenses. A motion was made by Kelly Waldo to approve a budget modification to add an expense line item of

\$7000.00 for Innisbrook fundraising product expenses. Chris Baltrukovicz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Julie explained that we now have a co-vice president position open on the board. Kelly Waldo made a motion to open the position for nominations. Michelle Olason seconded the motion. There were no nominations. Nominations were closed at this point and we will re-table at the next general meeting.

**Library Update:**

Mr. Forge expressed his thanks for the support help he receives from parents each month in the library. There are 30 parents who help each month.

**Guest Speaker:**

Megan Lee, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Endeavour explained the new changes to report card format. Ms. Lee also provided an example of what the new report cards will look like. There will be different report cards for each grade level. Each trimester will have different skills that you child is learning as well as their progress in that area. There will be a 1-4 scale grade in the upper grades: 4=exceed standards, 3=meets standards, 2=below standards, 1=significantly below standard. This is not to be confused or correlated with an A,B,C,D scale. Kindergarten will have performance indicators with a 1-3 scale. The components of the report card will include: attendance record, academic standards, behavior standards, and services such as ELL. Teachers will be able to provide personalized comments on particular subject areas. There will be more detailed information of the student's progress. There will be a focus on academic and behavior. Teachers will be able to address any concerns or answer any questions regarding the new report card format.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm

Submitted by: Lisa Hatfield, Endeavour PTA Secretary