

## Endeavour Elementary PTA General Meeting

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**6:39 PM:** Meeting was called to order by Endeavour PTA President, Julie Moore. All members were sent proper notice and a quorum was present.

**Correction to Minutes:** A correction was made to the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Endeavour PTA General Minutes. The number of students should read 531 students instead of the 431 students as written.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kelly Waldo motioned to approve the corrections to the minutes from the February 18th, 2010 Endeavour PTA General meeting. Lisa Coppe seconded. The motion was approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Melinda Toom provided a budget report for attendees and presented an overview of the report.

Income in March and April included \$365.00 in donations, \$255.00 in Box Tops “free money” and \$24.00 from Membership dues. Book Fair Profit in the Book Fair category is the difference between what was deposited in cash and checks and what was paid to Scholastic for books and related media. The combined fall and spring book fairs provided over \$4,000.00 in income. The profit for the spring Scholastic book fair was \$2,067.00. Expenses in March and April included Camp Orkila \$3500.00, Technology improvement: Two document cameras were purchased at the cost of \$1,124.00, School Assemblies: Jump rope assembly \$670.00, Teacher Grants: \$150.00, Volunteer Appreciation Awards: \$130.00, Spelling Bee: \$111.25, Spring Basket Raffle Supplies: \$87.00, Art Docent: \$80.00, Leadership Training: \$40.00

Account Totals include: Checking: \$25,796.78, Giving Wishes: \$6,947.92 and Reserve Fund \$11,451.67 with total assets equaling \$44,196.67. The total actual income is \$40,759.00. There were no questions from membership regarding the budget.

### **Principals Report:**

Mrs. Jordan reported that there is an ill child at Endeavour that may need help in the future with expenses associated with this. Today, nearly half the school day was spent in “modified lockdown”. There was a security issue involving a former Kamiak student who had posted a threat to Kamiak on Facebook with reference to the shootings at Virginia Tech. The 18 year old man was also a former Endeavour student. It was Mrs. Jordan’s choice to put the school in modified lockdown but she preferred to error on the side of caution. Students were told that there was a problem with security in our area. The students in the portables were brought into the school library.

There will be new portables coming to Endeavour next year. The portables cannot be positioned in the back of the school and will be placed on the soccer field next to the exiting portables. The windows will

face the fence. A third portable may be brought to Endeavour in the future. Mrs. Jordan was told that the nature area in the back is a protected woodland area and trees cannot be touched.

Mrs. Jordan updated membership on staffing at Endeavour for next year. Endeavour will continue to have our Dean of Students, Mrs. Park, Librarian Mr. Forge will remain full time and one PST. There will be cuts in ELL resulting in 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a contract. The school psychologist days will be reduced from 4 days a week to 2 days a week. All classroom teachers will remain. Mrs. Scanes is the only non-continuing contract teacher but they are working on a strategy to keep her at Endeavour. There will be 1 all day kindergarten, two half day kindergarten, four 1<sup>st</sup> grade, four 2nd grade, four 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, four 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes with a possibility of a 4/5 split class and three 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. It is projected that Endeavour will have 578 students next year with an analysis report that has been done. We currently fluctuate between 520-540 students. We can still get "Choice" students but won't know until August how many of those students will be attending Endeavour next year.

Mrs. Jordan talked about staff appreciation next week and the wonderful staff at Endeavour.

Endeavour was given money from the district for summer work which would include teachers working in groups to build on test scores and academic achievement which will in turn make things academically better for our students.

There will be no teachers retiring this year.

Mrs. Jordan discussed student placement for next year. The teachers are chosen for each child with multiple considerations. A great deal of time is spent on this. Some of the considerations include: boy/girl ratio balance, special needs, diversity, high performing students and students who need assistance. Every student is considered personally. Mrs. Jordan urged parents to fill out a student placement form so there is some input from the parents on where their child may fit best.

### **Committee Updates:**

Lisa Greenough reported on the art docent program. The May project will be the same school-wide lesson which will be about Michelangelo. Students will draw on paper upside down under their desks. There are art docent positions available for next year. Lisa stressed that you don't need to be an artist to teach in the program.

Edith Ross reported that Endeavour PTA is now on Facebook. There will be the same information as on our website. Julie stressed that there will be complete privacy and members will not be able to post anything on the Facebook site. Only Amy Stengle will have access to posting.

Edith Ross reported on Reflections. The results are available on the WSPTA website. Only one student from our district will be going to nationals.

Kelly Waldo reported on Staff Appreciation. Next week is teacher appreciation week. Sign-up sheets were distributed for those who were interested in volunteering. On Tuesday, everyone is encouraged to bring flowers. A group of volunteers will make bouquets for 48 staff members including our bus drivers. Wednesday is Cinco de Mayo, Thursday Asian lunch, and Friday there will be a smoothie bar in the morning. Donations of different baked goods would be appreciated and may be dropped off Thursday before 6:00pm if they are not able to be brought in by 7:30am on Friday. Any donations of gift cards, small gifts such as chocolates or stationary are welcome for Kelly to put in daily prize drawings for the staff.

Kelly Waldo reported on our Spring Basket Raffle. Samples of our wonderful silent auction items were shown. They included a quilt from Mrs. Wilke's class, a popcorn bowl from Mrs. St. Onge's class, Deep Sea dish from Mrs. Pearl's class, canvas painting from Mrs. Danielson's class, Mrs. Schneiders tea pot.

Lisa Greenough needs volunteers to help with serving ice cream at the basket raffle even-. They may be middle school students who need community service hours. There will be 2 shifts of at least 3 or 4 people. There will need to be help with setting up in the afternoon. It is a half day of school so set up may begin immediately following dismissal. There will be some baskets worth well over \$600.00 and raffle baskets which tickets may be purchased for \$1 each. There will be ticket presales on Tuesday and Thursday prior to the basket raffle. Sign-up sheets were distributed for various volunteer positions for the basket raffle.

Elane Kim reported on school supplies. The Innisbrook School Supply list will be going home with students tomorrow. Orders may be placed May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The school supplies are delivered right to your door and the PTA gets 3% of the proceeds from sales.

Amy Miller reported on Box Tops and printer cartridge recycling. Box Tops are still being accepted. The printer cartridge recycling box is located at the front door of the school. Endeavour receives free money from this program.

Amy Miller reported on the Mariner Game Night. There were 105 seats purchased by Endeavour families. Endeavour Elementary will be up on the score board and all seats are together in the same area. Tickets were delivered to students. There is a Sounder train which leaves before the game for those who don't wish to drive.

Amy Miller reported on the nominating committee which consisted of Kelly Waldo, Lisa Greenough, Sara Smeby, Kristi Wells and Amy Miller. There was a good response. Julie added that there was a school wide outreach breakfast event for anyone interested in a role with the PTA for next year. The nominating committee went through a list of parents who volunteer at school and recruited those who had an interest in being more involved in an executive board position next year.

Julie Moore reported that two Endeavour Elementary students placed first in the district spelling bee. Ahbeek Chakrabarti is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Durrand Bourland is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Addition after the meeting: Sarah Khan won (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) won third place and Heon Kim (5<sup>th</sup> grade) took second.

Tracey Stark reported that there are 208 Endeavour PTA members.

Julie Moore reported that 62 people have completed the PTA survey. Julie encouraged those who haven't completed to do so before the survey closes at midnight tonight as this dictates what the membership would like the board to do next year.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Julie Moore reported that several board members attended a PTA conference and learned that our Standing rules are restrictive. Section 9 relates to officers and nominees for president. Current standing rules state that nominees for president must have served on the board for at least one year.

Amy Miller made a motion to change the current section 9 standing rules to state that "when there are nominees for co-president, at least one of the candidates shall have served on the board of directors at least one year". The motion was seconded by Kelly Waldo. Motion was approved. In the event of two co-presidents, at least one shall have served at least one year on the board of directors.

Julie Moore presented the Board of Directors Ballot Slate for 2010-2011. Each candidate introduced themselves. The election slate is as follows: Amy Miller Co-President, Kristi Wells Co-President, Julie Berry Co-Vice President, Helen Chung Co-Vice President, Staci Eilers Co-Vice President, Jasmine Su Co-Vice President, Sharon Tennis Co-Vice President, Lisa Hatfield Secretary, Melinda Toom Treasurer.

Kelly Waldo motioned to open board nominations from the floor. Kristi Wells seconded the motion. There were no nominations from the floor. Kelly Waldo motioned to close nominations from the floor and the proposed Board of Directors 2010-2011 ballot will become the elected ballot and is approved as written. Amy Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved to accept the slate as written.

Julie Moore explained that the Spring Basket Raffle proceeds will be directed towards a marquee to upgrade from the current sandwich board that we are using. The board is still waiting for the proposal but the expense will be approximately \$8000.00. A member asked the location of the sign. Julie explained that it will be placed on Harbour Pointe Boulevard. It will be in keeping with the City of Mukilteo ordinances. We will be allowed to keep the existing Endeavour Elementary monument sign and the proposal also includes up lighting for that sign to be more visible at night.

Melinda Toom presented the need for a budget modification to establish a "designated fund" for school improvements to allow for money to be raised and retained in the budget over several fiscal years, if necessary. Melinda Toom motioned that "Endeavour Elementary PTA designate and accumulate funds to be used for school improvements, hopefully a new sign, with money generated from the spring fundraiser and basket raffle." Kelly Waldo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Guest Speaker:**

Endeavour Elementary librarian, Mr. Chuck Forge spoke to membership regarding the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Forge is very pleased with the amount of money received from the book fair proceeds. With this money, Mr. Forge will purchase current books. Mr. Forge thanked Tracey Stark, Atsumi Vorhees, Chris Baltrukovicz, Melinda Toom and Lisa Greenough for their efforts at organizing the book fair and helping with depositing the money received. Mr. Forge explained the Washington's Children's Choice book selections for next year. There will be 20 different titles which will be read in the kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade levels. The students will be given an opportunity to vote on their favorite books. There will be a link on the Endeavour Elementary website at the end of the year which will list the books for the 2010-2011 school year. Children are encouraged to read over the summer, and the Children's Choice literature choices will be available next year in our library. The Sasquatch Contest books are emergent chapter books for grades 3-5. The students also will get to vote on their favorite books but they must have read at least two of the books in order to vote so they can have a comparison. Four states participate in this: Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. There is a good selection of Sasquatch books available at the Endeavour library and are placed prominently on display. Lisa Greenough asked the cost of each AR test. The cost of each test is \$2.97

Mr. Forge explained that volunteers are always welcome in the library. There are morning and afternoon shifts available often during your child's scheduled library time.

The last PTA meeting of this school year will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. The marimba band will be playing and dinner will be provided. There will be a round table discussion regarding survey results.

We will be ratifying the budget so members are encouraged to attend so there is proper quorum for voting on budget

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Submitted by: Lisa Hatfield, Endeavour PTA Secretary