

Endeavour PTA General Meeting

September 17, 2009

6:40-Meeting was called to order by Endeavour PTA President, Julie Moore. All members were sent proper notice and a quorum was present. New PTA Board Members and Committee Chairs were introduced and their responsibilities were summarized. Julie thanked Jersey Mike's for sub donations for our meetings. Julie explained Roberts Rules of Order which are used for our meeting format.

Suzy Cho made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 21st and June 16th General Meetings. Amy Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Melinda Toom provided a budget report for attendees, and gave an overview of the report. We have an operating budget of \$36,565.00. We are anticipating \$10,000.00 in proceeds from Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser but have budgeted for \$7000.00 for this. There were \$0.00 expenses for July and August. The expenses for September will be reported at the next General Meeting. Thus far, we have received \$6,823.00 in donations. There were no questions asked regarding the budget from any members in attendance.

Committee Updates:

Elane Kim spoke regarding Spirit Wear and Staff Appreciation. Kelly Waldo is also on the same committees but was not present. More information to follow on Spirit Wear but we will be able to place orders online. Shyamala Gopalakrishnan will be in charge of the Pie and Cider night committee which will be held on October 8th in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair. Amy Miller reported that Jane Morton will be in charge of the Box Tops for Education program. Amy explained that forms will be sent home with students. This program provides free money for our school. Amy also explained registering Albertson's shopping card numbers. Endeavour receives up to 5% of dollars spent in free money. Edith Ross introduced Art Docent Lisa Greenough. Lisa explained the art docent program which has a budget of \$1000.00 and provides art for all students one time per month the entire school year. Art docents were needed still for Mrs. Shumacher, Miss Hope, Mrs. Wilke and Mrs. Pearl's classes. Lisa asked for volunteers to contact her if they would be interested. Tracy Stark reported on PTA Membership. Already, the Endeavour PTA has 182 members and an additional 4 had signed up at meeting. There were 214 members last year and Tracy anticipated that we will exceed that number this year. Rita Davison was introduced as our newsletter chairperson. Rita reported that the newsletter will go out on Listserve. There will also be hard copies available in the front office. Reflections chairperson, Edith Ross reported that this year's theme will be "Beauty Is...". Information will be sent home with students in the upcoming month. Edith explained the Reflections program and categories. Amy Stengle was introduced as the Endeavour Webmaster. Amy has revamped the PTA website. She will have current

events and three months of scheduled events on the website. The newsletter, PTA donations, Spirit Wear and PTA General meeting minutes will be available online. Debra Halverson will be the chairperson for recycling program. All used printer cartridges can be sent in an envelope marked "PTA". They will be given to a company who will give the PTA rebate money in exchange for them. Julie explained that due to the economic climate, the PTA was going to do a hybrid approach to fundraising. Debbie McCallick was introduced as our Fundraising Chairperson. Debbie explained the Innisbrook Catalog which will be sent home on September 23rd. There will be gift wrap, chocolates and other items to sell. PTA will receive 50% of sales profit. Easy order entry will be accessed their website. The website does not charge shipping or handling during the sale. Julie encouraged participation in a manner which was best suited for each family individually.

Julie discussed needs for chairpersons in listserve, pumpkin carving night, skate night and movie night. Julie explained Listserve and encouraged everyone to join via the website.

New Business:

Approval of Standing Rules: Julie Moore explained the Endeavour PTA 2009-2010 Standing Rules. There were two changes in content including a change in teacher/staff PTA membership rate. There is a change in the number of PTA General Membership meetings to every other month which would decrease the amount of meetings from 8 to 5 per year. The PTA Board has discretion over funding requests to \$500.00 per request or \$2000.00 per year without having to vote. The standing rules were provided to the attendees for review. There were no questions regarding the Standing Rules. Tom Jordnal made a motion to approve the Standing Rules, Amy Stengle seconded. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Library Update: Endeavour librarian, Mr. Forge, spoke about the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair will take place October 5-8 at Endeavour Elementary. Endeavour will receive 25% of the profits from the book fair which will be used to buy new books and materials for the library. A flyer with general information will be sent home September 30th.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Ann Jordan reported that we were off to a great start to the school year at Endeavour. There was a 2 hour delay in posting the names for the students in each classroom as 5 more students were added just before the lists were to be posted. Endeavour has a new administrative assistant, Linda Kendall. Mary Skanes is the new 2nd grade teacher. Claire Wilson is the new ½ multi-age teacher and Chris Baltrukovicz will be the new long term substitute. Mrs. Jordan discussed the two new portables which are state of the art and have air conditioning. Mrs. Jordan will advise on the new WASL at a future meeting. Our WASL scores fluctuate from year to year but Endeavour is still above average in all areas. Writing needs improvement but is still above standard. We have 534 students this year which

is a challenge for supervision during recess and lunch. There are 270 kids on the playground at recesses. We now have 141 "Choice" students from all over the Mukilteo School District. We have some new circumstances regarding some serious allergies this year. Peanuts, dairy, and cheese are some of the allergies. There is now an allergy table in the lunch room. There is a change in procedure after 2:30 dismissal. The blacktop and climbing field will be off limits as the noise is a distraction to the students and teachers in the portables. There will be games for the students in the classrooms on days when the playground is unsafe due to rain. The school rules have changed. They are now displayed throughout the school and are very simple for the students to follow. 1. Show Respect 2. Make Good Decisions 3. Solve Problems. Square Dancing will begin next week. Every child will have square dance instruction. An evening square dance will be scheduled. Other events were discussed: Picture Day October 20th and Parent Conferences will be held the week of October 26th-30th.

Open Discussion: Mrs. Jordan was asked several questions by attendees beginning with information regarding the new WASL. The MSP is the new test but details are sketchy at this time. The new test will be discussed at an upcoming meeting when more details are available. A member asked if there was a "wish list" for the school for PTA funds. With the budget cuts, all teacher development money has been taken away. Mrs. Jordan informed attendees that teachers are involved with book clubs for enrichment where almost all teachers are involved so perhaps there is a need for books to be purchased. The budget is expected to be cut even more next year. A question was asked regarding the amount of students at Endeavour. The school is considered "closed" which means that Choice students are able to attend at this point as long as there is room. We can have up to 26 students in a primary class and 27 intermediate. We have 36 more students than last year. There is no district transportation for after school activities. There will be more information to follow regarding Destination Imagination and some other clubs including a Foreign Language club, art club and a Fit Club in the spring for upper grades. Mrs. Jordan was asked if parent volunteers could be used due to supervision concerns. Mrs. Jordan expressed that a need for consistency would have to be there for duty. Camp Orkilia was discussed. At this time, no decision has been made about camp for next year. Risk management has lowered the number of activities the students are able to participate in. It needs to be determined whether or not it's a valuable experience. Traffic concerns were discussed. A suggestion was made that school start and end times be modified. Mrs. Jordan explained that the Mukilteo School District determines the school times. Mrs. Jordan expressed that Endeavour will make the best with what we have and we are lucky to have an outstanding staff. A question was raised regarding 70% of PTA membership funds going to National, Regional PTA. Endeavour keeps only \$4.00 per membership. Mrs. Jordan explained that the PTA is the largest lobbying body in the state. The PTA lobbies to keep class sizes down among other things. There is a link to the National PTA on our Endeavour website for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Submitted by: Lisa Hatfield Endeavour, PTA Secretary.

