Eastern Elementary School PTO

Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

Called to Order, 6:35 p.m. by President Stacey O’Keefe

PTO Introductions: Kristin Harnish, Treasurer; Laura Ashton, Vice President

Staff attendees included Julie Edwardson, Sarah Marek, Jessica Owen and Tom Cooper

Introductions of meeting attendees

Reminder to sign in for attendance and contact information.

Principal’s Report – Biz Ruskowski

435 students, including 2 tuition-based preschool classrooms, 2 Young Five classrooms, 3 Kindergartens, 2 Second Grade classrooms, 3 Third Grade classrooms, 2 Fourth Grade classrooms and 2 Fifth Grade classrooms.

Eastern has about 100 students under the age of five.

Teachers are working on relationships and routines. NWEA assessments are starting. Teachers are working collaboratively by grade to plan curriculum and support students.

Eastern had a visit on the first of day school from Superintendent Ann Cardon and high school helpers have started work at Eastern.

Treasurer’s Report – Kristin Harnish

The budget was formulated in the spring and voted on in May.

PTO has distributed staff start-up funds.

PTO also funded the purchase of light-weight multipurpose tables requested by Mr. Keith, one of our custodians.

PTO funds all curriculum-driven field trips scheduled by teachers at Eastern. PTO accepts requests for funding for projects to benefit students, staff and building. One discussion item that should be added to an upcoming agenda is the 5th grade and Carnival proceeds.

Committee Reports

Jog-A-Thon (JAT) will be October 4. Changes were made to JAT last year. Students run a specific number of laps on the high school track. The kick-off assembly was held on September 9. We have a new website for donors and tracking donations. PTO is asking for volunteers to help on October 4 starting at 9:00 a.m. Hot chocolate will be donated by Grandview Catering. PTO is looking for an apple donor. JAT raised $25,000 last year.

Other committees looking for help are Library helpers, Community Share, Talent Show, Star Writers, Popcorn Friday, Holiday Gift Giving, Family Fridays, Worker Bees, Carnival, Conference Meal Committee and Silent Auction Committee.

Eastern Spirit wear was not available last year. There is a logo in the works for this year. The logo will be posted on the website. PTO is planning to offer a limited edition t-shirt; the design and sizing will be on display during Family Friday October 18. Kristin Harnish is talking to JenTees. The spirit wear will be ordered and received for holiday presents.

PTO Board Votes

The position of Secretary is open on the Eastern PTO Board. Kristen Roeser has accepted the nomination. Laura Ashton nominated Kristen Roeser for vote; it was seconded by Stacey O’Keefe and passed. The new PTO Secretary is Kristen Roeser.

Announcement/Adjournments

FAFA reminder – Please be understanding with privacy issues

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. by Stacey O’Keefe. Next meeting is October 8, 2019.