

**EES PTO Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2020 -- Zoom meeting**

Attendance: Zoom meeting (Dr. J. Roberts, Maggie Gleason, Carla Christensen, Kate Koch-Sundquist, Laura Eurich, Betsy McKeen, Letizia Donati)

The meeting was called to order by Carla Christensen at 7:33 pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Approval of prior meeting's minutes:

The minutes from October were reviewed, but could not be approved, not enough board members present.

Remarks from Dr. Roberts:

Back to school is going better than she expected, kids are very adaptable, following protocol very well, sometimes better than the staff. Teachers and staff were a bit anxious prior to the first day of school, but much less now that school has started and the kids are back in the classroom.

Ball at recess was discussed, not at this time, but soon. Would like some more single use toys, the Sensory path, which would need paint and design. PTO to gift them, or get funding requests.

Any new Covid-19 cases would be alerted to the families by the school superintendent.

Parent/ Teacher conferences - to be emailed soon, may be a zoom conference call.

Dr. Roberts will be taking more pictures and posting them.

EES Gear Sale Re-Opening:

Now until 11/24, so that it can be received before Christmas. Betsy tried to see if there was a way to reduce the shipping cost, suggested grouping items, or actual pick up, but no solution at this time.

Teacher Appreciation Lunches/December update:

Kate Koch-Sundquist organized the first one on her own, it was greatly appreciated by all the teachers.

Melaney Healy will organize one in December, February and April.

and Maggie Gleason is working on getting thank you notes from students to include with the lunches.

Maggie, who is also a teacher in another district, brought up other options, some which may be hard currently, but good in the future. Ex: bring Hot Chocolate, Coffee, candy bars.

Family Appreciation Program Update:

Betsy picked randomly 2 families from the directory. The Etna's and Frash/Vandi were the lucky recipients of a \$25 gift card to Sea Meadow, \$10 card to the Mill, Coffee, Local Honey and hand sanitizer. Carla has offered to do December, and Maggie will do January. Will need more volunteers for future months

Family Appeal Letter Update:

Betsy stuffed and delivered to Maggie Morris 140 envelopes. In the envelop, she also included the VP position description.

Rebranding Update:

Per Francesca, for tax purposes, need to keep the current name, but get a "DBA" for the new name, which Betsy has locked in "Friends of EES." Discussions will continue in the future.

VP advertisement update:

Mailed out along with the Family Appeal letter. And also on social media.

Teacher Stipend Fulfillments Update:

No request at this time. Carla wanted to clear up last school year first. Carla has not sent out reminders yet to the teachers and staff. When she does, she will also remind them to let us know if they have any ideas for enrichment.

New Funding Requests:

Mrs. Kasmarcik, but not enough board members present.

Another suggestion from Maggie, which she has done with her twins in Miss Jordan's class, is a worksheet template, "Teacher likes" the teacher fills it out and gives it back to the students. Great for gift ideas. Maggie will send us the template and we can see how we can use it and pass it out.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carla Christensen and seconded by Betsy McKeen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm