

**EAST PRAIRIE PTA GENERAL MEETING**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Attendance: Voting Members: Abby Tumang, Claudia Lopez, Angel Weiss, Jessica Hornick, Karen Gavrilovic, Regina Yonan, Kristina Nickels, Sarah Connolly, Alice Litt, Jill Kempner, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sidney Stein, Laura Ennis, Sarah Evans, Randall Cling, Zhanna Soloveychik, Tammy Manta, Kathy Byron, Erin Stein, Sheldon Glickman Non-members: Mary Kaiser, Teri Madl, Balsam Tania

1. Call to order/Welcome: Abby T. called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. President's Report:
  - A. EPS will host a Town Hall meeting on October 13th from 7-8:30 pm. It will be similar to Community Engagement session 4 where all the experts were available for a panel discussion.
  - B. Picture day- Thank you to Janna Telman, Leticia Martin, and Mrs. Hayat for assisting on picture day. Your help is much appreciated!
3. Treasurer's Report
  - A. Monthly report-September-see attached.
  - B. Also, tentative funds from Fun Fair: \$3300 brought in, ~\$2500 in expenses, ~\$800 estimated
4. Secretary's Report: If you would like a blog post made about your event, please email Jessica ([eps.pta.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:eps.pta.secretary@gmail.com)) and include any specific verbage or flyers and I will post it asap!
5. School Report-Ms. Stein made the report.
  - A. She would like to thank everyone for such a great job at the Fun Fair!
  - B. Reminder that tomorrow is Walk/Bike to School day!
  - C. Tomorrow night is Skokie Public library night for EPS. Some teachers are readers. This event targets K-5. Come by and see them. It starts at 6:30 pm.
  - D. Friday is Spirit Day! Even if you don't have EPS spirit wear, wear Blue and White!
6. Other Business:

At our previous meeting, a representative from the EPS Community Initiative came to discuss and answer questions regarding the upcoming referendum. Tonight we will vote to determine if the PTA will fully support this referendum.

Claudia made a motion: I, Claudia Lopez, make a motion to support the EPS referendum to build a new school. Abby T. seconded the motion. Open the floor for discussion.

Angel suggested that board member, Mary, synopsize the Vision73 effort on how the decision was made to build a new school. Mary summarized the effort as follows: the building is more than 60 years old and it probably had a lifetime of 40-50 years. In order to maintain the building for approximately 10 years (fix cracks in foundation, etc), it would cost about \$17 million. To build a new building will cost up to \$47 million for a building with 75 year life span.

Dr. Madl expanded on the details and encouraged everyone to check out the video tours at the Vision 73 website.

Mary mentioned that there is a calculator on the Vision73 website to calculate how much your tax increase will be. It will be phased building that will take about 2 summers and 1 school year.

Please attend the town hall on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, if you'd like more information. There will also be tours of the school at 6:30pm.

Sarah Connolly asked what is meant by 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Dr. Madl addressed the question by saying that teaching is changing and rather than rote memorization, students are expected to learn much larger amounts of material. They are being taught to be critical thinkers. Ms. Stein also mentioned that modern classrooms are not built with a "front" of the classroom but rather are more flexible to allow for collaborative learning.

[www.Vision73.net](http://www.Vision73.net)

Votes: 17 AYES; 1 opposed, 2 abstain (only voting members counted; non-members did not vote)

This bond referendum will provide a safer environment for our kids and the PTA is happy to support it.

#### 7. Committee Reports (introduction of Committee heads):

- A. Book Fair-Discrepancy on the PTA Calendar. Says that it is December 7,8,9 but it will actually be the 14,15,16, the week of the Winter Concert.
- B. Cultural Arts- (Jill Kempner)
  - i. PreK-2. Smarty Pants (balloon guy) Mouse trap machine in Jan 2017. Setting dates now. Only \$449 if we book by Oct 15. So I am on it now.
  - ii. 3-5. Has booked Spirit of the Eagle w Jon Jordan. For Nov 21. In the am. Working on time. No price yet.
  - iii. 6-8 has chosen Chicago Dance Crash. For Feb 2017. Probably hip hop. Date and time not set. A little pricy. Btw \$800-\$900. Suggested by Danielle DeCamp.
  - iv. I also asked Mrs. Stein if she may want an all school assembly at the end of the year. She is thinking about what would be appropriate that would span all ages.
- C. Family Dance – (Abby Tumang) 10/21, 6-8pm. Planning is underway for a fun family dance. We are looking forward to another successful event! Volunteers may be needed for help the night of the dance, please contact Abby [atumang.epspta@gmail.com](mailto:atumang.epspta@gmail.com) if you are available.
  - i. Flyers will be sent home this week.
  - ii. There will be some vegetarian and gluten free options for those children that have dietary restrictions.
- D. Family Movie Night – (Kim Uribe) We will be having Movie Night on November 4th. The doors will open at 6 and the movie is still undecided. We will have pizza to purchase and free popcorn and water. I don't have much more information right now.
  - i. Working with AMC to get popcorn donation!
  - ii. Perhaps purchasing Finding Dory to stream
- E. Fundraising – (Cindie Anderson) Fall fundraiser- Yankee Candle; Launch date Friday, October 21, 2016 Fliers will go out that week. We need to forward information to be sent Facebook, Instagram and any social media with how you can order online now.
- F. Panther Days- Erick Tumang

- i. Had Panther Days on Curriculum night. Got 12% of profits for the night, ~\$50.
    - ii. Next one will be in November on Parent-Teacher conferences.
  - G. Fun Fair - A big thank you from Beth to all the volunteers for helping out at the Fun Fair yesterday: Molly Warner, Mike Stein, Jori Graham, Ann Simkins, Kristine Hernandez, Coleen Sharkey, Lisa LaPata, John Coppola, Don Martin, Melissa Kelly, Cindy Payne, Eric Litt, Jessica Hornick, Jessica Garcia, Sue Larson, Bob Kempner, Kathy Byron, Priya Mustafa, May Jamil, Gus Kuman, Roseanne Doyiakos, Randall Cling, Charlie Saxe, Andrea Sales, Ms. Mis all the others. In spite of the weather being less than cooperative, the event was a big success, and I think that the East Prairie kids and their families had a good time. The PTA relies on helping hands such as yours to run all of our programs and events -- we couldn't have done it without you!
    1. Also, a big thank you to Rachel and Beth and everyone on the Fun Fair committee for a great job organizing this event!
  - H. Spiritwear-Orders were delivered, and are being sorted for distribution. Some of the orders were received after the deadline, and will be filled shortly. We are planning on another Spiritwear order for the Spring if you weren't able to order for the fall.
  - I. Teacher appreciation week
  - J. Volunteers-
  - K. Partners for Learning-November 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at 6:30pm. Night of collaboration with PTA and teachers. Invite students and families to attend mini-workshops. For example, Ms. Doolas does a workshop on helping your child manage homework. There will be different sessions based on your interests and led by teachers based on their specialties. There will be entertainment/babysitting available for the children.
8. Unfinished Business-none
9. New Business-
- A. Zhanna S. brought up an issue that has affected her children-not enough time to eat lunch. They are bringing home half their lunch. She has heard this from other families as well. Another parent mentioned that there is also not enough time for snack. Also, Jill K. mentioned that her daughter has gotten in trouble for talking during the lunch period. Ms. Stein said that she will check with teachers and lunch staff to see what is happening that is different and to see if something can be done to give the children more time to eat.
  - B. Sheldon Glickman introduced himself. In previous referendums, the PTA sponsored a Get Out the Vote Rally. Cheerleaders and band performed. There would be a discussion and a chance for community members to ask questions and voice their concerns. Sheldon would like to encourage the PTA to plan a similar event for this referendum. He said he is willing to donate the money to the PTA, should there be a fee to rent the gym.
10. Adjournment: Claudia adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm. The next meeting is set for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please Join Us!



**EAST PRAIRIE PTA**  
**Monthly Treasurer's Report**  
**FY 2016 -2017**  
**September 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016**



**BALANCE ON HAND as of 9/1/2016** **\$5,314.61**

**INCOME**

Date	Description	Amount
9/10/2016	Membership/Calendar	153.00
9/13/2016	Scrip Center, Panther Dollars	28.00
9/20/2016	Scrip Center, Panther Dollars	2.10
9/24/2016	Membership/Calendar	520.00
9/30/2016	Bank Interest	0.42
		703.52

**FUNDS NOT BELONGING TO THE UNIT INCOME:**

Membership, 22 @ \$4.25 (state and national PTA) 93.50

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$703.52**

**EXPENSES**

Date	Check #	Description	Amount
9/1/2016	2509	Signarama, Administrative - Signage	97.20
9/1/2016	2510	AIM, Administrative - Insurance	315.00
9/2/2016	2511	Angel Weiss, Administrative - Supplies	25.97
9/6/2016	2512	Karen Gavrilovic, Administrative - Signage	16.26
9/6/2016	2513	Claudia Lopez, Hospitality	35.11
9/6/2016	2514	Abby Tumang, Hospitality	24.39
9/9/2016	2515	Rachel Coppola, Fun Fair	241.05
9/24/2016	2516	IL PTA, Membership dues (163 members)	692.75
9/25/2016		Withdrawal, Fun Fair - petty cash box	220.00
			\$1,667.73

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$1,667.73**

**BALANCE ON HAND ending 9/30/2016** **\$4,350.40**

*Submitted by Angel Weiss, Treasurer*