

EPC General Meeting & Learning Event: Volunteer Kick-Off

September 26, 2018

6:22 p.m. - 6:59 p.m.

EPC Executive Members in Attendance:

Michelle O'Malley,	President
Andrea Doan,	Vice President
Kristin Wyatt,	Treasurer
Kathy Hotchkies,	Secretary
Franziska Eckerlin,	Volunteer Coordinator
Jia Li,	Community Coordinator, Pre-elementary
Patricia VedBrat,	Community Coordinator, Upper Elementary & Middle School

Total Attendance: Approx. 20

EPC Business

- 1) **Welcome & Thank You** – thank you to all for coming especially the many parents new to Eton, thank you to those who have volunteered already or attended the Welcome Picnic
- 2) **Introduction of Executive Committee members present and overview of Eton Parent Council** - all parents are voting members of the Eton Parent Council; the EPC purpose is to support and build community often by providing volunteers
- 3) **Review and approval of minutes from last EPC General Meeting on May 16, 2018** – motion made by Patricia VedBrat, seconded by Andrea Doan and unanimously approved

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- 1) **Eton School Director of Development, Monica Maling** – volunteers are what make our community so wonderful, she coordinates with EPC to make sure events and fundraising efforts have all they need to succeed
 - a) **Cultural Fair (September 29)** – volunteers still needed especially for serving food
 - b) **First Thursday Coffee (October 4)** – this month held on the Sport Court off the Main Building with a coffee cart service providing beverages, drop in and enjoy
 - c) **Annual Fund drive starting next week** – Annual Fund supports the whole Eton School program providing professional development for teachers and staff, curriculum enhancements for students (field trips, guest speakers, etc.), new classroom materials and more; a tax-deductible way to support the program while keeping tuition costs as low as possible
 - d) **Gala (February 9)** – to be held at the W Hotel in downtown Bellevue this year with a revamped format in honor of Eton's 40th Anniversary, last year's Gala specifically funded improvements to "Outdoor Spaces" meaning new playground equipment including the Labyrinth used by all students, exterior painting of all buildings, and new landscaping.
- 2) **Eton School Head of School, Dr. Russell Smith** – emphasis on partnership with parents, Eton wants parents to be involved in the school program and to feel a part of the community (know their child's peers) while supporting their child's academic endeavors
- 3) **Level Representatives** – EPC Community Coordinators at each level (Pre-elementary, Lower and Upper/Middle School) mentor Room Representatives and e-mail them reminders about upcoming activities; Room Representatives are parent volunteers in your child's classroom who coordinate the

teacher's volunteer needs and create community building activities outside of the classroom; ideas for community building activities welcome – contact your teacher or Room Rep.

- 4) **EPC Co-Volunteer Coordinator, Franziska Eckerlin** – she and Maya Subramanian will be contacting volunteers for each event
 - a) **Use the online form to indicate your volunteer interests** – you will receive an e-mail closer to the event with details of the volunteer options, filling out the form does not require you to volunteer
 - b) **Specific Volunteer Sign-Up links also available in weekly Community Connection e-mail and monthly EPC Newsletter e-mail**
 - c) **Submit your monetary donations and volunteer hours to employers with matching!**
 - d) **Talk to your child's teacher about additional opportunities** like reading parent, field trip chaperone, class party helper – the Halloween Party is a great way to learn kids names early on in the school year
 - e) **Bring your kids with you when you volunteer** – children age 3 and up can often help at school events so bring them along when you volunteer
 - f) **Ski Bus** – for six weeks in January students in Grades 3-8 are able to take the Ski Bus to Snoqualmie for ski lessons; volunteer to help on the bus and you get a free ski pass for yourself; if you commit to volunteer all six weeks you can usually take a younger sibling with you

List of events mentioned:

- Cultural Fair (September 29)
- First Thursday Coffee (October 4)
- Staff Appreciation Smoothie Day (October 10)
- Family Game Night (November 9)
- Sno-King (January 21, MLK day, 12:30 – 2:30 pm)
- Gala (February 9)
- 40th Anniversary Celebration (May 3)
- Staff Appreciation Lunch (June 5)