

**ESCO Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10th, 2019**  
**Eastside Elementary Multipurpose Room**

**Attendees**

**Board Members:** Linda Pergola (Vice-President), Heather Miller (Treasurer), Joanna Paykel (Secretary), Michelle Culley (President)

Craig Coulhart, Principal

**Parents:**

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| Prue Lotharius    | Christine Immel | Kathy Anderson |
| Tara Weaver       | Tim Davidson    | Tianna Lincoln |
| Jacque Kammerzelt | Jayne Miller    | Bailey Kermath |
| Judith Parish     | Katie Blanchard | Jen Savagian   |
| Andrew Savagian   |                 |                |

**6:30 p.m. Call to Order**

Welcome & introduction of board members & members in attendance

**Teacher Panel:**

Grade 5 - Lauren Bonanno

Grade 4 - Shawna Blood

Grade 3 - Amanda Soldner

Grade 3 - Maggie Douglas

Grade 2 - Emily Bestor

Grade 1 - Jill Roggenbauer

Kindergarten - Lacey Moreland

PE/Specials - Brenda Hemenway

Discussion topics included:

- Updated 2019 curriculum items  
(word work/phonics changes and additions – further information may be sent home at a future date for all parents)
- Homework philosophies by grade level.
- How teachers incorporate social/emotional curriculum into their classrooms.
- Conduct process for reading assessments.

**Treasurer Report-** Heather Miller, Treasurer

- Current balance is \$32,383.87
- Previous budgets netted the balance of the larger fundraisers with income shown after expenses had been accounted. New budget will show full breakdown of both income and expense totals for each activity.
- Goldie Gallop continues to be the top fundraising activity for ESCO, however this is not our only fundraising activity.
- In 2018 a fall fundraiser was done with Hansen foods. This year we are switching to work with Bean's and Cream in order to help support a local business that has been extremely generous to the school. This will take place in December and further details will be available in the coming months.
- In addition to teacher grants, we have set aside funds specifically for classroom books. This allows

teachers the opportunity to receive funding for other classroom items that might be necessary as well as updating classroom reading materials.

- More money has been budgeted in expenses than in income this year. ESCO is working to slowly spend down some of our account balance. In previous years it was necessary to have a larger balance in order to help fund playground equipment, however those items are now supported by the school district directly.

Motion to approve – Tara Weaver

Second – Judith Parish

None opposing

#### **Principal Report – Mr. C**

- Thanks to all of the parents and ESCO for the support in getting the school year started smoothly. Feels like everyone just picked up right where they left off in the spring!
- Teachers greatly appreciated the supplied breakfast their first week back!
- Watch DOGS will meet September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Open House will be replaced with Fall Fest this year on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will take place at Carriage Hills park. More details will be shared soon.

#### **ESCO Updates - What have we done this month? – Michelle Culley, President**

- Teacher Goodie Bags (thank you, parents, for donating the items)!
- Popsicles for Popsicles on the Playground
- Parent Breakfast on First Day of School (thank you to Beans and Cream for donations)!  
A very limited turn out this year and several parents felt they don't have the opportunity to stop at this event on the first day. Therefore, ESCO is considering discontinuing this event in future years.
- Provided a staff breakfast on 9/5 (thank you, parents, for donating the items)!

#### **Goldie Gallop Update - Prue Lotharius and Tara Weaver, co-chairs**

- September 27<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine
- Yellow informational sheets were sent home on or before 9-Sept. Official sign-up packets will be sent Friday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.
- There will no longer be an opportunity to pledge per lap online. This is due to a state law prohibiting class lists from being made available outside official school personnel which makes tracking student laps for donation collections very difficult.
- Teachers will be participating in the run this year and have an opportunity to win prizes as well!
- If the school can raise a combined \$30K, Bucky Badger will be coming to visit the students!
- Collections will be due Oct 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteer sign-up has been posted on Facebook (ESCO – Eastside School Community Organization) page. Link is <https://signup.com/go/sdAOTUS>

#### **Spiritwear**

- Will be available to order soon
- More options will be available this year

#### **Family Fun Nights – Judith Parish, Family Fun Night Chair**

- First Family Fun night will be November 8<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Dance from 6-7:30
- January 17<sup>th</sup>, TBA, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (BINGO night)
- Fun nights are a great way for families to network and get introduced to other student families!
- Volunteering for these events is a great way to get involved with minimal commitment!!

### **Box Tops Reminder/changes in program** – Linda Pergola, Vice President

- Going all digital by 2021 (scan using Box Tops app). Is very easy to use and quick to scan receipts!
- Can still turn in clipped boxtops
- For those that are still available for cutout on the boxes, still scan your receipt! Currently we can claim proceeds from both types!
- ESCO will no longer be able to track volume of labels turned in by classroom. Considering a school wide prize based on a total value target (to be determined).

### **Teacher Grants**

- Book and innovation grants (two separate categories) will be made available to teachers by next week. Applications will be due in October
- ESCO board members will review applications and grants will be awarded in November.

### **Keys to the Future**

- Supports the Sun Prairie Education Foundation ([www.SunPrairieEducationFoundation.org](http://www.SunPrairieEducationFoundation.org)). Provides grants to schools for unique learning experiences for SPASD students.
- Each school provides a basket for auction. The school whose basket brings in the greatest donation is granted a traveling trophy for the next year. 2018 was the first time Eastside has won the trophy and we are hoping to defend that title this year!
- This year we are working on a Date Night Basket theme which will likely include a gift certificate for a local Bed and Breakfast stay!
- The event is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Loft at 132 from 6-9pm. Only 300 tickets will be sold! Cost is \$50/ticket.

### **Voting on May 2019 Minutes**

- Minutes were distributed for review

Motion to approve – Judith Parish

Second – Michelle Culley

None opposing

### **Volunteer Drawing** – Congratulations Kathy Anderson!

*(Each meeting all volunteers - including those who have provided sign up/donated items for events – are entered into a prize drawing. Must be present at the meeting to win)*

### **New Business**

- Request for individuals to have an opportunity to provide donations toward negative lunch balances. This would have to be applied district wide. Mr. C will inquire with infinite campus about having this made available.

### **Next Meeting**

- October 8th. The owners of Code Ninjas will be coming to speak about their programs!

### **Meeting Adjourned**

- 7:50 p.m., by President Michelle Culley