

ESCO Meeting Minutes
October 8th, 2019
Eastside Elementary Multipurpose Room

Attendees

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

Craig Coulhart, Principal

Brenda Hemenway, Physical Education Instructor & PBIS Representative

Parents:

Melissa Janz

Christine Immel

Kathy Anderson

Tara Weaver

Jen Savagian

Tina Howell

Jacque Kammerzelt

Andrew Savagian

Judith Parish

Marie Andrae

6:30 p.m. Call to Order

Welcome & introduction of board members & members in attendance

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) - Brenda Hemenway

- Goal: Create and maintain a positive school climate and an effective learning environment
- PBIS institutes and guides the Eagle Pride program, gifts from a guest, and monthly shout outs to help recognize and reward positive behaviors
- Pamphlets have been sent home with each child with further details about the program.
- <https://www.sunprairieschools.org/eastside/eastside-academics/pbis>

Treasurer Report- Heather Miller, Treasurer

- Current balance is \$32,273.69 (still adding deposits from Goldie Gallop)
- Recent debits include:
 - Staff Movie tickets for PBIS field trip: \$210
 - Kindergarten field trip to Schuester's Farm: \$250
 - 1st Grade field trip to Olbrich Garden: \$250
 - 2nd Grade field trip to Schuester's Farm: \$250
 - 4th Grade kindness retreat: \$723.75
 - 5th Grade field trip to Treinen Farm: \$250
 - Scholastic News Subscription (1st Grade): \$392.16
 - Watch D.O.G.S. Supplies: \$127.28
 - Half the cost of vestibule mural: \$2600

Principal Report – Mr. C

- Great turn out for Watch D.O.G.S. meeting. Sign-ups have been filled through Jan.
- Eastside basket was not chosen as the winner for Keys to the Future. Still waiting on final results.
- May need to request additional club support from ESCO. Down 1 head count from the district this year and there has been a large interest in music club this year.
- Fall Fest was a big success. Mr. C would like to get feedback from parents on how it could be improved for next year or what worked really well. Suggestions included:
 - Make teachers/staff more identifiable (coats covered matching shirts) – perhaps lanyards with

- names printed?
- Request more food carts and possibly with more kid friendly choices
- The crafts and choir were well liked
- The location (with options for youngest kids) was also much appreciated!

Code Ninja's Presentation – JD Uhler, Owner

- Key objective is to get kids interested in Computer Science. Programs available for grades K-8. Self-paced curriculum in a physical location with either instructor or drop-in based learning.
<https://www.codeninjas.com/locations/wi-sun-prairie>

Goldie Gallop Update - Tara Weaver, co-chair

- Total raised to date - \$24,282 with 48% participating in the fundraising.
- 1st Grade raised the largest amount at \$4,132 and will get a Glass Nickel pizza party
- Donations will continue to be accepted through the end of the week. Cannot be attributed to students for prizes.
- Make a final push to collect enough so Mr. C gets slimed

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

- Served pizza and lemonade for Watch D.O.G.S.
- Teacher grant request forms to the staff
 - Due by Oct. 25th, awards will be distributed in Nov.
- Spiritwear will be delivered to the school ~7-10 days after order is placed. Items will be sent home with students.
- Goldie Gallop – big thanks to Prue and Tara, the staff and volunteers, and all of our sponsors. The kids did a great job!

Upcoming Events – Michelle Culley, President & Judith Parish, Family Fun Night Chair

- First Family Fun night will be November 8th: Harvest Dance from 6-7:30. Sign-ups for volunteers will be circulated soon.
- Veteran's Day Ceremony is November 11th. Mr. C will send out blackboard invitations for family veterans.
- Pastries with Parents is November 14th from 7:30 – 8:15 am. Cafeteria has been reserved.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are November 14th & 15th
- No School November 15th or 27th – 29th

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.

School Board Q/A - Marilyn Ruffin, Representative

- Just held annual meeting
- Ongoing discussions for how boundaries and transitions will occur for Middle Schools. This will begin fall of 2021.
- Ashley field will be renewed by 2020 Football Season.
- Additional work is focused on Bullying Task Force. <https://www.sunprairieschools.org/families/bullying>

Voting on September 2019 Minutes

- Minutes were distributed for review

Motion to approve – Judith Parish
Second – Jen Savagian
None opposing

Volunteer Drawing – Congratulations Judith Parish!

(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

- Discussion of group fund for teacher and staff holiday gifts or gift cards. Parents & families can donate and ESCO would purchase on everyone’s behalf. Removes holiday pressure from parents on getting gifts. Equalizes giving for support staff. ESCO board to review the suggestion.

Next Meeting

- November 12th. Kayleen Kaye will speak on *Kids in the Digital Age*, discussing internet/social media safety and awareness for parents and kids.

Meeting Adjourned

- 7:53 p.m., by President Michelle Culley