

East High School PTSA

Meeting Minutes

A monthly meeting of the East High School PTSA was called to order at 5:35 pm on Thursday October 4, 2018. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Principal and Community Representative were in attendance. Absent was the Teacher Representative. A quorum (9) was met. For full attendance, see attachment.

Officer Reports

President, Laura Barr: East PTSA has been honored for re-forming from the GreatEducation Colorado organization with the Vicki Mattox Education Leadership Award.

Principal: Homecoming week. Junior and Senior links are continuing to meet with freshman. Celebrations on Saturday, a teacher will be honored by My Brother's Keeper. Our art teacher is the Colorado High School Teacher of the Year. East will be recognized in Denver Business Journal as top 25 school in the metro area. Getting close to \$300k goal to upgrade sound system. Committed to restorative practices at the beginning of this year. There is help and support for our kids if they have behavioral or drug and alcohol issues. First grading period ending. School counselors check every 3 weeks on student progress to identify issues early.

Parliamentarian, Mark Kochevar: Motioned for minutes from the September 13, 2018 meeting to be approved. Motion seconded. No opposing. Approved.

Community Representative, Evelyn Barnes: Larger community meetings for superintendent search are completed. But small group meetings can still be scheduled. Application deadline is a few weeks away. Interim Superintendent has been installed.

Treasurer, James Smith: Presented the 2018-2019 budget. Account balance as of 9/30 \$3,229. Major expenses \$832 PTA dues, \$108 insurance, \$84 for Member Planet, \$82 miscellaneous, \$75 Parent Information Network. East Angels Friends And Family was our seed funder this year. \$1,210 remains from paid dues. Upcoming expenses: Angel Talks and Insurance. End balance over \$3,623. Goal as a non-profit is to spend that money. Finance committee has begun meeting. It's purpose will be to review Treasurer's job, prepared the tax return. Estimated income at 25 new members a month and \$100 in donations a month.

Discussion: about Angel Talks and production costs and budget of \$200 per meeting. Would like to get a report of the event, attendance, see the videos, website visits.

Annual budget requires a membership vote.

Mary Smith motioned to approve budget with amendment that 3 Angel Talks be funded and the remainder of the year be approved at the November meeting. No opposing. Budget approved with 22 votes.

Communications Committee Chair, Hilary Afshary: Goal is PTSA to be the place where parents can engage when they arrive at East. Launched the website that is updated almost daily. Almost fully staffed committee. Will create a monthly newsletter. Students will help develop a PTSA and Angel Talks logos. Looking at bringing back Student Council panel. So students can talk to parents. Maybe have seniors talk about what they wish they had done differently to adjust, prepare for college, pick classes. School is hiring a new communications person and PTSA will be sure to partner with them.

Membership Committee Chair, Rebecca Gibbs: have 138 members with a goal of 200-300 by end of school year. Want to be biggest PTSA once again. More voices mean more things get done! Seeking diversity, equality, accountability. Had a committee meeting about events and getting PTSA members to go out to sports events and invite others. Focus is to convert interest in PTSA into payment of dues and to recruit members and helpers.

Discussion: Michelle Canniff offered to be part of sporting event coverage. If we demonstrate that we are here, then people will come. Mary Smith said that would give parents someone to sit with, when they can't sit with their child.

Wellness Committee Co-Chair, Liz Rutledge: Amazing first Angel Talk. We had 60 people. Video link should be available in 2 weeks. Have the May Angel Talks uploaded. Compare that quality to the September quality and you may understand why we are paying for videographer. Dana Eckoff will manage the talk. Speaker curators: Lori Pace and Kristy Belz are already working on next year speakers. Seeking volunteer coordinator and communications coordinator.

EAFAP, Traci Jones: October 11th teacher potluck. Volunteer needs: have grocery cards that need coordinator, looking for 80s alumni representation, anyone with social media skills.

Upcoming activities: DPS forum on the Past Decade at the National Stock Show Complex on Saturday. Special needs discussion. Homecoming game.

Member comments:

Celeste Archer: showing teacher support with food, other classroom support is very important.

Liz Rutledge: Molly Freedman is seeking a chair for the teacher appreciation committee.

Laura Barr: Next big push will be teacher appreciation and support is 1 of 3 initiatives this year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Approved:

Rachel O'Bryan, Secretary