

meeting notes



Edison PTO Monthly Meeting

October 3, 2018

6:31pm Call to Order

Board Members in attendance: Beth Tigue, Cassandra Zavodny, Stacy Fink, Amy Schaum, Amy McNamara, and Judy Folckemer

Reports -

1. Treasurer - Judy Folckemer:
 - Club Choice Fundraiser preliminary profit looks to be \$10K
 - Chipotle \$393.00
 - Marco's \$208.00
 - Firehouse Subs \$75.00
2. Principal - Mrs. Threat:
 - A lunch account has been set up so that parents can donate so no child has to eat a cheese sandwich. Edison will keep an itemized bill for PTO records. Parents can donate to PTO for a tax deduction, or directly to Edison Elementary (no tax deduction).
3. Fundraising Coordinator - Amy Schaum:
 - Club Choice Fundraiser – everything is due to them (Club Choice) by end of the week. Final fundraising numbers are north of 10K.
 - Limo lunches in November
 - Continuing with restaurant fundraisers. BWB in November. Marco's monthly.
4. Beth Tigue:
 - Donation Disbursement - PTO did their first donation disbursement of cleaning products. April and Stacy completed the drop offs to the teachers of various cleaning products.
 - Engagement – Lots of volunteers are needed for flu shots next week, to escort kids to get their shots. Sign-ups available after the meeting or on SignUp Genius.
5. Carnival - Cassandra Zavodny:
 - Carnival – this Saturday. 30-40 volunteers not available due to South High's homecoming the same date. May have to shut some things down if we don't have enough volunteers. New this year, 5 free tickets for bringing in cleaning products. Kids 5th grade and up can volunteer. Sup. Thompson suggested calling Jen Schendell at North High.
6. Holiday Shop - Angela Beck:
 - Holiday Shop – Saturday 11/17/18, pre-Thanksgiving. 20 vendors/crafters to date. All kid-friendly and kid-priced. Each vendor will donate a gift for raffle. Each vendor will also bring their table. Vendors will need chairs supplied by Edison. Gym vs hallway works very well. Some vendors got missed last year in the hallway. Will need someone to manage the raffle table. Vendors told they can get in at 8:30am and to be ready by 10am. Beth and Angela to talk offline about promoting the event. Book Fair will be going on at the same time.

Old Business –

Already addressed by Mrs. Threat (lunch account).

6:46pm Guest Speaker, Superintendent Steve Thompson

Board Members in attendance: Thomas Beal, Brian Jones, Rena Perchinske, Margaret Warner, and District Treasurer Bill Parkinson. Also, PR Catherine Beal.

Mr. Thompson briefly reviewed Issues 4 & 5 on the ballot. Details and history regarding these issues can found on the campaign flyer. Also discussed House Bill 920 which freezes the school levy at the original amount passed, so property taxes will not increase (due to levy renewal) because home values increase.

Question was asked about bond vs levy and new construction. Bond is for building and levies are for learning. Bill Parkinson discussed the audit process involved to ensure no money from bonds/levies can be cross spent.

Question was asked what if Issues 4 & 5 don't pass. Sup. Thompson stated there would be multiple attempts to get the issues to pass, however if not, it would be catastrophic to our school district. Approximately 80% of district money pays for people/salaries/benefits. Approximately 20% pays for transportation/repairs/lighting/etc. He further indicated they could not cut enough staff and stay at state minimum, to make up the difference.

Sup. Thompson asked for volunteers to deliver mailings to homes and put signs in yards to promote Issues 4 & 5.

Amy Schaum asked if there can be a representative from the Board of Elections present at the carnival for voter registration and Sup. Thompson and Catherine Beal agreed.

Sup. Thompson also discussed various target strategies to get "yes" voters to the polls.

State of the Schools Address is currently online. WE District is currently at a "C". Two areas contributing to this grade are Readiness (F) and Gap Closure (D):

- Readiness - He discussed how other schools manipulate Readiness scores by limiting the students that can take AP classes and the AP test. WE allows any student with an interest to take AP classes and all AP students must take the AP exam, therefore resulting in the "F" in Readiness.
- Gap Closure – 2 sub-groups - African American students and special needs students. Our transient population due to the amount of apartment complexes in the district contributes to this area.

Edison is 1 of 2 schools without a bull pen. Edison will receive theirs summer of 2019. Edison does presently have the Raptor system – system of scanning drivers' licenses. Sup. Thompson also discussed the 3M window product. Not currently at all schools but that is the goal. Currently on 3 of the most high-risk schools in the district, but he would not say which three schools.

Question was asked if Browning will be converted to an elementary school. Sup. Thompson stated the current plan is to have the first floor the WE pre-school and the 2nd floor a daycare. Pre-school is currently a half day and the daycare will provide all day same location care for working parents.

Edison is currently in Phase 3 of Renovations. The extent of the repairs is unknown. Renovations will commence the summer of 2019 and be finished the summer of 2020. Staff and PTO are able to provide input as to what those renovations are.

A parent advised the Peterman Bus app has not been working properly/consistently this year. She has called them 3 times and they keep telling her they are working on it. Sup. Thompson said his office will contact them for a status update.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.