

# Eastlake High School PTSA 2.8.88

## Membership Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2020

**Call to Order:** Co-President, Nikki Balt, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The meeting was held over Microsoft Teams due to stay at home orders from Governor due to COVID19. Attendance sheet from MS Teams is attached to the hard copy of minutes.

**Minutes and Correspondence:** The Secretary showed cards that PTSA received from the Transitions classroom. These cards were in appreciation for the washer and dryer that were provided from a grant from PTSA. The February 5, 2020 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved and moved into record.

**Financial Report:** Leanne Brodzinski reviewed the financial highlights for the month. Ending balance is \$36,890.54. View report [here](#).

## NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of Mission & Goals:** Nikki Balt, Co-President, reviewed the proposed changes to the 2020/2021 Mission & Goals. She noted there were no significant changes. She also reported that EHS PTSA won the gold award for standards of excellence!

Motion #1 Accept proposed 2020/2021 Mission and Goals as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. See approved Mission and Goals [here](#).

**FACE Chair Position:** Jen O'Donnell, Co-President, discussed the new FACE chair position. FACE stands for Family and Community Engagement. The FACE Chair would work to improve the relationship between community and school. This will be an appointed position which will partner with school leadership. FACE Chair will also work closely with Parent Ed Chair.

**Approval of Standing Rules:** Nikki Balt, Co-President, reviewed changes to Standing Rules. The changes are highlighted on document which will be attached to the hardcopy of the minutes.

Motion #2: Accept changes to standing rules as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. See approved Standing Rules [here](#).

**Election of New Officers:** Jen O'Donnell, Co-President, discussed the process of elections. WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 6 was read by Secretary, Brenda Adrian. Bobbie Conti, member of the nominating committee; read aloud the report of the committee announced that all candidates meet the requirements of WSPTA Uniform bylaws. The nominees are as follows:

Co-Presidents: Nikki Balt, Natalie Wells

Treasurer: Charlotte Holm Olsen

Co-VP of Membership: Ginger Painter, Lalitha Deepak Setty.

Secretary: Karen Chekan

VP Ways and Means: Bobbie Conti

Jen O'Donnell, Co-President, thanked the committee for its work and declared nominations closed. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominees were declared elected in accordance with WSPTA bylaws Article 5 section 6B.

**Appoint Financial Review Committee:** Jen O'Donnell, Co-President, appointed the following people to the End of the Year Financial Review Committee: Natalie Wells, Charlotte Holm Olson, and Karen Chekan.

Motion #3: Appoint Financial Review Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Approval of Grad Nights Plan:** Nikki Balt, Co-President updated everyone as to what has occurred with Grad Nights. Grad Nights is the company that was contracted to provide a party for the seniors following graduation called senior sendoff. Grad Nights is unable to host the senior party this year due to social distancing rules. They have not refunded EHS PTSA the approximately \$24,000 they collected. After, consultation with an attorney, it was recommended that EHS not make the final payment. This issue has been featured in local media and many other area PTA's have been affected. Fifty-one EHS senior families have paid for tickets and others have donated to senior send off. It was discussed whether refunds should be made to families who have paid and donated.

Motion #4: Refund parents who have paid for Senior Sendoff Tickets and those who have donated to senior sendoff. The motion was seconded and approved.

Co-President Nikki Balt presented two options to the membership for next steps. Option #1 is wait and see what happens and if Grad Nights files for bankruptcy. Option #2 would be to sue Grad Nights by joining other PTA's in legal action. There would be no guarantee that we would get any money back. A poll was taken of PTSA members present at the meeting. The majority of members voted for option #1

Motion #5: Move forward with option #1 and not pursue legal action against Grad Nights. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Approval of Proposed Budget:** Leanne Brodzinski presented the proposed budget for 2020/2021. She stated that the budget committee had met to create the budget. She reviewed budget line items that were changed. She discussed the bazaar and reasons why it is projected to bring in less money this year. There was a discussion about change in budget which reduced scholarships from two scholarships to one. It was noted that this would impact scholarships for 2020 seniors. It was agreed to change this back to two scholarships. After a discussion, it was agreed to amend the budget and approve as presented.

Motion #6: Approve amended budget as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. View approved Budget [here](#).

**Principal Q & A:** Principal Chris Bede answered questions from members. The first questions were about graduation. He discussed plans for a virtual graduation which will be on June 15 at 5pm. There is a video production company which is made up of EHS alumni that will create this virtual graduation. They are still determining the platform that will be used. He stated, there may be an opportunity for seniors and their families to come into EHS for a professional picture taken of the senior inside the school. He also reported that EHS is hoping to replicate the tunnel of tears with staff, but this is

dependent upon King County opening to phase two. Principal Bede answered questions about online classes which he states have needed to provide flexibility to both staff and students. Teachers continue to host office hours, but these are not always well attended by students. He talked about remote learning survey. He also answered questions about power school versus MS Teams. There was a question about school starting in the Fall and he is unable to answer because most of the decision will be out of his hands. He answered questions about incoming Freshmen.

### **Announcements**

\*Open Positions in PTSA for 2020/2021

\*Welcome to the Pack will be a virtual event sent out to incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

\*Senior Parents need to submit a baby picture and senior picture. Detailed instructions are on the PTSA home page. <http://ehsptsa.org/Page/Seniors/SeniorSlideshow>.

\*There will be a banner hung up on 228<sup>th</sup> starting June 16 to celebrate class of 2020.

\*Seeking nominations for Volunteer Awards

### **Upcoming Dates**

\*June 15, 2020- virtual graduation

\*June 19, 2020- last day of school.

**Adjournment:** Nikki Balt adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenda Adrian, Secretary