

Eastlake High School PTSA 2.8.88

General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2021

Call to Order-Co-President, Natalie Wells: Co-President, Natalie Wells, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. The meeting was held virtually due to continuing Covid-19 meeting restrictions. Attendance sheet from Zoom is attached to the hard copy of minutes.

Minutes and Correspondence-Secretary, Julie Kotler: The May 19th, 2021, General Membership Meeting minutes were approved and moved into record. No correspondence was reported.

Financial Report-Treasurer, Wei Luo: Wei Luo reviewed the financial highlights for July and August 2021. July report review – Income from community partners, corporate matching, and membership was reviewed. Expenses included membership expenses paid to State and National PTSA and student scholarship payments. August report review – Income from community partners, corporate matching, membership, Pass the Hat, Amazon Smile, and recognition tiles was reviewed. Expenses included office supplies and one additional student scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Mission & Goals-Co-President, Erika Kapur: Erika Kapur, Co-President, reviewed the 2021-2022 Mission & Goals. Since the May 19, 2021, GMM, Instagram and Twitter were added to communication channels section of the Mission & Goals document.

Motion #1: Accept proposed 2021-2022 Mission & Goals as presented (motion: Nikki Balt). The motion was seconded (second: Katja Wright) and approved unanimously. See approved Mission and Goals [here](#).

Approval of Standing Rules-Co-President, Erika Kapur: Erika Kapur, Co-President, reviewed the 2021-2022 Standing Rules. There are no changes since the May 19, 2021, GMM.

Motion #2: Accept standing rules as presented (motion: Leanne Brodzinski). The motion was seconded (second: Nikki Balt) and approved (21 votes to approve, 1 abstention). See approved Standing Rules [here](#).

End of Year Financial Review 2020-21-Treasurer, Wei Luo: Wei Luo presented the results of the financial review conducted in July 2021 by Wei Luo, Julie Kotler, and Bobbi Conte. There was difference of \$766.00 between the final bank statement and the final reconciliation reports. Wei is working with the previous treasurer to resolve this discrepancy.

Motion #3: Approve the Year-end Financial Review as presented (motion: Katt Squires). The motion was seconded (second: Judith Keyser) and approved (21 votes to approve, 1 abstention).

Approval of 2021-2022 Budget-Treasurer, Wei Luo: The budget was approved at the last GMM meeting on May 19, 2021. Wei Luo reviewed the details of the 2021-22 budget as well as the proposed budget changes. These changes included an addition of \$200.00 to the Aesthetics budget line item to cover the cost of refurbishing school plants (EHS is sharing half of the cost) and an addition of \$300.00 to the Social Media budget line item to cover the cost of our Zoom subscription

Motion #5: Approve proposed changes to the 2021-2022 budget as presented (motion: Leanne Brodzinski). The motion was seconded (second: Jennifer Pisani) and approved (21 votes to approve, 1 abstention). View approved budget [here](#).

Election of New Officers-Co-President, Natalie Wells: Natalie Wells requested General Membership approval to elect Erika Kapur as Co-President of Eastlake PTSA.

Motion #4: Motion to elect Erika Kapur as co-president of Eastlake PTSA (Motion: Nikki Balt). The motion was seconded (second: Judith Keyser) and approved (21 votes to approve, 1 abstention). View 2021-22 Board and Chairs [here](#).

Open Board Positions-Co-President, Natalie Wells: Open board positions include Senior Send-Off Chair (senior parent and non-senior parent) and Senior Convocation Chair (senior parent and non-senior parent).

Guest Speakers:

Andra Frost, YES Substance Abuse Education & Prevention Coordinator, Prevention Intervention Specialist for LWSD. Andra works at all four district high schools, and she has been supporting schools for 20 years. She supports students and families with anything related to substance use prevention, education, intervention, support, community contacts, etc. Her work includes a wide variety of support and programs. She is available both virtually and in-person. She follows the needs of the schools, students, and families. She runs many educational programs, and she also has a newsletter with a wealth of information. She focuses on how substance use may get in the way of students accomplishing their goals. She has both individual and group support including recovery groups for students who have stopped using substances and need additional support, a nicotine cessation group, and a group to support students connected to those with substance use concerns. Andra welcomes questions and encourages students and families to contact her via office hours and/or via email or voicemail.

Rachel Cannella, LSWAIC, School-based Social Worker, Eastlake High School. Rachel is employed through Evergreen Health, and she is contracted by LWSD. She provides short-term counseling and runs groups and brief intervention. She currently covers two high schools, but soon there should be one counselor at each school. She also connects students to community resources. Finding resources is challenging right now. Lunch buddies was successful in the past; she is hoping to run that group again. She also provides education and support to teachers in terms of how they can provide support and engage with students around mental health. Most referrals come from counselors, but some students do self-refer. She can also get referrals directly from parents. Utilizing her services is voluntary for students. Her contact information should be on the EHS counseling page of the EHS website.

Announcements:

- Parent Pledge

- Join the PTSA
- Donate to Pass the Hat fundraiser
- Donate to Eastlake Angels
- Reflections theme: “I can change the world by . . .”
- LWPTSA Council & LWSD New and International Families Virtual Welcome: September 29th, 6-8PM.
- Next Eastlake PTSA General Membership Meeting—January 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Natalie Wells adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Kotler, Secretary