

Parents & Teachers of Eastview February 4, 2013 Minutes

- Meeting called to order 7:05p.m.

- Approval of January 2013 minutes: Kelly Jatczak went over the minutes, Stephanie Fitzsimons moved to approve minutes, Cindy Carvey seconded - 12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention - motion carried

- **Principal's Report:** Mr. Donnor shared that the school was in the process of purchasing 3 commercial grade stationary bicycles, 1 elliptical and 1 treadmill with the Dominic's eScript funds. Purchase is being made through contact recommended by Stephanie Fitzsimons.

* Office is in need of a parent volunteer to work on a committee to review and recommend changes to the current handbook. Any interested parent should please contact Mr. Donnor.

* ISAT testing will be March 5th through March 8th with possible make up dates the following week. ISAT tests will be scored differently this year to provide a better reflection of college readiness. New format will be more in line with common core state standard. It is recommend that students get plenty of rest and eat well on testing days to be able to perform their best.

* February 5th second quarter reflection sheets will be handed out to students. Reflection sheets are target sheets to help students determine where they had successes over the first quarter and what areas they would like to improve upon in the second quarter. Sheets are taken to each class and evaluations are done in each subject. Reflection sheets are to be brought home at the end of the day to be discussed with parents. Parents are to sign off and the sheet is to be returned by February 8th. Reflection sheets are intended to engage parents and students in conversations over various subject matter and help in determining areas where a student may need to refocus and work harder or where they are having success. A long term goal would be to incorporate Reflection Sheet into the student handbook so that students would have ready access to them throughout the year. Currently not done due to additional cost to the handbook.

* Parent/Teacher liaison, Kim Lag, shared that the reflection sheet was created by the teachers. Any changes that parents would like to suggest may be shared with her. Teachers are open to ways to improve this resource so that it can continue to benefit students.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Gigi Bendis - 2 checks cleared the bank. Still waiting on 2 larger checks payable to the Attorney General and the outside CPA firm to clear the bank.

* Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Sandy Martin and seconded by Stephanie Fitzsimons. 12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention -motion carried.

- **President's Report:** Kelly Jatczak confirmed that PTE is in good standing with the Secretary of State and in full compliance as a 501 (c) 3 non-for-profit organization. Many companies make donations available to 501 (c) 3 organizations including Home Depot, Lowe's and Khol's Cares.

* Two meetings will be held by the District informing parents about PTEs, PTAs and PTOs. Goal is to generate ideas that can be recommended to the District regarding these organizations. The meetings are open to any parent. Dates are Friday, February 22nd at 10:00a.m. at the Streamwood Police Department and Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the downtown District offices, room 240.

Committee Reports

- **CAC:** Sandy Kenning and Sandy Martin- the January CAC meeting covered the elementary school report card currently being used in the district. Parents attending the CAC meeting inquired about the inconsistency in the assigning of the number 'grades'. Parents also question the ability to transition from this type of grading system to the letter grade system used in middle and high school. District believes this is working well at the elementary level and parents do not appear to agree. There is a current grading committee that puts together recommendations for the district which include consistency in training to create the same expectations at each school. Parents need to promote the need for consistency with the district through the grading committee and the instructional council.

* Board of Education is proposing a calendar change to be implemented as early as the 2013-2014 school year. School would begin 8/14/2013. First Semester would end prior to winter break and second semester would be completed by the 3rd week of May without snow days. Other changes include students having fall conferences in October, attending school November 11th and having a 3 day holiday at Thanksgiving. A vote approving the new calendar will be held by the Board on Friday, February 22nd.

* The next CAC meeting will be February 7th as 7:00 p.m. at Elgin High School and the topic will be career readiness.

- **Butterbraid Fundraiser:** presented by Stephanie Fitzsimons and Debbie Gucwa-- Sale - Order forms will be sent home Thursday, February 14th with the sale running to Tuesday, February, 26th. Delivery will take place Tuesday, March 19th. Parents are being asked to provide 1 check as total payment for orders collected. Order form will include contact information which can be used the day of pick up to ensure orders are picked up. There is minimal space available at school to store any order that is not picked up. Additional volunteers are welcomed to help the day of delivery to assist in organizing orders.

Purpose of this fundraiser is to raise money to purchase Columbine Security Locks for our classrooms. The goal is to raise \$24,000.00. Locks are \$300 each. Appeals will be made to local businesses to support Eastview by donating \$300 for a lock. Any business/individual that donates funds for 1 lock will receive a silver plaque, 2 locks will receive a gold plaque.

- **Dance Committee**: presented by Stephanie Fitzsimons - a Mardi Gras Dance will be hosted by the PTE on Friday, February 8th. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Wednesday, February 6th. Volunteers are needed to provide cookies.

- **Website Committee**: presented by Donna Hall - She has been doing additional research and found that Eastview already has an existing Facebook page. Challenges with the Facebook page include that it has to be linked to an email and monitored for content. Donna welcomed discussion about a new webpage for the PTE. She will do additional research on hosting sites to determine cost of creating and maintaining a new web page. One request is to choose a host site that would allow for mobile applications and to be very user friendly. Question came up as to how long we have our current domain name and what is the cost for this name.

* Motion made by Stephanie Fitzsimons for the PTE to no longer maintain/use a Facebook page. Sandy Martin Seconded. 12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention - motion carried.

- **Old Business**: none

- **New Business**: Gigi Bendis engaged in the discussion that the PTE should vote correctly on matters brought before the group. She motioned that the PTE should vote correctly. Sandy Martin second the motion. 11 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions - motion carried.

* Gigi Bendis inquired as to when the group determined money raised by the Butterbraid fundraiser would be used for the purchase of security locks. This matter was discussed during the later part of the January meeting. Additional discussion took place regarding what steps would the group take if the goal was not reached to purchase all of the locks this year. If only a portion of the funds are raised to purchase locks, then in the best interest of security, the classrooms closest to the main doors in the front of the building would receive the locks. Classrooms located further inside the building would receive locks at such time as they could be purchased. With current budget issues faced by the district is it unlikely that resources would be available on a district level to purchase these locks. Installation of locks would take place while school is not in session such as over break but most likely over the summer.

* Stephanie Fitzsimons moved to purchase as many Columbine Security Locks as we would be able with funds generated by the Butterbraid fundraiser. Sandy Kenning seconded. 11 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention - motion carried.

* Kelly Jatczak asked that all who are present at tonight's meeting please start talking with parents of incoming 7th grade student about being a part of the PTE. Please invite these parents to be a part of the March, April and May PTE meetings to learn more about what we do. Current board members planning on returning for the 2013-2014 school year please contact her in order to begin planning for next year.

* Stephanie Fitzsimons moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Carvey seconded, 12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:18 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on March 4th at 7:00 p.m.