

Parents & Teachers of Eastview April 8, 2013 Minutes

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

- Welcome to new parents by Kelly Jatczak. Introduction of current board and chair people.

- Mr. Donner spoke about Citizens Advisory Committee -meetings held monthly at Elgin High School. CAC is a parent's opportunity to join committees such as finance, special education, technology, school boundaries, policy & procedure which meet and create recommendation for the District. Parents are always welcome to attend without having to be a CAC representative.

- Review of March, 2013 minutes - Kelly Jatczak went over the minutes. Stephanie Fitzsimons moved to approve the minutes, Cindy Carvey seconded- motion carried

- **Treasurer's Report**: Gigi Bendis - review of deposit made for butterbraid fundraiser. Deposit was in the amount of \$4554.00. Had 2 checks for orders in which there were issues. One matter had been resolved and the other was in the process of being resolved. Checks that cleared the account include the payment to the butterbraid company for \$3435.00 and a second check for \$500 to purchase physical fitness equipment as a part of the Escrip program. Two gift cards were purchased in the amount of \$20 each for the top butterbraid sale person. One each for 7th and 8th grade. An appreciation gift of flowers in the amount of \$16.00 was spent for the teacher that raised \$900 in change wars. With all of the fundraising between butterbraids and change wars, approximately 12 Columbine Locks can be purchased. Additional discussion took place regarding the possibility of revisiting the possibility of purchasing additional locks at the end of the year once a review of the PTE finances has taken place. Gigi Bendis did offer to prepare a proposal for funding for the 2013-2014 school year. Thank you to Stephanie Fitzsimons for chairing this fundraiser and coordinating such a successful event.

Kelly Jatczak explained that an 8th grade Science teacher and her 5 classes participated in change wars to raise \$900.00 toward the purchase of 3 Columbine Locks. A plaque of appreciate will be given to her for classroom.

-Stephanie Fitzsimons moved to accept the March, 2013 budget. Debbie Gucwa seconded. Motion carried.

-Committee Reports

ButterBraids - Stephanie Fitzsimons shared that the cost to sell Butterbraids was \$12 each with a \$5 profit from each sale benefiting the school. She thanked all of the parents and students who sold butterbraids and extended her gratitude to everyone who helped out on delivery/pick up day. The delivery went very smooth. The company who promotes Butterbraids is exceptionally easy to work with. In addition to the sale of the butterbraids, several parents made a direct donation toward the purchase of the Columbine Locks. Stephanie will still be coordinating an effort to visit local business in

our community to seek donations toward this purchase . All donations are tax deductible. Stephanie did share that a chairperson will be needed to head up this committee next year as she will no longer have a student at Eastview.

CAC - Sandy Kenning shared that the March meeting would include voting on budget committee proposals. Additional information is available on other matters up for vote on the U46 district website. Mr. Donner did explain that some confusion when it comes to the district budget is people wondering why money cannot be moved from one area to another. Funding is allocated to specific purchases and cannot be transferred within the budget. An additional issue facing the budget is that the state is behind in payments to the district. With the lack of funding by the state, the district cannot hire more personal. One issue facing the district in the coming year is schools failing to meet government requirements for No Child Left Behind. Per the act, if a school fails to make/meet progress as set forth by NCLB guidelines consecutively for 5 years then a charter school can be created or the school or schools can have all/a significant amount of the administration and teachers replaced. There are 10 schools in U-46 that have fallen within this guideline. As a result of parent input rather than create charters school the district has determined that the goal is to restructure these 10 schools. The district has hired a second Elementary Assistant Superintendent who will be solely responsible for focusing on these 10 schools. Previous the one Elementary Assistant Superintendant was responsible for over 40 schools.

Teacher Appreciation - Debbie Gucwa shared that the PTE hosts 2 different events for teachers each school year. The first is in the fall during Parent/Teacher conferences when a dinner is provided. The second will be this spring on Friday, May 10th when teachers have a School Improvement day. Current budget for the May luncheon is \$386.66

Stephanie Fitzsimons moved to increase the teacher appreciation budget by \$13.34 to \$400.00. Additional discussion took place regarding the possibility of raising the budget to \$500 to be able to provide not only lunch for the teachers but drinks. Last year the budget covered lunch, the committee donated desserts and teachers brought their own drinks. Stephanie Fitzsimons amended her original motion to increase the amount for the spring luncheon by \$113.34 to \$500.00. Sandy Kenning seconded. Motion carried

E-script - Kelly Jatczak shared that E-script is a program offered through Dominic's where the PTE received a portion of a purchase when a registered Dominic's Fresh Card is used. This program is similar to the Target Red Card program. Eastview does have the Red Card Program and proceeds from this go to a fundraising account for the school to make purchases such as new head phones used in several classes. Per the E-script program, 20% of the money raised is to be dedicated to physical fitness and wellness education. This year with funds raised through E-Script and a grant from Fuel Up 360 a purchase was made of 3 commercial grade stationary bikes, a treadmill and an elliptical machine. The goal is to create a fitness center to be located in the auxiliary gym as well as to help teach students life skills about exercise and its benefits. A review of spending of funds raised through the E-script program was tabled to the May meeting.

Website - Kelly Jatczak spoke about the PTE Website. A link to the webpage is available through Eastview's website. PTE website includes information about the PTE along with monthly meeting minutes and forms that can be viewed or printed. Stephanie Fitzsimons questioned about the research being done for a new web browser and possibly a new PTE website. Kelly shared that at the April meeting Donna Hall shared the current website is free of charge and other hosting sites would require an annual fee.

Principals Report: Principal Donner spoke about needing parent volunteers for the SIP team. SIP is School Improvement Plan which is created with input from teachers and administrators for each school. The district requested that schools include a parent on the planning team. Eastview's parent is Kim Lag. Next fall Mr. Donner would like to have two parents, one from 7th grade and one from 8th grade, to be a part of this committee. The goal is to be able to bridge the goals and planning from year to year. SIP Parent will share a report at each PTE meeting. One development with SIP is the Quarterly Reflections. This is a sheet that students complete after each quarter establishing goals they would like to achieve over the next quarter and/or semester. The goals are then sent home to be discussed with parents. It is important to establish practical goals such as spending 20 minutes extra each school night studying math facts rather than I want to get an A in math to be able to see success.

Mr. Donner talked about visits taking place with incoming 7th grade students at the various grade school. Ms. Magnuson would be visiting schools and 6th grade students would be coming to Eastview for a student orientation. Visit would include discussing schedules, a review of rules as well as expectations as a 7th grade student. Expect to do approximately 70 minutes of homework nightly. The goal in middle school is to develop habits and skills that will impact the students as they go on to high school and beyond. Orientation for parents would be April 24th at 7:00pm. Students do not need to attend parent orientation. Class schedules will be available in August. August registration will be 8/7 from 1:00pm until 7:00pm and 8/9 from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Additional information regarding registration will come home closer to the end of school. Mr. Donner strongly encouraged parents to complete registration on-line prior to the August 7th date

Recognition for 8th grade students and the 8th grade dance was set. Recognition will be Thursday May 30th approximately 1 hour in length and is held at Bartlett High School. Students will be recognized for various academic achievements in Math, Science, English Rotation, AVID, Physical Education as well as in various organizations and clubs. The goal is to have every student recognized for an achievement. The 8th grade dance will be Friday, May 31st from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m at Eastview.

For the 2013-2014 school year Eastview will no longer be using the Character Counts Education program. They will be implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (P.B.I.S.) This is a program that encourages and rewards positive behavior. Clear expectations for behavior are taught, modeled and reinforced across all settings by everyone - students, teachers and staff. The program will kick off with an assembly at the beginning of the year. The PBIS committee is looking for donations for prizes to be awarded to students who are 'caught being good'. Students can earn a PAWS (Positively

Awesome Wolfs) coupon for positive behavior. The PBIS committee is also requesting assistance from the PTE to cover the cost of the motivational speaker that will be the focus of the kick off assembly. The speaker is Matt Wilhelm. The assembly is planned for August 21st. The cost for the assembly is \$725.00. Gigi Bendis confirmed that the PTE does have the funds in the budget to cover this expense. Tim Turner moved to approve the payment of \$725.00 for the August PBIS assembly. Stephanie Fitzsimons seconded. Motion carried.

Trials for intramural soccer we held the beginning of April. Only 20 students, 10 from each grade level for boys and for girls are able to make the squad. Practice will be daily with a tournament at the Elgin sports complex on May 11th. Eastview girl's squad is the defending champs 2 years in a row.

Last day of school is scheduled to be June 3rd

The U-46 District website has the 2013-2014 adopted school calendar available on line for review. The 2014-2015 proposed school calendar reflecting students starting classes on Wednesday, August 13th and going until Wednesday, May 20th or Thursday, May 28th if all 5 snow days are used is also available on the district's web page.

New Business - Kelly Jatczak spoke about becoming a member of the PTE board. At the grade school level, time commitments for parent organizations or fundraising can be significant however at the middle school level you will find it is not nearly as involved. Board positions as well as committee chair people for Dances, Butterbraids, CAC and SIP are needed. Elections for the 2013-2014 PTE board will take place at the May PTE meeting held Monday, May 6th.

Stephanie Fitzsimons moved to adjourn the meeting Tim Turner seconded. Motion carried.

8:45 p.m. meeting adjourned