



**EMS PTA General Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019 – 9:00am – Room 12**

1. Call to Order & Introductions – Dana Reif

Dana called the meeting to order at 9:03 am and all in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Attendance and Presentation of Previous Meeting Minutes – Linda Hauptman

17 people were in attendance for this meeting, including PTA Board members. (See sign in sheet for complete list of attendees). Linda presented the May 16, 2019 General Meeting Minutes for approval. The Minutes circulated during the meeting prior to vote for approval.

3. President's Report – Dana Reif:

a. Committees Updates:

- **Voting in Board Members** – An amendment to the minutes to add Stefanie Thompson and Abby Vigil as VP of Fundraising circulated the room for approval. Approval (See attachment). The amendment is required from the bank to add both VPs to signature authority.
- **Thanking Volunteers** – Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up for committees through our signup genius. Committee specific information will be email to volunteers. Volunteers to chair each committee are still needed. Committee chairpersons so far – Staff Appreciation and Luncheon – Tisha Dekeno; Library Lunch – Tania Soussan-Watt; Workroom – Katia Perez
- **Meeting Schedule**
September 18, 2019 -3:15pm
October 22, 2019 – 9am
November no meeting
December 4, 2019 – 9am. This meeting is a potluck.
Schedule for the meetings in 2020 will be announced later
- **Craft Fair** – The craft fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019. 56 vendors confirmed so far. This year PTA will contributed 30% to Eisenhower. Up from 20%. Volunteers are needed the day of the event.
- **Volunteer Background Check** – All volunteers need a background check. Go to aps.edu and follow the links. Each background check is good for two years. If the volunteer changes school during that time, a new background check may be required.

4. VP of Fundraising's Report – Stefanie Thompson and Abby Vigil:

a. Corporate Sponsors

A request of any members who own their own business or work for a company to consider sponsoring EMS. The business will be promoted in PTA's 5 star newsletter. Corporate Sponsors will get a booth at the Craft Fair. Use of this booth is non-transferable.

b. General's Fund

General's Fund is the PTA's direct donation fundraiser is put on during the fall maybe September. Instead of asking members and students to selling products, PTA requests a direct donation. The donation is tax-deductible and 100% of the funds raise go direct to PTA. The amount requested is \$75 per student and \$125 per family.

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5. VP of Membership's Report – Elizabeth Strot:

a. Current Membership Count

The current membership count as 08/20/19 is 93. 18 members are staff.

b. Drawing for Gift Cards

Elizabeth drew names for gift cards to Starr Brothers Brewing Co. The winners are Amber ward, Patrick Wing, Carole Towery, and Renee Feletoy. Elizabeth Strot will contact the winners.

6. Treasurer's Report – Nicole Piatt:

a. Current Financial Status

As of 08/18/2019 current balance is \$41,069.99.

b. Motion to Approve Budget

Nicole presented the 2019-2020 EMS PTA Budget. Major changes to the budget this year are due to items no longer needing funding: removal of Kagan training, 6th & 7th Activity Day and marquis repair. Funding for a few items was reduced: Corporate Sponsor and General Night out. They were reduced because participation in this activities has declined. Nicole moved to have the 2019-2020 Budget approved. The motion was seconded by Victor Sanchez and approved unanimously.

7. Secretary's Report – Linda Hauptman:

a. Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

All members reviewed the May General Meeting Minutes. Linda moved to have the previous meeting minutes approved. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Strot and approved unanimously.

8. Principal's Report – Victor Sanchez:

a. School Updates

- The school first week started off smoothly.
- On Friday, Eisenhower students will send off postcards to students in El Paso offering words of support in light of their recent tragedy. We are grateful for Heather Starr, she generously donated postcards to students that wish to participate. An email about this program will be sent out tonight.
- The EMS administration is in the process of rewriting the personal device policy. It seems that is some confusion about the policy. Curriculum Night is September 11, 2019. It starts at 6:0pm and lasts about an hour and a half. EMS has 15 new staff and teachers. 5 are new teachers.
- QR codes are posted in the classrooms so students can get information online. Teachers will allow students to use their phone during the first few minutes of class.
- EMS admin stress Leadership. Not leadership in the manner in which one leads a group on a trail or an organization on a mission. But leadership in terms of integrity, honesty, and ethics.
- EMS is focusing on 3 major areas – 1. Leadership in terms of how we act, say etc.; 2. We are using hashtag #whybehindthewhat; 3. The Kindness initiative-Be the I in kInd

9. New Business:

- a. Watch D.O.G.S** – Chris Peters would like to start this organization at EMS. The organization is a family and community engagement educational initiative. See the attached documents for more details on the

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program. Dana Reif moved that the PTA approve \$450 for the start-up kit. Nicole Piatt seconded and approved unanimously.

10. Adjournment – Dana Reif

- a. Dana moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am. Nicole Piatt seconded and the meeting was adjourned.