

## **EUBANKS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PTO General Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 1, 2007

Location: Eubanks Intermediate School Ensemble Room

Meeting called to order by Bev Hottois, EIS PTO President at 12:05 p.m.

Attendance: Bev Hottois, Mark Terry, Sharon Asbury, Maria Flowers, Cathy Gillum, Elaine Cressionnie, Mary Duffy, Sherri Williams, Mandy Hasssett, Lindsey Browning, Tina Bacijs, Pam Francis

Following a welcome by Bev Hottois, the January 11, 2007 General Board minutes were approved.

### **Principal's Report by Mark Terry**

1. Recent awards – EIS has received numerous awards including being named to the TBEC honor roll. There will be a TBEC presentation today at 3:00 PM
2. EIS also received the CISD award of excellence, was named one of the best public schools in Texas by *Texas Monthly* magazine, and received a special recognition from Congressman Kenny Marchant.
3. Marine Aircraft Group 41 presented EIS with a photograph as a thank you for helping with the Christmas phone drive.
4. The online parent survey is ongoing. All are encouraged to participate.
5. Southlake Stampede calf has been completed and was displayed at the meeting by Ms. Amick, the art teacher. The students painted the calf in the style of Roy Lichtenstein the prominent American pop artist.
6. AIM presentation for parents will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>
7. Spelling Bee winner is D'Hour Patel. Congratulations!

### **Assistant Principal's Report by Cathy Gillum**

1. Twenty nine people have signed up for the Washington, DC trip. Ms. Gillum would like six more to sign up. The date of the trip is June 25-29, 2007. The group will try to meet with our Congressman while in D.C.

2. Ms. Loewen is in Kilimanjaro. She is calling in and giving daily reports to the students.
3. Several activities are planned for Black History Month including a daily “Who Am I” game during morning announcements. In addition, there will be a poetry contest based on the theme “dream in color.” Mr. Terry will be reading the book *Teammates* and *The Other Side* to certain classes. Several speakers are planned. The theme for the month is “breaking barriers.”

### **President’s Report – by Bev Hottois**

1. Parent University is this Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00-noon. There are some great sessions being offered.
2. DMS Family Night is this Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 9:30 PM. The event includes dinner, activities for the kids, drawing and silent auction

### **Officer’s Reports**

#### **Vice President – by Bev Hottois**

1. All approved disbursements are in the pipeline.
2. Nominating committee for next year’s PTO is being formed now. The vice president acts as chair of the committee and representatives of the three feeder schools act as members of the committee. An e-mail was sent out asking current board members if they will be returning for another year.

#### **Treasurer**

1. The fundraisers for the year have been completed. There may be additional disbursement requests submitted.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **DAC/SHAC and School Board Liaison**

The DAC met last Tuesday. An additional block has been added to the high school schedule to accommodate the new requirements for four years of math for every graduating senior. The new requirements may allow one credit carryover from middle school. A new football coach has been hired. His wife works at Johnson Elementary. Additional meetings will be held on February 5 and 19.

### **Fundraising**

The Boxtops program is ongoing. Donuts for Dads is scheduled for February 9 from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Celebration of the Arts will take place on April 13. EIS is currently seeking donations for the raffle.

### **Teacher Treats**

The committee is seeking donations for Teacher Appreciation Week that will be the week of April 2.

### **Disbursements**

Chandler Lucius, requested that the PTO help fund his Eagle Scout project to beautify the area around the outside drinking fountain. This project will help eliminate the mud that is tracked in when water from the fountain leaks onto the ground. The project is estimated to cost \$600. The Executive Board approved granting him \$300, and is encouraging him to seek funding from additional sources.

### **Bylaws**

Sharon Asbury moved that the proposed bylaws be approved, effective as of the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was seconded by Tina Bacias and approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

Lindsey Browning presented the results of a bullying survey completed by the students. The most significant difference she found between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students is the likelihood that they would report bullying behavior. Eighty-two percent of Fifth graders agreed that they would report bullying behavior, but only seventy one percent of sixth graders would report bullying behavior. The school has implemented a “bullying box” to facilitate reporting. Ms. Lindsey encourages parent participation and communication regarding bullying. Bullying often takes place electronically, through IM, myspace accounts, and e-mailing. Ms. Browning states that the best way to report bullying is through the counselor or the student’s teacher.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.