



**Parent Association Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2018  
9am – 10:30 am  
Mt. Nebo Campus Student Union**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Vicki Bonzo
- Chuck Smullin opened us in prayer and welcomed everyone. He thanked the PA for what they do for the school.
- The following were in attendance: Chuck Smullin, Vicki Bonzo, Sarah Detar, Danielle Judd, Jodi Brooks, Jessica Whipple, Amy Staritz, Tonia Foster, Chris Simonette, Nancy Snider, Erin Soza, Jennifer Bushee, Jodi Fleishman, Amy Rafferty, Tara Flinchbaugh, Kristy Sosso, Ann Schlichtkrull, Christine Kaniecki, Angie Nacey, Joyce Ricci, Jenna LoDico, Laura McBrayer, Debbie Balla

**II. Introductions**

- Vicki welcomed everyone and introduced herself as the PA President to anyone who was new. Introductions were made by each parent.

**III. Budget**

- We carried over \$897.52 from last year, along with \$1000.00 new for this year, for a total of \$1897.52 to begin the new school year. Some of that money will be used to purchase all new students and staff a t-shirt and bag to be given at the All School Picnic on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The shirts will be ordered based on the number of forms received from the office.
- Please give any receipts to Vicki for reimbursement, if you purchase anything.

#### **IV. Berkeley Hills Update – Jodi Brooks**

- Jodi reported that pencils were handed out on the first day of school and it went great!

#### **V. Wexford Update – Angie Nacey**

- Angie also reported that pencil handouts on the first day went great!

#### **VI. Mt. Nebo Update – Vicki Bonzo**

- Vicki reported that her, Jodi Fleishman, and Debbie Balla handed out Swedish fish and some pencils on the first day and Mr. Kolarik DJ'd while the students were arriving. Vicki said it was a very upbeat atmosphere and that next year we hope to have upperclassmen greet International and new students.

#### **VII. Upcoming Events**

- **All School Picnic**

Erin Soza reported that the picnic will take place on Saturday, September 22. The venue will remain at Orchard Hill Church. In the previous years, setup has been done on Friday but this year they are going to try and set up on Saturday morning and she is in need of (12) people to help. The signup sheet for volunteers for the picnic is out but there is still a need for the food tent, food prep, inflatables, and bathroom monitors. Erin also said that she will add "disposable containers" to the volunteer sign up list. She explained that volunteering at the picnic is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Erin would like to have a PA volunteer oversee each area (inflatables, bathrooms, garbage, drinks) and said that it is okay to have upper class students to help oversee that. There will be several tents at the picnic including Student Council, Yearbook, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tent and a Spirit Wear tent with cash and carry items. There will be no sample size shirts this year due to Red Oak not sending us any.

The "Spirit Wear" tent will be beside the "New Family" tent with one to two people manning each tent. The Parent Association will man the Spirit wear tent. There was discussion of having someone look in to purchasing sample shirts to try on at the picnic (even if they are not printed shirts). Free t-shirts and bags will be handed out to new students and staff at the "New Family" tent. There will be some extra t-shirts in case sizes need to be switched. New this year to the picnic will be credit card forms for Spirit Wear purchases since there is no credit card machine. Vicki will be in charge of those forms since they will contain confidential information. The Spirit Wear sale will run September 17 – October 8 with delivery on October 22. It was also reported that Red Oak is limiting the amount of product that will be offered to (15) items total. Jodi Fleishman will help Chris Simonette in choosing the most popular items. It was discussed that since there are a lot of changes happening with Red Oak we may want to look in to another vendor to supply our Spirit Wear for this Spring. In the meantime, Chris will contact Beth at Red Oak to see if they will work with us on costs.

Erin reported that there is a need for help in picking up cases of water. She also reported that last year they cut down on the amount of desserts and asked for suggestions for this year. Jodi Brooks indicated that she owns a bakery and will sell to us (for cost) two cookie trays and will donate any leftover items from their Friday sales.

There was a question about food allergies for at the picnic. Erin will check with Medure's for food ingredients. She indicated that it will be hard to list all food ingredients since each Eden family is asked to bring a salad or side dish if and if there are food allergies to air on the side of caution.

Chuck Smullin asked about leftover food being donated to a food shelter or somewhere else. There was discussion about donating to Light of Life or Rescue 412. Erin explained her concerns about food that has set out for 4 hours being donated.

Erin reported that inflatables need to be set up on Friday night. She asked that each PA member please bring a towel in case of weather and the inflatables need to be wiped off. The KLove table will be set up Saturday morning and they will provide the music for the picnic. The Soergels Festival is also that day (as last year) but there were no problems with overflow and we don't expect any problems this year either.

- **Fall Staff Luncheons**

Luncheons will be held in fall and in the spring. Aimee Azur and Lori Cook will again be organizing the event for the Mt. Nebo campus. Team leaders, Angie Nacey (Wexford) and Jodi Brooks (Berkeley Hills), will discuss the luncheon with their principals.

- **Ambassador Program**

Michelle Rice is the Ambassador Program Coordinator for the current school year. The goal is for a Parent Association representative at each campus to take over for the next school year. The Ambassador family and the new family both have a child of the same gender and in the same grade so that they can easily connect and answer questions. The assignments are gender specific so that the students can bond. The program began in the summer and run throughout the school year.

- **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Summer Dean and Julie Lefever are the contacts for the Anniversary celebration which will began in July 2018 and will end July 2019. A new logo has been designed with a 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ribbon across the current ECA logo. There will be a year long calendar of events to celebrate the Anniversary including a large picture frame that will travel to different events (All School Picnic, Family Night, Gala, etc.).

- **Gala**

The Gala will be held on March 22, 2019 returning to the Allison Park location where it initially began. Summer Dean will again be the coordinator for the Gala. Further details will be provided as the event nears.

## **VIII. Other agenda items and closing**

- Vicki reminded all PA volunteers to record their service hours for the meeting.
- The next PA meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the Mt. Nebo Student Union. October 8<sup>th</sup> is also Grandparents Day at Berkeley Hills. Vicki encouraged Berkeley Hills parents to try and attend the PA meeting before Grandparents Day begins (if possible).
- Focus packs for students were sold and distributed during mid-terms for 30-50 high school students last year. We discussed the possibility of handing out something to ALL students this year if we don't want to do the focus packs again. This discussion will continue.
- Angie Nacey spoke on behalf of an ECA family who wanted to make a suggestion to the Parent Association. The ECA family asked if there was a way to have someone reach out to and send a card to a family who may be going through a certain situation (i.e. student with a prolonged illness, etc.). There was discussion about reaching out to a steering committee member at each campus to possibly send a card or pray for that family. Also, the Mom's in Prayer will be praying for all that have requested prayer.

**Meeting adjourned**