



**Parent Association Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2018
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Bella Fruttato, Wexford**

I. Meeting Called to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Vicki Bonzo
- Vicki opened us in prayer
- The following were in attendance: Vicki Bonzo, Jodi Fleishman, Kristy Sosso, Sarah Detar, Jodi Brooks, Tara Flinchbaugh, Ann Schlichtkrull, Chris Simonette, Christi Wilcox, Angie Nacey, Jenna LoDico, and Debbie Balla

II. Introductions

- Vicki welcomed everyone and introduced herself as the new PA President. She asked that everyone please be open and honest with her regarding any corrections, updates and input. Vicki will provide an agenda for each meeting a week in advance. Everyone introduced themselves, who their child/children are and what campus/campuses that are at. Vicki indicated that Jodi Fleishman would be Vice President while Ann Schlichtkrull introduced herself as the Secretary and Jenna LoDico introduced herself as the Treasurer.

III. Budget

- We carried over \$1058.09 from last year, along with \$1000.00 new for this year, for a total of \$2058.09 to begin the new school year. Some of that money will be used to purchase all new students a t-shirt and bag to be given at the All School Picnic on September 22nd. The shirts will be ordered based on the number of forms received from the office.

IV. Upcoming Events

- **First Day of School**

During the first day of school, pencils will be handed out to the elementary students and Swedish fish (or pencils for students who can't have candy) will be handed out at Mt. Nebo. Pencils are printed with the quote "I am built for a purpose – ECA" to reflect the school's theme for the year, Proverbs 19:21. Kristy Sosso will pass out the pencils at the Wexford campus. Sarah Detar, Jodi Brooks, and Lori Walton will pass out the pencils at the Berkley Hills campus. Jodi Fleishman, Vicki Bonzo, and Debbie Balla will hand out the Swedish fish/pencils at the Mt. Nebo campus.

- **All School Picnic**

The picnic will take place on Saturday, September 22, and will be chaired again by Erin Soza. The venue will remain at Orchard Hill Church with Medure's Catering providing the main foods, KLove providing the music, inflatables and petting zoo provided for fun activities for the children. There will be a signup sheet for volunteers for the picnic. Erin would like to have a PA volunteer for each area (inflatables, bathrooms, garbage, drinks) with possibly Seniors to man the inflatables. Also, there was discussion to set up the big food tent from 9:00-10:00 am on Saturday morning rather than Friday night. Erin will provide further details at the PA September 10th meeting.

- **Ambassador Program**

Michelle Rice is the Ambassador Program Coordinator for the current school year. For the 2019-2020 school year, Michelle will coordinate the school year Ambassadors for the Mt. Nebo campus and two PA members will coordinate the program for the WX and BH campuses. During the 2018-2019 school year there are approximately 40 new families in K-12 at all three campuses! Forty current Eden families were assigned as Ambassadors to call and meet with their assigned families by the end of September. Ambassador families will contact their assigned family throughout the school year to invite them to school events and to answer any questions that the new families may have. The Ambassador family and the new family both have a child in the same grade so that they can easily connect and answer questions. In April 2019, there will be a request for School Year Ambassadors in the Weekly Update emails at each campus. Families can volunteer by clicking the link included on the Update. Next July, Rose Weir will provide a list of the new families to the School Year Coordinator at each campus and they will match new families with current families who have volunteered.

- **35th Anniversary**

Vicki met with Summer Dean and Julie Lefever to discuss the Anniversary which will be celebrated July 2018 – July 2019. A new logo, awaiting approval, has been designed

with a 35th 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.). A PA representative will be in charge of the picture frame at the picnic PA booth (with the hopes of having alumni involved at the booth). There was some discussion regarding the possibility of including the new 35th Anniversary logo on the spirit wear to be sold at the picnic (to be further discussed). To commemorate the Anniversary there are also plans for interviews at the Gala, a downtown Pittsburgh Alumni event, and an Anniversary birthday party at each campus (possibly during Family Night).

- **Gala**
The Gala will be held on March 22, 2019 at the Allison Park Church location. Summer Dean will again be the coordinator for the Gala. Further details will be provided as the event nears.

V. Other agenda items and closing

- 2018/2019 School Year PA Meeting Dates were discussed along with the 9:00 - 10:30 am meeting time in the Media Center at the MN campus. Steering Committee breakout sessions for each campus will occur from 10:00 – 10:30am. There is a conflict with the October 8th PA meeting (Grandparents Day) that will be discussed at the September 10th meeting. Vicki discussed the Steering Committees at each campus with the need for team leaders for MN and BH. She discussed the duties of the team leader (Grandparents Day, Family Night, Principals expectations, etc.) including the duty to report once a month at the PA meeting. Jodi Brooks volunteered to be the Team Leader for the BH campus.
- Vicki reviewed the Parent Association 2018-2019 packet which included the meeting schedule for the year, the PA Steering Committee Officers and Representatives for each campus, the Parent Association Mission Statement, the Parent Association Structure & Mission, The Parent Association 2017-2018 Year-in-Review, and the 2018-2019 School Year Calendar.
- There is a need for someone to assist Erin Soza for the All School Picnic. Someone is needed to be coordinator as Erin has this year and one more year. Adam will graduate 2020.
- Reminder to log PA volunteer hours and if donating an item to give the receipt and log the hours (i.e. pencil donation) and to track all costs (i.e. pencil cost so we know for next year). Debbie Balla will type up a standard form to record costs.

- Prayer jars were placed at MN around the campus for students/staff to put in prayer requests. The requests for then prayed for when the Parent Association met.
- 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.
- The Staff Appreciation Lunch will be held again at all campuses. There will be a sign-up sheet for those families who wish to bring/donate items. Further details will be provided as event nears.

Meeting was adjourned