



**Parent Association Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2017  
9am - 10:30am  
Mt. Nebo Campus Student Union**

**I. Opening Prayer - Tom Hughes**

- \* The meeting was called to order by Shawna Haynes.
- \* Tom Hughes welcomed new parents to the Eden community. He encouraged input, support, and the importance of open communication.

**II. Introductions - Shawna Haynes**

- \* Shawna began the meeting by announcing the Steering Committees from each campus. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- \* The following were in attendance: Shawna Haynes, Tom Hughes, Chuck Smullin, Vickie Bonzo, Tonja Johnson, Jenna LoDico, Kristi Trigili, Joyce Ricci, Sarah Detar, Amy Piemme, Kathy Chopp, Carrie Powers, Tara Flinchbaugh, Jodi Fleishman, Angie Nacey, Rebecca Martelli, Christine Kaniecki, Debbie Balla, Lori Walton, Mandy Jabbour, Jill Nelson, Ann Schlichtkrull, Michelle Kozik, Erin Soza, and Amy Rafferty

**III. Budget - Jenna LoDico**

- \* It was discussed how our budget works and that there was a carryover \$1800 from the previous school year. It was also explained that the PA is given \$1000 to begin the year. From that \$1000 we are able to purchase things such as back to school gifts as well as an Eden t-shirt for all new students. Jenna will have an updated budget available for review on google docs within the next couple of weeks.
- \* Fundraising was touched on as well. Spirit Wear is our biggest money making fundraiser. In the past we have been able to purchase things such as tents, tablecloths and banners which help to promote Eden as well as the Parent Association.

**IV. Berkeley Hills Update**

- \* The first day of school at their campus was fun and exciting!

## **V. Wexford Update**

- \* First day of school was great! Some Mt. Nebo kids came to cheer on Wexford kids as they got their day started.

## **VI. Mount Nebo Update**

- \* To kick things off, Mr. Kolarik DJ'd as the kids arrived on campus. The PA handed out Swedish fish. It was a great first day!

## **VII. Updates on Upcoming Events and Review of Recent Events**

- \* Corrections: Shawna made two corrections to the agenda. Spirit Wear will be available for on-line purchase through October 5th, rather than September 27th and this was reported by Jodi Fleishman rather than Becky Vittone.
- \* Principal Meeting: Each campus Steering Committee should schedule a meeting time with their principal to discuss this year's events and get approval on any new ideas.
- \* New Student Gifts and T-Shirts: Jodi Fleishman is in the process of confirming the new student count for gift bags and Eden t-shirts to be distributed at the all school picnic. The current count is 154 in addition to 14 new staff members. In addition to the gifts there will be a number of Eden Spirit Wear items for sale as cash and carry at the picnic.
- \* Parent Association Fundraiser/Spirit Wear: There was discussion to sell Spirit Wear at the basketball concession stand in addition to the other events during which it is currently sold. We would need to PA volunteer to man the table.
- \* All School Picnic: The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th from 11:30-2:30 on the campus of Orchard Hill Church. The importance of letting new families know about the free gift available to them at the picnic was mentioned. The possibility of a sign to help guide people to the PA tent, as well as relocating the PA tent to a more prominent location, was discussed.

It was discussed that the Parent Association Steering Team have some sort of name tag at events (such as the picnic) so that they are easily recognized as someone to ask questions. Options mentioned were lanyards or a magnetic tag.

Invitations have gone out and based on current responses there is good representation from each campus.

A new e-mail blast will be going out to try and recruit additional volunteers. Sign up sheets were made available to those in attendance for clean up crew, food set up, bathroom monitors, inflatables monitors, and garbage check. The most important thing that needs to be monitored during the picnic is the church bathrooms. The second most important is the monitoring of inflatables.

Current items secured for the event—K-love to DJ, Medure's food, inflatables and a petting zoo.

The decision to only provide two large platters of cookies (in addition to the main dishes provided by Medure's Catering) was made in order to cut down on waste. It will be evaluated at the end of the event so that we can determine if we need to provide sweets at all in upcoming years.

A new vendor for drinks has been selected so that we pay for only what we actually use.

Requesting 700 bottles of water this year instead of the 900 that we collected last year.

HELP NEEDED!! Hopefully about 10 men can help set up the tents Friday morning from 11:30-12:30. The process goes very quickly with the right number of volunteers. Tables cannot be setup until Saturday morning due to K-Love's single mom event the night before. Meeting at the Mount Nebo campus at 8:30 Saturday morning to begin that setup process.

Spread the word—bring chairs and/or blankets, bring the food you intend to share in throwaway containers, new families should go to the Parent Association tent to pick up their gift bag and t-shirt.

- \* Staff Luncheons: To be organized by members of the PA twice a year on each campus. The fall luncheons for the 2017-18 school year will be held on November 1st at the Berkeley Hills campus, on October 26th at the Wexford campus and TBD by Aimee Azur for the Mount Nebo campus.

## **VIII. Other Agenda Items and Closing**

- \* New ideas for excess budget- Debbie Balla proposed that we use these funds for a banner to honor senior athletes each year. The cost, depending on the size, is between \$130 and \$140. The banner would have a pic-of all of the senior athletes and it would hang in the gym. Many discussions ensued such as who would take the picture, how big the banner would be, could all the kids really be seen, will this possible tradition be able to continue if our school continues to grow, should we do two banners each year...one for fall sports and one for winter sports, where in the gym will the banner hang, and could we add scripture. Enough interest was shown that a decision to present the idea to Mr. Aiken for approval was made.  
  
The idea to do something special for the others campuses as well, was mentioned.
- \* The idea to promote where Eden seniors will be attending college was brought up in the meeting. This could be a way to promote continuing education for the younger students.
- \* The meeting was adjourned and campus breakout sessions followed. The next PA meeting will take place on Thursday October 12th from 9 am until 10:30 am.