

## Meeting Minutes

### 2015/2016 Eton Parent Council (EPC) Meeting

Thursday January 14, 2016

8:45 a.m.

#### **Attendees:**

President	Angela Ting
Vice President	Lubdha Khandelwal
Secretary	Manizeh Pirzada
School Liaison	Monica Maling
<i>Community Coordinators</i>	
Pre-elementary	Rukmani Gopalan
Lower Elementary	Jodi Minkin
Upper Elem./Middle	Nancy Yim
Volunteer	Paulina Salmón Del Real
Guest attendee	Patricia Sauntry (2014/2015 EPC president)
<b>Unable to Attend</b>	
Treasurer	Anne Pace

#### **Topics of Discussion**

##### *Nominating Committee*

The majority of the members of the nominating committee have been secured. Patricia Sauntry (immediate past president) will be the Chair, Jodi Minkin will represent Lower Elementary and Anne Pace will represent Upper Elementary. With respect to a Mezzo representative, Rukmani will ask Katie Perez if she is interested in the role.

⇒ Rukmani will get back to Angela with respect to Katie's decision.

EPC positions to be filled for the 2016/2017 school year include Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator and Community Coordinators (Mezzo, Lower and Upper). Potential candidates for each position were discussed (including possible alternates) and Angela has made note of the names. Members of the nominating committee will contact the candidates individually.

- ⇒ Monica will email the EPC and the nominating committee a document that outlines the responsibilities of EPC executive members, the volunteer and community coordinators and the time commitment required for each position.
- ⇒ Patricia will send a separate email to the other nominating committee members outlining what needs to be communicated to potential candidates and a deadline for their decision.

Communication to nominees will be by email, phone and/or personal contact. It was suggested that a phased approach be used and potential EPC officers be contacted first and then the respective coordinators.

### ***Changes to the EPC By-Laws***

There are no proposed changes at this time.

### ***Feedback for Savvy Parents/Safe Kids Learning Event (Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>)***

Overall, the workshop presented by Kim Estes was well received and thought to be informative.

- ⇒ Angela will ask Kim if she is willing to email her presentation slides to Eton for upload to our website. This way all parents can have access to the information.

There was some discussion about how long the presentation went as it ended around 8:10 p.m. (a long night for parents and children in complimentary care). Kim will be presenting a similar workshop on March 9<sup>th</sup> geared toward the older child. Due to the length of last night's workshop, it was suggested the March learning event begin at 6:00 p.m. rather than 6:30. An end time of 8:00 p.m. should also be communicated to manage parents (and Kim's) time expectations.

- ⇒ Monica will ask Rae Ann if clubhouse (since it uses the activity room) can be flexible to accommodate a 6:00 p.m. event start time.

### ***Math Kangaroo***

Rukmani asked if Eton would be interested in sponsoring Math Kangaroo (a math competition involving problem solving). Some commented that previous suggestions of having a math "event" at Eton was not encouraged as the Mezzo/Lower teachers felt this may conflict with the Montessori math methodology. But EPC thought it may be worthwhile to pursue this again (if not Math Kangaroo, then perhaps a Math Club?).

- ⇒ Rukmani will send Math Kangaroo material to Ms. Kris Gaskins for her to review.