

Meeting Minutes

2015/2016 Eton Parent Council (EPC) Meeting

Thursday June 2, 2016

8:45 a.m.

Attendees:

President	Angela Ting
Vice President	Lubdha Khandelwal
Secretary	Manizeh Pirzada
Treasurer	Anne Pace
School Liaison	Monica Maling
Volunteer Coordinator	Paulina (Pau) Salmón Del Real

Community Coordinators

Upper Elem/Middle	Nancy Yim
Lower Elementary	Jodi Minkin

Unable to Attend

Pre-elementary Community Coordinator	Rukmani Gopalan
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Topics of Discussion

EPC Annual Meeting – May 18th

During the May annual meeting, a motion to approve the January 13th EPC General meeting minutes was put to the floor and subsequently seconded. Due to an oversight, the final step of convening a vote was missed. In the upcoming September 2016 EPC General meeting, a vote will be taken to finalize approval of the January 13th minutes. Also during this meeting, there will need to be another motion for the May 18th EPC Annual meeting minutes to be approved, the motion seconded and then voted on.

- Lubda has made a note to complete this voter approval process for the January and May minutes when she leads the September meeting as the new EPC President.

End-of-Year Picnic – June 15th

The picnic will be at the pavilion in Grass Lawn Park (by the climbing rocks). The budget for this event is \$300 (shelter and food). Nancy will purchase 320 “Otter pops” from Costco (\$8 for 80 in a pack) and Monica will bring the water.

- Nancy can bring the Otter Pops to school as there is enough space in the freezer
- Nancy will also purchase Veggie Sticks, Pretzels, Tortilla Chips and other (5 bags total)
- Angela and Pau will bring in coolers to transport the Otter Pops
- Remember to take **scissors** to the venue

For next year’s picnic, EPC should try to reserve **Perrigo Park** in Redmond. This year, we called as early as February (for a June reservation) but the park was already booked. Perhaps inquiry should be made in September and if we’re told it’s too early to book, we should follow-up on a monthly basis. Perrigo Park is the preferred park as it is well contained, especially for younger children.

Room Representatives

As there is an inconsistency in approach, it would be beneficial to formalize and recommunicate the responsibilities of room representatives and to re-educate teachers on how they can use the room rep for their benefit.

- Lubda will remind Monica to communicate roles/responsibilities once all room representatives have been determined

While curriculum items come directly from the teacher, other parent information (i.e. field trips news/forms, EPC volunteer events etc.) may be communicated by the room reps. This is dependent on the teacher’s preferences.

Staff Appreciation Lunch – Wednesday June 8th

The majority of volunteer spots for parents to register/donate for this event have been filled. Catering will be from Mezcal Grill in Juanita, with salad and dessert donated by parents.

- The food will be delivered to the school by a parent on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
- Mezcal Grill will provide the serving dishes and Jodi will return them to the restaurant at the end of the lunch
- Monica and Patti Sauntry will bring in the tablecloths for the morning setup

Parent Learning Event (2016/2017 School Year)

Jodi recommended a topic/speaker for a future EPC sponsored parent education night. The topic for discussion is *Executive Functioning* (i.e. how to learn how to learn) and the name of the contact person is Megan Reimann from the Hallowell Todaro Center.

Another topic that Nancy suggested was *Mindfulness* – but this is an education class for the kids to participate in. Nancy will forward information to Mrs. Williams, Ms. Gaskins and perhaps Ms. Kim.

Treasurer's Report

EPC provides complimentary child care during its evening events (i.e. learning events, annual meetings etc.). Anne has been trying to coordinate the accounting of this expense so the cost of the childcare comes out of the EPC budget rather than the general budget. She is finding it challenging to get the actual cost of the childcare. Regardless, we should still account for this childcare expense item in the EPC budget.

Business for Kids

Pau suggested an afterschool and/or summer program for children. It provides children ages 4 – 13 with an opportunity to learn about business models. She will talk to Sharon Gonzales about this program.