

EHSI PTO Meeting  
Monday 2/8/16  
6:30  
Media Center

PTO Welcome- Michelle Barnes & Amanda Muhlbauer, co-Presidents

- ❑ Presentation from Nate Swenson, CMS Principal
  - ❑ Explanation of courses taught in Spanish at the middle school
    - ❑ 2 courses offered per semester that follow an every other day rotation
      - ❑ Social Studies-also offered in an enriched format
      - ❑ Spanish Language & Culture-intended to continue work of language study and grammar. The goal is to bridge culture with academics in order to prepare students for high school by filling in any gaps.
        - ❑ This course has been revamped and the new teacher is excellent.
    - ❑ Some materials used for these courses are in English
- ❑ Upcoming Events
  - ❑ Feelin' Groovy Book Fair - February 10th-19th
    - ❑ Check out the Sign-up Genius to help with decorating, helping classes and work as cashier
  - ❑ Family Fun Night- March 4th 6:30-8:30
    - ❑ Free event that includes games, activities and snacks for kids
    - ❑ Working on booking a food vendor who will provide food for purchase
    - ❑ Check out the Sign-up Genius to help serve snacks or to work a game/activity station
- ❑ PTO Budget Presentation- Kelly Weinblatt, Treasurer
  - ❑ 28% School Events- family fun night, etc
  - ❑ 25.8% Teacher Grants- used for larger, long term, grade level purchases
  - ❑ 25.8% Teacher Reimbursements
  - ❑ 9.5% Meals/Staff appreciation
  - ❑ 6.1% General Expenses
  - ❑ 3.1% SEF/FEPS Support
  - ❑ 1.6% School Directory
- ❑ PTO Update-Michelle Barnes & Amanda Muhlbauer, co-Presidents
  - ❑ Volunteer Needs
    - ❑ We post requests for volunteers on Sign Up Genius-  
[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) search by [ptoehsi@gmail.com](mailto:ptoehsi@gmail.com)

- ❑ These signs up are posted on the EHSI PTO Facebook page and on our website-[www.ehsipto.org](http://www.ehsipto.org)
  - ❑ We are looking for many new board members and committee chairs for next year. Become an assistant and shadow current members this year and then take over the positions next year. Contact Michelle or Amanda if you are interested.
- ❑ Vote
  - ❑ Playground Proposal
    - ❑ The goal of getting a new playground is to provide more suitable options for the younger students and to have it located closer to the building.
    - ❑ There are 2 grants that we will be applying for in order to help us fund a new playground. These grants require applications be submitted in February and will announce recipients in March. They are-
      - ❑ Hennepin Youth Sports Program- receives a percentage of tax dollars to fund these types of grants
      - ❑ US Bank Places to Play
    - ❑ We were also required to show that the city, district and community supported our proposal. We received support from each partner and will be submitting our grant applications soon.
    - ❑ We have also been working closely with Oak Point's PTO and principal
    - ❑ Financing proposal based on project estimate of \$130,000-\$150,000
      - Hennepin Youth Sports Program-\$25,000
      - US Bank Places to Play-\$50,000
      - Eden Prairie Schools-\$50,000
      - EHSI PTO-\$10,000
      - Oak Point PTO-\$10,000
    - ❑ If we receive one grant but the not the other we will plan to proceed with a scaled back version of the plan
  - ❑ A vote was called to pay our portion of the playground cost. Vote passed.

SEF Update- Tracy Bredehoff co-Chair and Toni Alcantar Interim Chair

- ❑ Starting to receive intern candidate dossiers and beginning the interview process.
- ❑ Looking for Host & Buddy Families
  - ❑ If you are interested applications and contact information can be found on the SEF website
- ❑ Fundraising is on track
  - ❑ If you haven't made your annual contribution. You can submit a check or pay online. Pay by February 9th to avoid getting a call during our Spring Calling campaign.
  - ❑ Coin Drive- February 29th-March 4th. Contest will be held by grade. Winners get to dump ice buckets on Sra Siguenza and Kory Zauhar.

- ❑ Teacher Time Raffle sheets will be sent home this week. Winners will be announced at Family Fun Night
- ❑ We are looking for volunteers to join our board. We are in need of Vice Chairs that could start immediately

School Update- Terri Siguenza, Principal

- ❑ New scope and sequence tool is working well.
  - ❑ Working with administrators at CMS and EPHS tool to expand this and align it all the way up
  - ❑ Summer writing time will be offered to teachers to continue the work
- ❑ Spring Dance Festival- May 5th at the EPHS.
  - ❑ All K-4 students will be participating
  - ❑ Some classes will be paired together
  - ❑ After this year we will have costume collections for each class to be used every year
- ❑ New murals in atrium look great! Come and check them out!
- ❑ We have begun to offer Professional Development to Interns and paras on a monthly basis. This is going really well and helped teachers and interns work more effectively in the classrooms.