



The Parent Association of the East Village Community School

EVCS PA meeting 12-08

Present: Monique, Mary, George, Patricia, Suzie, Robin, Helen, Joy

Class Parent Update: Class Parents are in place and it appears that they are keeping classes updated. We will work on getting reports from class parents for P.A. meetings to see if there are any issues, etc.

Pie Sale

Made \$200 in pie sales

Bulletin Boards

The estimated price for the Boards is \$350

Robin thinks that the school can order. Monique will send her the link for the website to order. The goal is to have them in place by the end of January.

501c3

The 501c3 application is complete. Thanks to all who worked on it.

Music and Arts committee

The CD project is progressing.

The project may need some seed money from the P.A. to cover initial expenses.

MLK Day celebration

Wednesday, Jan. 21st is the scheduled day for the celebration.

Monique will coordinate with Robin, Mary, and the other school to make sure that transportation is scheduled.

Food Committee

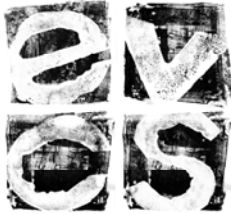
The food committee would like to purchase a popcorn machine to have weekly popcorn sales at dismissal. The money raised from the popcorn sales will go toward projects like purchasing reusable drink containers for all evcs students. We will need a space to store the popcorn machine with easy access to the schoolyard. Mary will check into available space in the lunchroom storage rooms.

The pilot project to get rid of Styrofoam trays is still being investigated. Biodegradable supplies are very expensive.

The committee is exploring participation in a program called Cookshop. It is an in-class cooking program designed for Pre-K to 2nd grade students. The goal is to introduce healthy foods to these students. Helen will get more info on the program as it will be presented at a staff meeting.

The committee is still planning a movie night for all three schools on the subject of healthy school food. A February 2009 date is being explored.

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School Budget update by Robin

getting movement on the Resol A grants is frustrating. These are grants from our local city council member. The process of getting the Board of Ed to release these funds is very tedious and it appears that other districts do not have the difficulty that district 1 schools have in getting these funds released.

Mary will contact Rosie Mendez's office and arrange for her to visit the school. If she learns that her grants are not being honored she may be able to put pressure on the Board of Ed to release the money so that we may move ahead on the projects.

We will wait for the outcome of this meeting before asking Parents to mobilize a campaign. The spending freeze has been lifted for the moment and the school is trying to order advance supplies in anticipation of another spending freeze in the new year.

Monique proposes that the P.A. issue a check to each teacher for \$100 to help with supply needs. P.A. exec members were in agreement to this expenditure.

Robin has been in conversation with the instructor from the Korean School to place a couple instructors as F status instructors in order to offer Korean language instruction to our students. Monique reminded Robin that the P.A. also has requested that the school try to find an F Status instructor for Physical Education, which has been brought up repeatedly a priority for Parents.

Website Update

A firm has been retained to design a new website that is easy for members of the P.A. and Staff to maintain.

The committee is looking at the proposal and will be making a few adjustments.

The goal is to have the new site up and running by the end of January 2009.

Parent Coordinator Update by Mary

Touchstone has put forward a new project proposal for this year. The project would involve EVCS and Children's Workshop. This year's project is a series of Poetry and Ceramic/Mosaic plaques to decorate the lobby area of the school. Each school will need to contribute \$1450, and Touchstone will contribute \$2500.

The P.A. Exec is in agreement that we can support part of the cost, but probably not the entire amount. We will wait to see the final proposal before making a decision.

A question was raised about a ceremony to dedicate the previous Touchstone project – the School Yard and Garden of Knowing Murals and planters. What is happening with this dedication?

There is a plan to have a dedication of this new project and the previous project on June 6th, 2009. It will be a daylong celebration for both Schools on a Saturday and will include workshops. They will also produce an Academic year calendar featuring the Artwork and students as a way to commemorate the project and for the school to use as a fundraiser.

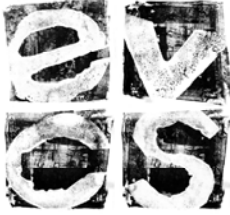
The Board of Ed will send out the next round of school environment surveys soon. The Parents Association will help get the word out about the importance of turning in the survey. A significant portion of our school grade is based on how many surveys are returned.

There will be a Holiday Sale before and after the Festival of Lights performance. The Holiday Sale will be in the lobby and the P.A. will sell coffee, baked goodies and T-Shirts in the auditorium.

Parents are encouraged to call 311 repeatedly to report mice issues in the school building.

Other Items

Parents have been confused about where best to invest their limited resources, P.A. dues, Adopt a classroom, Bake sales for individual class projects and trips, etc. In the New Year the P.A.



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should issue another appeal for P.A. dues, indicate all of the projects that the P.A. has funded already this year, and help clarify the other options for support.

External meetings – we still need people to attend the President’s Council and the CEC meetings. Monique is not able to fit any more meetings into her schedule.

SLT Parent Participation. We still need a couple of more parents to be on the School Leadership Team. Joy will check her schedule and see if she can make the time to be on the team.

Meeting adjourned.