



The Parent Association of the East Village Community School

EVCS Parent Association Minutes
1-21-09

Parents Present: Joy Linscheid, George Robertson, Monique Ngozi Nri, Susie Hunter, Helen Greenberg, and Mary Talbot.

Food Committee Update

Kleen Kanteen. Helen is has received more info on logo options, but is still waiting on one more option. The P.A. discussed and if the black and white logo option can be ordered faster than the color logo we may go with that. Helen will e-mail everyone once the rest of the information is gathered. It's still going to cost the P.A. between \$2000 and \$2500 for 200. The selling price will be set based on our cost.

The popcorn maker is due in a week from Friday, and Helen has been making due with an air-popper for the time being. Popcorn sales were \$86 for the first week, and she anticipated with the better popper that more will come in. The money raised from popcorn sales will go toward purchase of biodegradable lunch trays, but we are also still awaiting approval of the trays from the Department of School Food.

Volunteers for Lunch duty are still needed every other Friday.

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Discussed Comprehensive Education Plan

Discussed Goals for improving Math and ELA scores.

Attendance was also discussed. According to Board of Ed reports all of District one schools are worse in attendance compared to the worst school in District 2. The attendance committee will be looking at the attendance records to see if our attendance issues are related to lateness, sickness, or other absences. The P.A. discussed some ways to help make Parents aware of the late policy and of how it affects each child's ability to get into the middle school of their choice. There will be a special article in the next school newsletter.

The school will take part in a mock quality review so as to stay in practice for the actual review next year.

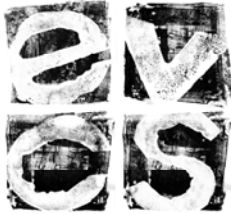
Survey Reminder

Please watch out for the school surveys coming soon from the Board of Ed. Completion of these surveys counts towards the grade a school receives. The P.A. will play an active role and helping to make sure these surveys are turned in by parents.

Parent Coordinator

The memorial bench and tree for Juliet Harper is still on schedule for March. Mary is coordinating this activity.

There is still a plan for the Touchtone project to host a day long Saturday workshop the first Saturday in June. It will be a celebration of the work they have completed at the school over the past couple of years (murals and tree of knowing area). There was some concern that a Saturday would be difficult for families because it is a weekend and the day after the school picnic. It was suggested that maybe it could be during a school day. The concern with a school day is losing a day of instruction. No clear resolution was reached. Members of the P.A. Exec will express concern to the school Administration.



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Music Committee

The music committee has requested submissions for the CD project but has not received many. They will be sending out a reminder.

Gala

The school Gala was discussed. We are still planning to go ahead with the gala, but we need to move now to form the committee and get it underway. It has been a great community building experience in the past couple of years and it has raised around \$10,000 for the P.A.

Website

The website still needs some review and modification. We hope to have some movement on it by mid February.

P.A. meeting announcements

- as we can see by the attendance at this meeting, we need to be more intentional about reminding parents of meeting dates.

Topic for Next P.A. meeting – Feb. 26th. 6:00 pm

This meeting will be with staff of EVCS. The topic will be on the various community-building activities at EVCS.

Last Fridays

Last year we had a regular community-building event for Parents on the last Friday of each month at a neighborhood location. We paid for childcare at the school. We wanted to start Last Fridays up again, but have been informed that we cannot have childcare at the school unless Parents are actually on site as well. We are looking into alternative locations for childcare.

Meeting Adjourned.