



**Edna Maguire Elementary School PTA
PTA Association Meeting
Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 8:45am**

Quorum was met based on the attendance of PTA executive board members, PTA members, Edna parents, Principal Leo Kostelnik, Assistant Principal Aubrey O'Connor and PTA Teacher Liaison Shana Stewart

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome** at 8:45am by Kori Stevenson
 - a. Quorum was established.
 - b. Meeting Minutes: The February PTA Association meeting minutes were reviewed. Karen motioned to approve, Sarah seconded, all approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.
 - c. 2019-2020 PTA Nominating Committee: Michel read the current proposed slate. The Treasury position remains open. A call for interest in any of the positions will be sent out again in the weekly, and the current slate will be posted in the office today. The finalized slate will be voted on in the next meeting.
- 2. Financials:**
 - a. Reallocation of Funds: The fifth grade has requested reallocating \$1262.50 in unused funds from Walker Creek to support health education. The meeting unanimously approved the reallocation.
- 3. Upcoming Events/VP Reports:**
 - a. Community: Sabrina is still looking for some chairs to run events next year. The next and last planned community event will be the ice cream social on June 12th with Woody's.
 - b. Garden: The next Garden Day is March 17th from 10 to 12. It will focus on spring planting. A signup genius will be sent around for Garden Faire on April 28th from 11am to 3pm. There are a number of open volunteer positions.
 - c. Programs: Planning for Mustang Maker's Night (May 15th, 5-8pm) is going well - vendor booths and food trucks have been lined up for the event.
- 4. Teacher Liaison Report:**
 - a. Shana Stewart, on behalf of the teachers, thanked the PTA for the pizza lunch before Winter Break.
 - b. Shana noted that the school district had held a special board meeting on February 28th to discuss decreasing enrollment district wide, proposed class size increases for next year and teacher lay-offs. She read a statement on behalf of Edna teachers in response to the discussions and resolutions of that meeting. The topic will be further discussed in the next district meeting on March 14th at 4:30 at the Middle School. A number of meeting participants expressed surprise and dismay, noting that the February newsflash from the district had not outlined these issues clearly.
- 5. Principal/Vice Principal Report:**



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- a. The Principal encouraged PTA/Edna parents to attend school district board meetings. The Community Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) would be presenting financial modeling for the city in the March 14th meeting which might shed some light on district board discussions regarding enrollment, class size and teacher lay-offs. The March 14th meeting would also be discussing the fate of the pilot school bus program, which was in danger of being canceled. A number of parents had organized to encourage the district and other partners to continue the bus program.
- b. A discussion ensued as to what extent the PTA should become involved in these issues publicly. It was discussed that while the PTA should not necessarily take public stances on school district decisions, the PTA should always advocate in favor of the interests of the students, parents and teachers, and help disseminate the facts on issues to parents so they could take informed action.
- c. It was agreed the PTA would send out an email to Edna parents informing them of the discussions at the next school district board meeting on 1. enrollment, class size and teacher lay-offs - with a link to the February 28th meeting discussion and resolutions, and 2. the school bus issue - with a link to the save the school bus website concerned parents had set up.

PTA meeting adjourned at 10:00. Notes taken by Natasha Kindergan.