



Meeting: BEHS PTO

Date: 1/14/20

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Spartan Union

Website: <https://www.elmbrookschoools.org/brookfield-east-high-school/family-resoures/brookfield-east-pt>

Attendees: Lori Staviski, Amie Williams, Susan Van Lith, Leanne Wied, Karla O'Connell, Anita Shuda, Jana Rhode, Kris Springer, Margaret Wadzinski, Nan Champe, Kim Irwin, Andy Farley

Meeting began at 6:36

1. Principal's report- Mr. Farley

- a. Discussed Cell phones survey and discussion possible change in the BE cell phone policy. At Brookfield Central students put phones in a cubby during class. More to follow as discussion is continued between students, parents and administration to determine if a change is warranted.
 - i. Our current policy is: Students are allowed to use Personal Electronic Devices (phones, earbuds, etc.) before/after school, between class periods, and during lunch. Students may use personal devices during instructional time only with permission from the teacher. Classroom teachers must clearly articulate your expectations regarding the use of electronic devices with your students early on and often. Violation of this policy will include teacher-issued consequences, confiscation of the cell phone, office referral/consequences
- b. Upcoming Events
 - i. 3rd Annual Family University
 - ii. Course selection process to begin early February
 - iii. Jan 22 – Freshman Information Night
 - iv. Heritagefest January 29 at Brookfield East
- c. Fundraising
 - i. Eric Boelter has generously offered basketball tickets. More details to follow
- d. Question/Answer

Q: How has the SRO been received?

A: Great reception from both staff and students. Support from the Brookfield PD has been supportive. BC and BE Principal meet bi-monthly with PD leadership which continues to strengthen the partnership.

2. Executive Board

- a. Co-President's Report- Jana and Anita
 - i. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Freshman Info night – January 22, 6 – 8 pm
 - a. PTO Will have Spirit wear sales
 - b. Jana will man the PTO membership table
 - ii. February 19 – Parent/Teacher conferences – Mehreen Sulaiman will be handling the PTO sponsored dinner.
 - iii. March 10 - Next PTO meeting
 - 1. Will need to discuss and vote on teacher grants
 - a. Currently budgeted \$1500
 - b. Mr. Farley will promote in his weekly communications
 - c. We issued (2) \$250 grants last year as there were only 2 applicants. Promotion this year won't include limitations and money will be distributed based on need and available dollars. Once we evaluate how many applications are received the committee will allocate funds
 - iv. April 4 – Prom - Dave & Busters 10pm – 2am. Prom is at The Wisconsin Club downtown, Cost approximately \$5k.
 - 1. Our responsibility is funding and volunteers.
 - 2. Will need 5 volunteers
- b. Secretary's Report – Amie Williams – Nothing to report at this time
- c. Treasurer's Report- Susan Van Lith Treasurer
 - i. Reviewed balance
 - ii. Received the \$3260 membership check from CAO. \$60 over budget
 - iii. A request was received to give a \$200 donation towards the Family University. Unanimously approved.
 - iv. Chick filet fund raiser – don't have actualized numbers yet but expecting a low amount
- d. Class Liaison Report-Pam Langford - Nothing to report at this time

3. Committee Reports

- a. Membership/Directory -Wendy Penney - Nothing to report at this time
- b. Incoming Freshman Liaison - Nothing to report at this time
- c. Parent Network/EPLC - Nothing to report at this time
- d. Spirit Wear- Kris Springer/Angie Schatz
 - i. Currently on track to budget
 - ii. 2 more opportunities to sell. Freshman Information Night and 3rd Term Parent/Teacher Conferences. Approx. \$1200 in unexpected revenue due to a pop-up sale in anticipation of State Football Championship Game
- e. Fundraising-Tanya Stamps.
- f. Possible Fundraisers:
 - i. Amie Williams to follow up with Brunch
 - ii. Fresh Fin, Wahlburgers (Kim Irwin volunteered to reach out to Wahlburgers and Fresh Fin, currently give 25%).

- iii. Anita Shuda to follow up with Chipotle
- g. Faculty Appreciation- Mehreen Sulaiman – Mehreen is working on PTO sponsored dinner
- h. Junior Post Prom – Discussed details
 - i. Project Graduation 2020-Karla O’Connell, Nan Champe, Annemarie Buehler, Becky Huwatek Discussed logistics for event, food, prizes
 - i. Jana Rhode has post-event write up from last year to guide appropriate food purchases and additional details.
- j. Father/Daughter Dance - Nothing to report at this time
- k. Mother/Son Event- Anita Shuda reported she is looking into Whirleyball. They charge more money than the Duck Pin Bowling which we have done the past 2 years. Sunday afternoon \$250 per hour. 2 teams of 5 play for 10 minutes. Anita to evaluate further while trying to find the right date and will report back to PTO.
- l. EEF
 - i. Kim Irwin presented at the meeting and explained that Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF) is the fundraising arm for Elmbrook School District.
 - ii. Ladies night last December was quite successful. They raised over \$60K
 - iii. This year’s fundraising monies have been earmarked for fine arts. Examples are refurbishing instruments and providing instruments for kids who may not be able to rent/purchase them. Currently, 1 in 3 kids in the district play instruments.
 - iv. Next event -circle of friends which will celebrate innovation will be at Western Racquet Club – moved to an evening happy hour 5:30 – 7:30 on Thursday, April 16
 - v. Grants 20k to teachers in district. Feb 2 – 28 is the window for applications
 - vi. Scholarships – EEF coordinated a total of 25 scholarships of \$1500 that are given to graduating seniors.
- m. New Family Welcome- Sandy Behling and Vicki Degarmo - Nothing to report at this time
- n. New Business
 - i. Leanne Weid came to meeting as a candidate for the at-large school board seat. Currently a math teacher at Sussex Hamilton. Discussed her qualifications and why she would be a good candidate for the school board. Her children went through Elmbrook School District. Board members are responsible for allocating resources and creating policy.

Adjourned at 8:09 – Next meeting is March 10th 6:30 pm

Attachments: None