



Minutes

Wednesday February 10th 2016
 6:30 p.m.
 Everett High School - Library

Item	Presenter
<p>Call To Order – Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. In attendance: Christina Church, Heather Barnhart, Kelli Rotert, Deirdra Denckla, Paulette Deckers, Mary Scanes, Debbie Payne, Dr. Sally Lancaster, Maddy Metzger- Utt, Judy Pascale, Lisa Coughlin, Dawn Grice, Antje Scott, Laura Agne, Michelle Sirkis, Tellie Traversle, Liane Ha'i, & Caroline Mason</p>	Heather Barnhart & Christina Church
<p>Approval of Minutes – Heather asked that everyone review the notes from last months meeting and approve. Kelli Rotert motioned, vote approved.</p>	Heather Barnhart & Christina Church
<p>Presentation - My Achievers Program through the YMCA – Special Guest Speaker Liane Ha'i, was present to talk about the MAP program, which involves Everett, Sequoia and Cascade High Schools. The MAP program is a weekend based program that prepares high school students for future college attendance or professional development. Liane is the head of this at the YMCA and came to share about this program, which is near and dear to her heart. MAP includes weekend field trips to local state colleges and also STEM companies like ITT Tech. Currently the program has 15 students, 8 of which are from Everett High. Any student that is from a free and reduced lunch can join the YMCA for a discounted rate of anywhere from \$17-34 dollars/year depending on their financial aid situation. All students are eligible for the MAP program. Forms were left with Sally for any student who is interested.</p>	Liane Ha'i, Guest
<p>Co-Presidents Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee – Christina asked for 3 people to be a part of the Nominating committee, currently one position is up for filling. The position of VP which Kelli Rotert has served in for 2 years needs to be filled for the 2016/2017 school year. Maddy Metzger-Utt, Dawn Grice and Paulette Deckers volunteered for this. Andrea Wells-Edwards agreed via email to be an alternate. • Outstanding Educator & Golden Acorn Committee – Heather asked for at least 2 people to be a part of the committee that seeks nominations & votes for the "Outstanding Educator" of the year award and the Golden Acorn Award. Kelli Rotert and Mary Scanes volunteered for this job. • Financial Review Committee – Needs volunteers. Was tabled until next month. • Upcoming PTA conferences & PTA and the Law – Christina asked if anyone was interested in going to any of the upcoming PTA conferences Annual Convention May 20th – 22nd, Yakima WA, Mid-Winter Conference February 23rd, Bellevue WA or PTA & the Law, February 25th, McCleary WA. 	Heather Barnhart & Christina Church
<p>Treasurers Report – Deirdra Denckla said that the account was flush right now with incoming EHS auction monies. The account is currently at around \$79 thousand, but should reach over \$101 thousand by the end of the month. Some monies are still going out for reimbursement costs from the auction.</p>	Deirdre Denckla
<p>Principals Report – Sally Lancaster had several announcements.</p> <p>*She started by Thanking all of those that had helped put on the EHS auction and mentioned how very grateful she was for the continued support of the PTA with this amazing fundraiser for EHS.</p>	Dr. Sally Lancaster

<p><i>*Sally also mentioned that there are two students who are on the Student Advisory Board, one from EHS – Amy Koreo and a boy from Cascade High School. The boy from Cascade stopped by one of the Basketball games to show support of the students and Sally was very impressed with his being at the game.</i></p> <p><i>*There are lots of happenings going on at EHS, like the recent “ Challenge Day” Event, which just took place. This event is geared up to help students be better people and is a very emotional day for the staff and students. It only takes place every other year due to costs. Over 180 kids participated this year alone! There was also a blood drive, which was well attended. Upcoming, King 5 news visited the school as well. The result of their interview of the students and staff can be found on the home page of the EHS web-site.</i></p> <p><i>*Senior Citizens night is coming up. This is a fun night for attendees and volunteers! That will take place on Feb. 26th.</i></p> <p><i>*8th Grade Parent night is scheduled for March 2nd.</i></p> <p><i>*A visit from our State Governor - Jay Inslee will take place on March 1st. Governor Inslee is coming to EHS because we have one of the highest graduation rates for a school that is classified as a 48% Free and Reduced Lunch - student body. Sally is happy to report that we caught the eye of Governor Inslee with our cutting edge programs that make this possible.</i></p>	
<p>Teachers Representative Report – <i>Debbie Payne, echoed Sally Lancaster with a huge Thank You from all the staff on the EHS auction efforts, and also wanted to let the PTA know that without their support for events like Multi Cultural night, those things could not take place. She also said that the staff is very appreciative of the new and improved staff lounge!</i></p>	Deb Payne
<p>Committee Reports</p>	
<p>Auction – <i>Maddy Metzger-Utt reported that the EHS Auction should bring in around \$101 thousand dollars this year. This auction helped out 22 clubs, 18 sports teams, Band Boosters and Blue & Gold. Other funds will also go out to teachers and staff through grants. The auction committee has openings for next year so please let Maddy know if you are interested in helping out. Most of this year’s committee members will be back to help out for 2017.</i></p>	Maddy Metzger-Utt
<p>Bingo - <i>Has been set for May 25th or 26th. Mary Scanes said she will report more on this as the event gets closer.</i></p>	Mary Scanes
<p>Blue & Gold – <i>Judy Pascale said that through various efforts B & G was excited to announce that they had made around \$6k from the auction.</i></p>	Judy Pascale
<p>Grants</p>	NA / No Report
<p>Membership & Hospitality – <i>Lisa Coughlin was proud to announce that we had reached Platinum Status for a High School PTA! We have about 184 member and need to get 16 more to reach our goal of 200. Forms will be placed in the staff lounge as a reminder that if staff has not yet joined they can do so now, in order to be eligible for upcoming Grant money.</i></p>	Lisa Coughlan
<p>Outreach & Student/Family Programs</p>	NA / No Report
<p>Reflections</p>	Tina Bertoldi
<p>Social Media – <i>Paulette Deckers has the EHS PTA page up and running. She encouraged people to share this page with other parents and staff in the area so that people can see what our PTA is up to and how we support Everett High.</i></p>	Paulette Deckers
<p>Staff Appreciation – <i>Antje Scott reported that the next staff appreciation will be on Friday the 12th. A Crock Pot soup luncheon will be held in the main building staff lounge. Please sign-up for something if you are able to help out. January staff appreciation involved the clean up of the Staff lounge and the new furniture additions. Antje filled the fridge with healthy snacks and other items as well.</i></p>	Antje Scott
<p>Student Recognition</p>	NA / No Report
<p>Volunteer Coordinator – No report</p>	Catherine Havener

Webmaster	Dayna Weir
Old Business	
New Business	
<p>Presentation - Everett School District Bond & Levy - <i>Special Guest, Caroline Mason ESD Board Member came to discuss the new bond/levy that will be up for vote in April this year. Caroline discussed why the school board thought the \$259 Million bond/levy failed back in 2014 and how they thought they could change that for this upcoming vote. She said that this bond is written differently and is slated to include massive improvements for North Middle School, some older building maintenance and field improvements for Lincoln Field. They also asked for much less money in this bond, \$149 Million. Caroline mentioned some interesting statistics regarding bond/levy votes as well. They were:</i></p> <p><i>#1 – That the biggest supporters of bond/levies were the parents (aged 25-40 something) who had children in the school district. However, they were not always the most reliable at getting out to vote.</i></p> <p><i>#2 – That they need a 60% yes vote to pass the bond.</i></p> <p><i>#3 – That the tax rate for homeowners will be approx. \$5.86 per every \$1000 dollars of the assessed home value.</i></p> <p><i>#4 – That the taxes of this levy will be less than that of the previous bond/levy of 2013/2014.</i></p> <p><i>*In an effort to get this bond/levy to pass, a “Citizens for Everett Public Schools” committee has been formed and is asking for an all out massive action from supporters in favor of the vote to put up signs in their yard, to share on social media, and to direct people to the information on the web that explains what this bond/levy is all about. Everett High PTA took a vote and it was unanimously decided that we would support the bond & levy.</i></p>	Caroline Mason, ESD Board Member
Adjournment – Meeting concluded at 7:47pm.	