

Bainbridge Island
EHHS PTSO
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 1, 2018

Time: 7.00 p.m

Place: BISD Board Room

- I. Welcome/ Sign In: President Anita Brown-Sobeck,
- II. Guest Speaker, Cezanne Allen, Bainbridge Youth Services
Cezanne introduced Bainbridge Youth Services – an organization working for teen’s social emotional well being on the Island since 1962. BYS offers free counseling to students in the school district. A counselor from BYS is available at EHS once a week. Significantly more kids have been in counseling in the last couple of years. This might be because the stigma of seeking this kind of help is sinking significantly. BYS has offered 46,000 hours of counseling last year while the demand was much smaller with only 13,000 hours of counseling provided 4 years ago. Students can make appointments with a counselor online through the BYS portal.

BYS also offers peer tutoring and summer internships. During the summer internships students are connected with a work mentor and are taught design thinking to give them the tools to reflect on what they are interested in life and what kind of careers they might want to pursue. The students are also offered the chance to connect with adults in their field of career interest.

- III. Approval of meeting minutes from September 27, 2018

- IV. Reports:

Christopher Kozina, Teacher Representative

Chris reported that Positive Discipline is being focused on as a unifying principle for the whole Commodore Options Program.

The PE class this year is too big for going to the rock gym as a group. Chris is working on an arrangement where he could split up the group and take the PE students in two parts for 3-4 sessions of rock climbing.

New gates have been installed at the campus with the purpose of routing people to enter in the main gate. During passing times the gates will mostly be open.

Lisa Barfield, Treasurer

Lisa shared that the EH PTSO has \$6245 in the bank, about \$3,600 in bills due and an estimated \$9,000 in remaining expenses. The main expenses are about \$2500 for rock climbing and \$3,000/year for the homework club.

On the income side the textile drive brought in about \$1,200, the Equal Exchange sale and the Christmas gift wrapping fund raiser at Barnes and Nobles could bring in about \$500. A corporate sponsorship will hopefully bring in \$2,500.

Only 37 percent of EHHS families have contributed to the EH PTSO despite numerous reminders

Sarah Albee, Assistant Treasurer, Fundraising

Sarah discussed additional fundraising ideas and reported back from the very successful textile drive bringing in \$1,200. Possible rotary grants were discussed as well as a possible 2nd textile drive in the spring plus a spring celebration fundraiser event at a winery.

Anita Brown-Sobeck, President

Anita secured Grace Church for the event at the end of the school year with a deposit of \$300, total cost for that venue is near \$700.

Anita discussed having an EHHS parent representative join Multicultural Advisory Committee and report back to the PTSO at some meetings.

She has also been to the PTOCC meeting where Sheryl Belt discussed guidelines to bring more nutritious food to all students. Peter Bang-Knudsen shared information on the upcoming capital levy for the 100 building. Also, at a recent PTOCC, a representative from Bainbridge Prepares shared information on community wide emergency preparation. There is information that the wider school community may not be particularly aware of the details – for example that the reunification policy after an earthquake states that HS students may not be allowed to leave the campus on their own.

President Anita Brown-Sobeck adjourned the meeting at 9.40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Oriana v. Specht

Minutes approved by: [Name]