

Bainbridge Island
EHHS PTSO
Meeting Minutes

Date: December 6, 2018
Time: 7.00 pm
Place: BISD Board Room

- I. Welcome/ Sign In: President Anita Brown-Sobeck

- II. Guest Speakers: Karen Vargas, Steven Soltar; Multicultural Advisory Committee
The Bainbridge Island School District's Multicultural Advisory Committee is a volunteer organization of parents, teachers and volunteers that was founded in the 1970ies with the primary goal of improving the school experience of students of Filipino and Japanese descent, who were initially not very well received in the district.
In 1986 the MAC counsel was set up in its current form as an advisory council to the School Board and the mission of the group was broadened to generally champion issues of equality, justice and diversity in the school district. The MAC works on making sure that the school district considers the effects their decisions have on homeless or LGBTQ+ students, on students with disabilities or incarcerated parents and students living in poverty among many other groups. Sheryl Belt is very supportive of their efforts.
The MAC hosts the Woodward culture fair every year and salon nights that give specific underrepresented groups of parents a chance to connect. The group organizes movie nights with the opportunity for discussions afterward to get conversations about social concerns started. MAC gives out the Frank Kitamoto Award celebrating students in the school district who stood up for diversity, inclusiveness and equity. Frank Kitamoto, the Bainbridge dentist of Japanese-American descent, was the leader of the initial parent group that formed the MAC.

- III. Approval of meeting minutes from November 1, 2018

- IV. Reports:
Christopher Kozina, Teacher Representative
Chris reported that he and Trish Corsetti are planning on 2 sessions of rock-climbing for the PE students. The class will be broken up into two groups to walk to the rock climbing facility. The price for this activity is \$12 per student per session and the families of the participating students will be asked to contribute \$20.
Chris brought a list with requested classroom enhancements from Denise Corso to the PTSO totaling \$908.40 in tech gear.
A tech night will be organized on December 14 with food being paid for by the PTSO.
Chris shared that "Homework Club" is not meant to be punitive and Monday help will not be designated as "Make up Mondays"

Tricia Corsetti, Principal
Tricia told the PTSO about the "Toys for Tots" donation box set up at the office. Members of the school community have the opportunity to help collect new, unwrapped toys for children in

need.

A successful hygiene drive was held at Commodore collecting hygiene items for the homeless. The Commodore school also hosted the last MAC meeting with an EHHS parent acting as a school liaison.

EHHS is offering "Global Health" as an after-school club. About 15-20 kids are participating, mostly from BHS.

The new class pet in Denise Corso's room is a hamster that has been named "Skittles" by the kids.

Lisa Barfield, Treasurer

Lisa shared that the EHPTSO has \$3854.03 in their account, with donations amounting to 6244.18 for the current year. About another \$2,000 are expected from fundraising activities. The expenses for the homework club are fluctuating considerably with the bill for October being \$283 and \$789 for November. This is due to the number of hours the paraeducators spent supporting students at different times and it was discussed if an additional parent volunteer working with a paraeducator could substitute the second paraeducator when demand is high. The 2018/2019 budget was voted on and approved.

Anita Brown-Sobeck, President

Anita reported from the PTOCC that the support for the new school district building levy is being organized. On January 10th a tour of the 100 building is being offered to citizens to demonstrate why the district thinks the building needs to be replaced.

The PTOCC will pay for a speaker fee for Dr. Hellman, a professor and the Founding Director of the Hope Research Center at the University of Oklahoma. The share of the EHPTSO will be \$50 to \$100.

PTOCC plans to put together a corporate sponsors master list so parents are aware what support for the school their employers might offer.

President Anita Brown-Sobeck adjourned the meeting at 8.20pm.

Minutes submitted by Oriana v. Specht

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