

Bainbridge Island
EHHS PTSO
Meeting Minutes

Date: September 27, 2018
Time: 7.00 p.m
Place: EHHS Rooms 507/509

- I. Welcome/ Sign In: President Anita Brown-Sobeck, Tricia Corsetti, Principal
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes
- III. Report: Tricia Corsetti, Principal
Tricia gave an update on the changes expected for the following school year in the Commodore Building.

With the new kids being added this school year, there will be too many students for all to have lunch together at the same time and thus K-4 and 5-8 age groups will have a lunch break at different times.

For the EHHS students a “**Grab and Go**” **food cart** is under discussion since they are not being offered any food services currently and mostly leave campus to get lunch at the supermarket. The staffing for the food cart is challenging since it has to work with the other duties of the food service staff at BHS.

Metal fences and a gate have been installed on the campus to increase security in light of recent events and prevent an unregulated movement of people on the premises. Community members have been freely walking the grounds with their dogs.

So far the gate has not been closed and will be held open during changing periods. The closing mechanism will be improved on.

A new **tetherball play area** has been installed.

Some **small renovations** in the Commodore building have not been completed since such work can legally only be completed by qualified personnel.

BHS has a new “**no cell phones in class**” **policy** that is enforced by teachers as they see fit.

Tricia has put together a **new brochure for Commodore** explaining the different programs and how they fit together. It has been printed with the support of the school district.

Additional discussions are underway to make **signage for the Commodore School** more prominent – especially along Madison Avenue. Many community members are not aware that the buildings are part of a school.

Tricia recommended for interested students to join the **National Honor Society**. 45 hours of community work and a GPA of 3.0 are required.

- IV. **Discussion: Navigating High School, Views from Parents and Students**
The main discussion points were Contract Studies: what contracts different students have

completed and what rules apply.

Parents suggested for students to start independent contracts with classes at West Sound Tech, the Barn, or at Alchemy for metalworking.

Tricia pointed out that contracts have to be prescheduled - ideally a semester in advance so the school can plan accordingly and the student has everything set up once the contract starts. The independent studies mostly have to be overseen by a certified teacher.

For PE contracts only the type of exercise and the time of training have to be logged by the student.

Student Jacob suggested exhibiting the results of different contract studies semi permanently in the hall way of EHHS. This could be done instead of the display of sports trophies that most high schools have. By looking at previous contracts students will get an idea of the scope of things that can be learned independently.

For the same purpose a current list with the titles of previous contract studies was brought up. Sarah Albee suggested putting it on the home page of the school's website to inspired prospective students and parents.

Another possibility of publicizing the range of possibilities in contract would be a show – possibly in late May.

V. **Report: Lisa Barfield, Treasurer**

Lisa reported that only 10 % of families have donated to the PTSO on the suggested level so far. This is way too low a participation to keep up the current support for programs that the PTSO funds.

VI. **Report: Sarah Albee, Fundraising, Assistant Treasurer**

Sarah updated the PTSO on her fundraising efforts: she has started a **textile drive** for the PTSO (see email to all families at Sep 27th). The goal is to collect 8,000lb of textiles. Sarah has received already a good amount of donations from community members besides EHHS families. The company involved pays for the textiles by weight so heavy items like shoes are particularly valuable here.

Sarah has also set up the same “**Equal Exchange**” fundraiser than last year: the PTSO gets a percentage of Equal Exchange items that are purchased through the website.

Sarah has been in contact with “Barnes and Nobles” for a **Holiday Book Sale fundraiser**. Here community members would have to spend \$1.500 in book purchases and a percentage of that would go to the PTSO.

Sarah reminded everyone that the **grant season is starting** and the Bainbridge Rotary Club is typically offering grants to schools to buy things like graphing calculators.

President Anita Brown-Sobeck adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Oriana v. Specht

Minutes approved by: [Name]