



ESS PTA Exec Board Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2024

7:30

Zoom

Attendance:

Jessica Smith - President

Kareema Mitchell Allen - Vice President

Charu Krishnan - Treasurer

Summer Smith - Secretary

Mikel Hofmann - NAACP Parents Council Board Member

Others from the ESS PTA Community:

Iraida Bodre-Woods

Alexandra Harris

Jessica Smith, ESS President welcomed the ESS Board and Community members to the meeting.

Notes from MCCPTA GEC Liaison: Tim provided notes to Jessica Smith and she presented them in the meeting. 4th and 5th grade families have received notifications and information regarding the Gifted Education Curriculum. The decisions about criteria and entrance requirements are set by MCPS, not ESS. Families can reach out to Ms. Bodre-Woods for more information.

Recap: World Culture Night: Alex Harris provided an update on the event. There were many new families that attended. We need to do a better job of making sure that people understand that it's a potluck. We ran out of food, but families seemed to have fun. The performers were wonderful and brought the Community together.

Recap: Movie Night: The event went ok. There were kids there without adults. We need to do a better job of managing the event and the students. Lessons were definitely learned from the successful event last year. Further discussion is needed.

Vote on Budget and Plan of work for Book Fair: December 2 - 6, 2024. Everything is ready to set up the Fair next week for when the students return after Thanksgiving break. The PTA is in discussion regarding using Scholastic next year. We will communicate with parents to monitor how much they put on their Scholastic Wallet.

Update on Financial Review from PTA Treasurer: The Treasurer said that the Financial Book review is complete and documents will be sent to Free State PTA. The physical binder is still with the reviewer and will be picked up soon. Fundraising is going well for the Fall Fundraising campaign. We are still waiting to find out if we received a grant for \$1,000. We hope to find out

in the next week if we received this grant. We also applied for a grant for Panda Club to The Takoma Foundation for \$5,000. Spirit Wear went well.

Prepare to convene the 2025-2026 ESS PTA Nominating Committee: We need to start thinking about the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee. No action is needed now, we will start to fully work on this in January, 2025.

Update on EBBE Advocacy Action: There was a really good turnout at the meeting in October. The County Executive said yes to supporting this at ESS. We will continue to monitor this as a PTA and Community.

NAACP Parents Council Update: Mikel Hofmann provided an update that the last NAACP meeting was the same day as our PTA meeting. There was not much new information presented while Mikel was there. After the first meeting, slides were shared; however slides were not shared after the October meeting. Mikel will look into this for the ESS PTA.

There were no additional questions or discussion topics.

The following items were not discussed, and will be added to a future agenda; as appropriate.

-Vote: Race and Equity Committee Board Member

-Delegates Meeting Update

These meeting minutes were approved via email after the meeting.