



## **ESSPTA Exec Board Meeting Minutes - October 16, 2024**

**7:30**

**Zoom**

### Attendance:

Jessica Smith - President  
Kareema Mitchell Allen - Vice President  
Charu Krishnan - Treasurer  
Summer Smith - Secretary  
Haile Bekru - MCCPTA Representative  
Mikel Hofmann - Newly elected Board Member  
Others from the ESS PTA Community:

Enkelejda Shtjefni  
Iraida Bodre-Woods  
Eyerusalem Taye  
Alexandra Harris

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

Delegates Meeting: Haile, our representative said that there was nothing specific to update.

EBBE Advocacy Action: Iraida said that the advocacy for the EBBE program was supported by the Council and our school will be added to the budget list. The next step will be budget approval in the spring.

Neighborhood Matching Grant for Carnival: Jessica said that the funds were allocated to the ESS PTA, but the check went missing over the summer. Jessica reported that the Treasurer will cut us a new check for the full amount of \$1,000. The money will be added to the PTA general fund.

Financial Review from PTA Treasurer: Charu updated the Board that the person who reviewed the Financial binder in the past had to step down from her review responsibilities. She has passed off the review to a new person and we are waiting to hear about the updated review. The Board discussed the possibility of moving to a three-person review committee and will continue this conversation in the fall.

Election Day Bake Sale: Summer updated the Board that she is working on the Election Day bake sale sign-up sheet and will send it around soon.

Proposal to vote in Mikel Hofmann as the NAACP Parents Representative: Jessical sponsored the motion to have Mikel be the NAACP Parent Representative and serve on the ESS PTA Board. Kareema seconded the motion. The rest of the ESS PTA Board voted in favor. The motion passed.

NAACP Meeting: Mikel presented information on the NAACP meeting that she just attended. She will provide the Board with additional information, as needed.

Budget and Plan of Work for World Culture Night: Tina presented information on the proposed entertainment for the event. It is more that we have spent in years past, but will represent a portion of our community, provide lively entertainment, and will teach the ESS Community some dances. Tina said that she found a DJ and they will volunteer their time to the Community. Kareema analyzed the budget and noticed that last year the food was donated by ESS Community members. This was not accounted for in the 2024-2025 budget and we can edit the budget to accurately reflect the cost of the event with the performance.

Summer sponsored the motion to approve the Budget and Plan of Work for World Culture Night. Jessica seconded the motion. The rest of PTA Board members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Jessica asked if there were any final questions or comments. Iraida said that the school was happy to run STEM Night with the new STEM teacher this year.

*These meeting minutes were approved via email after the meeting.*