

Edison Middle School PTO  
Oct 16, 2019

### Attendees

Shannon VanBuskirk, Allison Pay-Crawford, Karen Walters, Emilie Yu, Julie Parker, Kelly Blount, Kelly Blount, Katie Sumey, Nikki Schmaltz, Shane Hieronimus

Meeting was called to order by Shannon VanBuskirk at noon.

### Budget

Treasurer Emilie Yu presented a revised 2019-2020 budget reflecting a \$10,000 donation to the library for ongoing upgrades. The contribution will be phased, \$7000 in 2019-2020 and \$3000 for 2020-2021 budget. Motion to approve revised budget by Kelly Blount, seconded by Shanon VanBuskirk. Motion passed.

### Color Run

Color Run occurred on Friday, Oct 4th. The event ran smoothly. In excess of \$12,000 revenue is an increase over last year. Sixth grade continues to have the most participants.

### Catalogue Sales

Catalogue sales kick off is scheduled for Oct 30th, packets due on Nov 22nd, and product delivery on Dec 17th. Historically, the highest selling students received a limo ride and pizza lunch. It was suggested to change the prize to Air Madness gift certificates. Shannon VanBuskirk motioned to provide Air Madness gift certificate in lieu of limo ride, Nikki Schmaltz seconded. Motion passed.

Cowabunga prizes have previously been handed out during the lunch hour. However, these prizes are not motivating to middle schoolers. Mr Hieronimus agreed to hand them out if students request them. Shannon will approach the vendor about removing cowabunga flyer from our packets.

### Fall Conference Meals

Great support and donations as usual. Discussion of improved labeling for cookware, amount of coffee needed, and spring conference schedule.

### Principal's Report

Conferences were held in classrooms for the second time. This arrangement works well for both parents and teachers and will be continued in the future. Sign-Up Genius for conference times will continue to be the standard.

Current enrollment is 1142, projected enrollment was 1093. Every Sioux Falls middle school is over projected enrollment. 1000 students is ideal for the building. This year, 9 staff are on

carts, ie they move from classroom to classroom. The building is short on lockers due to increased enrollment. Additional lockers are being added in the science wing. Spanish Immersion program continues to grow with an estimated 94 students for 2020-2021.

The new middle school is expected to open Fall 2021. New enrollment boundaries are estimated to be completed by June 2020. To the best of Mr Hieronimus' knowledge, current open enrollment rules will still apply.

Library updates are proceeding. Shelving should be complete by Oct 18th. New paint and carpet were funded from capital outlay. Mrs Smith continues to source flexible seating and finishing touches.

The overall grading system has shifted to standards based grading. Demonstration of mastery via assessment or project will constitute the letter grade. For second quarter grades, "independent practice" can be found under Standards.

Vaping continues to be a topic of discussion in the District. The recent town hall style meeting hosted by IPC was well attended. Vaping has been found at Edison. There is a zero tolerance policy with tobacco violations issued by the School Resource Officer. Students use the current bully reporting system as well as direct communication with teachers and staff.

A new program, Youth Entrepreneurs, will be piloted in select Directed Studies classes starting 2nd quarter. Eight staff members are being trained in the program. Student participants will create a product or community service project they will pitch Shark Tank style at the end of the year. Scholarships and prizes are available.

Meeting was closed at 1:15pm.