

October 19, 2022 Edison PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: LeAnn Minister, Peg Preston, Amber Blume, Kristina, Tara, Heidi Blom, Julie Kirschenmann, Vanessa Smith, Mary, Kristina Sipma, Tuppence, Jeni Brooks, Shannon Huber (names are taken from Zoom meeting ID)

Meeting called to order at 12:00 by Peg Preston.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Kristina Sipma and was seconded by LeAnn Minister. The minutes from all the PTO meetings are posted on the Edisonsf.org website.

New Business

Peg Preston started the meeting by talking about the Color Run that was held last week. A big thanks to LeAnn Minister, Edison staff, parents, volunteers, and students that helped make this a successful event. Kristina Sipma reported that the current fundraising totals compared to last year are that the race this year earned approximately \$2,500 more than the race last year. If you combine the race last year with the mandatory catalog sales, then the Color Run this year raised approximately \$3,000 less.

The PTO did use a new fundraising company this year, so we are looking for feedback as to how people felt about the race and anything related to the event. Amber Blume talked about the race from her point of view as principal. She thought that it was the best attendance that they had for the event compared to previous years, the prizes handed out daily motivated the students, and the emails all typed out and ready for her to send out was convenient. From the office perspective she reported that the extra work reading announcements and handing out prizes wasn't too bad. The students were very excited about the event. We did not use a DJ this year to save money. The speaker on the football field worked well for the music and announcements. Next time, there needs to be more crowd control on the field to keep the kids corralled in a smaller area. Last thought from Amber Blume was that it was a great feel good experience for the school, and it was wonderful that so many parents came to watch and enjoy.

Other comments about the Color Run from parents that were at the meeting included: The Boosterathon fundraising website was easy to use and since Sonia Sotomayor elementary uses the same company, the parents' information and email contacts were already in the system. The check-in went smoothly but next year it would help to have an extra person outside of the check-in guiding kids to open spots in the line. The Edison race t-shirts were amazing and it is great that kids can now wear them for spirit wear day this week at school. Get the date of next year's race out to parents as soon as possible so that they can take off of work to come watch and help out. Some of the color throwers reported needed more color in their buckets because they ran out. A parent commented that they did not know what the PBIS store was that we were raising money for. Next year be more clear on the description as to what the funds are for. A parent commented that it is helpful to just have one fundraiser for the school during the year

since kids are also in lots of other activities that they have to fundraise for. Next year, it would be nice to add more information to the Edison social media about the event. All of the comments about the race the PTO will use moving forward to plan and improve the event for next year.

Old Business

Peg Preston reported that the meals for the fall parent teacher conferences went well. The spiritwear sales from the one conference night came to \$592. Angela Gosch will be setting up an online sale for holiday sales soon. Look for information to come. Amber Blume mentioned that we could try to sell spiritwear at the Edison music concerts that happen during this time of year and parents agreed that would be a nice time to buy. The bookfair during conferences also went well.

Treasurer's Report

Kristina Sipma presented the Treasurer's Report. The current balance at the end of September is \$14,995.38. Some bills from the end of last year are still coming in and getting paid.

LeAnn Minister made the motion to add Maragret Preston to be a check signer on the Edison PTO account at First Interstate BancSystem. Margaret Preston will replace Angela Nikki Schmalz as one of the signers. The motion was seconded by Shannon Huber and approved.

Principal's Report

Amber Blume gave the Principal's report. This week at Edison the Counseling department is having dress up days to highlight and talk about mental health and depression. Next week the student council is sponsoring dress up days for Pink week to highlight October as breast cancer awareness month. Fall sports are wrapping up and the end of the first quarter is next week.

A new topic that we will be working on at Edison is attendance. School attendance across the state is down. If a student misses 10 or more school days a year there is a significant education loss. If a student misses 10 or more days it also hurts the school data measures. There will be more information coming out about things to do when a student is absent. If students miss school during the week, Edison Extra is a good time for them to go in and get help with what they missed.

Thanks again to all the people that helped with all the activities the past few weeks.

Meeting adjourned by Peg Preston at 12:42.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2022 at noon.