

## **ECS PCO Meeting 3/18/13**

### **Moderator's Report**

Nikki welcomed everyone, introduced the officers and read the mission statement. She also read a thank you letter from the nurse who asked for and received funding for some supplies for the middle school students.

**Secretary's Report** – no report

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### EXPENSES:

February Meeting Pizza: \$39.23  
PCO Childcare: \$80  
Marketplace 2013/14: \$156.00  
Triangle Hoagies: \$856.25  
Lower School Gym Mini-Grant: \$250.00  
6th Grade Calculator Mini-Grant: \$88.55  
Pay Pal Fees: \$15.80  
Total: \$1485.83

#### INCOME:

Hoagies: \$1360.11  
Heifer Donation: \$5.00

Total: \$1365.11

Balance: \$18561.97

#### PROFIT:

Hoagie Sale: \$417.45

### **Internet Safety Presentation: Ms. Franklin and Ms. Kravec**

Stephanie Franklin and Mandy Cribbs have been working with Beth Kravec and Todd Hoffman about internet safety issues in the school and the home. Ms. Franklin and Ms. Cribbs discussed tips for parents and explained some of the work they've been doing in the school with the students. This sparked a lot of discussion and interest for additional events for a wider audience. Ms. Franklin and Ms. Cribbs suggested that suggestions and questions from the discussion will be used to tailor future presentations for ECS parents.

#### **Overview of presentation:**

Internet Safety at Home

- Be aware of what your child is using the computer for and other devices they may be using to go online.
- Be aware of who your child is communicating with online.

- Keep devices in communal areas.
- Talk with your child, discuss what he/she is doing with his/her new computer.
- Set age limits, students under 13 should not have social media profiles.
- Know kids' passwords, be able to check on the things they are doing.
- Model good internet behavior including video chat, messaging, and social media behavior
- Use privacy settings
- No inappropriate activities, use parental restrictions
- Set time limits

#### Teach Children To:

- Never accept files or downloads from unknown sources.
- Do not fill out a profile without parent review and approval.
- Never give out real name, telephone or cell phone number(s), mailing address, or passwords.
- Do not post photographs in publicly accessible sites.
- Don't share passwords with anyone but parents/guardians to avoid identity theft and cyber bullying.
- If you see something that makes you uncomfortable or scared, tell an adult right away.
- Report Cyber bullying to an adult.

#### Resources

- Internet Safety for Teens pamphlet from USAA Educational Foundation
- Living Life Online magazine from Federal Trade Commission
- Parent Tips for Internet Safety - Elementary (from [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org))
- Parent Tips for Internet Safety – Middle School (from [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org))
- Parent Tips for Safe Online Talk (from [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org))
- Parent Tips for Online Security (from [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org))
- Parent Tips for Internet Filters (from [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org))

#### Internet Safety at School

- Home base classrooms in grades 2-7 have completed Internet Safety Lessons
- Upper School: Additional lesson related to responsible and ethical use of the internet
- Community Meeting with 6th and 7th grade about Cyber Bullying
- 5th grade met separately about cyber bullying
- Current Device Policy
- Students turn in devices in the office
- Consequences for Misuse
- Misuse at Home
- Impact on school
- Consequences
- Communication from school to home
- Updated acceptable use policy in development
- Continued lessons and instruction around appropriate device use
- SCHOOLGY Pilot
- Opportunities for education around safe use

-- Any concerns, ideas, comments for the future please communicate to teachers and parents

### **Adult Social**

Beth could not be at the meeting, but relayed to Nikki these reminders and updates:

- RSVP (we have some in already and I am excited that new people are coming in addition to people that came last year- the event is growing!) and pay by check when possible b/c of Paypal fees.
- call for donations- any items, services, underwriting...always welcome. Contact me for a form letter and to see who we have already contacted so we don't duplicate efforts
- call for volunteers especially people the week of April 7th- basket assemblers, set up on the 12th all day, errand runners... we will be posting a Sign Up Genius on the Wed. Word and Facebook for the volunteer needs.
- if anyone can spare 30 minutes at the event, we could use help. These tasks will be on the sign up sheet too
- notice of meeting at Biddle's Escape on Thursday at 7:30 for anyone who wants to get involved
- like the page on Facebook
- great auction items

You can contact Beth at [bloomingbash@ecspco.org](mailto:bloomingbash@ecspco.org).

### **Upcoming Movie on Bullying**

Lydia Blank is organizing a screening of the movie Bully. She has been working with Ms. Cook to plan it. Movie is rated PG-13, so the screening is open to parents primarily. Waterworks Cinema is donating the space. School has purchased the movie/license. It's scheduled for April 18, 6pm. Lydia has arranged for a school guidance counselor who is very experienced in middle school bullying to do a 30-min debrief after the movie. She will provide conversation starters for parents and the school. Ms. Kravec will prepare some handouts about ECS's bullying policies and protocols. The movie screening is open to ECS parents, as well as other local schools like Community Day, Shadyside Academy, Falk. \$3 per ticket. If the movie sells out (250), it will end up being a fundraiser, though the main intention of the movie is educational. Hopefully the event will spark further discussion and ECS events related to the issue. Lydia is asking everyone to RSVP in advance by emailing [bullymovie@ecspco.org](mailto:bullymovie@ecspco.org). It will be promoted in the Wed Word, Facebook, and an emailable flyer via the room parents. More info about the movie at [thebullyproject.org](http://thebullyproject.org).

### **PCO Board of Trustees Representative Report**

The next Board of Trustees meeting is this Wednesday. Topic will be Upper School renovations. Parents are encouraged to attend if they are interested in learning more. Email Lya if you plan to attend, since the meeting location depends on attendance.

### **ECS car magnets**

Jess Gonzalez shared two magnet designs and asked for input. She has quotes from two vendors. Cafepress: \$2 wholesale cost, \$5 retail/fundraiser cost. Eco Promotions: costs more than twice as much, but makes magnets out of 50% recycled material. Cafepress

also allows you to set up a website with your products. Once we sell out, people can place individual orders on their own and we still make a profit. There's a 5-7 day order time. She will sell them at the Blooming Bash, we could have a small stock at all events, bake sales. Earth Night (April 26) and the Kindergarten screening day in May are other good opportunities.

### **Administrative Update**

Steve Pellathy will plan to have his 1-hour update meeting (discussed at the February PCO meeting) after spring break. Topics will include AYP update and 5-10 year stability of school.

Update on field trips and bussing - in the past, there was a budget for bussing per grade level (approx. 4 trips per grade). That budget was not in place this year. The cost of field trips now includes transportation which is more expensive for students to attend and ultimately decreases the number of trips. Steve will get this back on the table for next year's budget.

Linda Lane invited charter schools to attend a meeting. Steve and Steph Franklin attended. This was promoted as the beginning of a new era of collaborating with charter schools. Linda Lane has a high level of personal integrity. She has promised to provide another opportunity to meet before the end of the school year. It was a meet and greet-type meeting with no concrete agenda. The art supervisor at PPS offered to meet with ECS's art dept. Social studies supervisor inquired about cultural literacy for some ideas for other schools in the district. Linda Lane walked the attendees through the district's vision for moving forward. According to Steve, this is a positive first step; there's much more to be done.