

West Bay Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 29, 2018

Location: West Bay Elementary School Library

Board Attendees: Shagun Somasegaran (President), Katy Bode (Vice President), Stacey Mathis (Treasurer), Kate Parsons (Secretary), Liz Borkowski (Community Liaison)

West Bay Staff Attendees: Jen Coltvet, Emily Bortol, Sarah Addink

Parent Attendees: Dawn Holmes, Amy Schwartz, Phil Boll, Shannon Smith, Andrew Smith, Jamie Agnew, Chelsea Thomalla, Maria Michaelis, Jen Zurn, Katie Keber, Nicole Schlueter, Hyung Joon Kim, Melissa & Patrick Acquazzino, Dawn Brayton, Shawn Stumme, Erick Showalter, Nathan Nelson, Dean Peterson, Kelsey Regier, Christy Lovewell, Julie Wohlers, Shelly Fischer, Mikahla Fehringer, Danisha Hurst, Heidi Zaversnik

Next Meeting: Monday, March 5th at West Bay Elementary Library

Meeting Notes Submitted by Kate Parsons, Secretary

6pm Meeting Called to Order

1. Welcome - Jen Coltvet

2. Special Guest - Elkhorn School District Superintendent, Dr. Bary Habrock

- Habrock thanked everyone for coming.
- \$149,615,000.00 Bond Resolution
 - o New Schools
 - High School #3-Construction beginning April 2018, estimated completion August 2020. Estimated cost: \$78,589,420.
 - Elementary #12-Construction beginning March 2019, estimated completion August 2020. Estimated cost: \$19,031,250.
 - Middle School #5-Construction beginning April 2019, estimated completion August 2021. Estimated cost: \$32,327,750.
 - o Land Acquisitions
 - Acquire 2 middle school sites and 3 sites for elementary schools. Estimated cost: \$6,795,425.
 - o Existing Facility Updates
 - Elkhorn Public Schools Stadium Expansion-beginning February 2020, estimated completion August 2020. Estimated cost: \$2,400,475.
 - Elkhorn Early Childhood Center at Blue Sage Elementary-beginning August 2020, estimated completion August 2021. Estimated cost: \$2,496,900.
 - Kitchen and Family and Consumer Science Remodels at Elkhorn MS, Hillrise, Skyline, and Westridge-beginning May 2018, estimated completion of all projects, August 2019. Estimated cost: \$1,456,525.
 - LED lighting and ceiling updates - Hillrise, Elkhorn MS, Elkhorn HS-beginning May 2018, entire project completion August 2019. Estimated cost: \$1,430,135.
 - Stadium lighting replacement - Elkhorn Public Schools District Stadium and Elkhorn MS-beginning May 2018, estimated project completion August 2020. Estimated cost: \$406,000.

- Replace flooring - Fire Ridge, Manchester Elementary and remaining classrooms at Elkhorn High School-beginning May 2018, estimated completion August 2018. Estimated cost: \$334,950.
 - Roofing projects - Elkhorn High, Elkhorn Middle, Westridge, Hillrise, Spring Ridge, and Central Office-beginning May 2018, estimated completion of all projects, August 2019. Estimated cost: \$1,006,880.
 - HVAC/Mechanical projects - Elkhorn High, Elkhorn Middle, Westridge, Hillrise, and Central Office-beginning May 2019, estimated completion of all projects, August 2020. Estimated cost: \$2,618,700.
 - Remove and replace asphalt playground surface - Hillrise, Skyline, and Westridge; and Central Office parking lot-beginning May 2018, entire project completed August 2019. Estimated cost: \$720,650.
- 9,001 students currently in Elkhorn school district. 600-700 new students each year. Elkhorn is the 7th largest school district in NE, soon to be 5th largest within next year. North side of Elkhorn school district is growing twice as fast as South side.
- Potential Timeline for Issuance of Bonds -
 - Spring 2018 - \$30.275 million
 - Spring 2019 - \$74.550 million
 - Spring 2020 - \$37.100 million
 - Spring 2021 - \$7.690 million
 - Total - \$149.615 million
- District Valuation Assumptions
 - 2017-2018 8.02% increase (most recent 5 year increases have ranged from low of 4.5% for 2012-2013 to high of 8.8% for 2015-2016).
- Anticipated Bond Levies
 - Anticipated Bond Levy in 2020-2021 (levy maximum) will result in the annual additional cost to a homeowner of a house valued at \$150,000 of \$150 or \$12.50/month.
- Elkhorn is a High Achieving District
 - Elkhorn is 4th efficient in state of Nebraska on per pupil instructional costs.
 - Elkhorn is the highest performing school district in the state of NE at \$10,009.39. Average Nebraska per pupil cost is \$12,230.02.
 - Average ACT Composite Score for Elkhorn seniors is 24.9 compared to a state average of 21.4.
 - Elkhorn students tested 95% proficient in mathematics grades 3-8th.
 - Elkhorn is one of only 5 districts in the state to receive the highest rating of “Excellent” in Nebraska’s school classification process.
 - Elkhorn High Schools have been recognized on the Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll for 6 consecutive years. No other Nebraska school has been named for more than 2 years.
 - 96% of EPS Graduates successfully complete Algebra II
 - The EPS Class of 2017 had a 99.3% graduation rate

- o 78% of EPS high school students participate in at least one extracurricular activity.
- o A 2017 Stanford University study gave EPS the highest possible rating at the 100th percentile. The study found that Elkhorn students achieved 6.4 years of growth during 5 years of school.
- o 2017 EPS graduates earned scholarship dollars totaling nearly 25.5 million.
- Questions raised
 - o Stadium - What does it look like and in the meantime what will happen to help control crowds? Expansion on one side of the stadium or cross over to another space. Supervision will need to be increased.
 - o Boundary lines for high schools, will they change? North side must change and that is a decision that has to be made.
 - o In 2020 the 3rd high school opens. Will it be open enrollment or assigned by boundary? Boundary. Possibly one way enrollment to the Northern 2 high schools down the road as a tool to manage growth.
 - o Would building larger elementary schools alleviate need to build more schools? Yes, Blue Sage is built to accommodate 600, most other EPS elementary capacities are around 450.
 - o For those that aren't here how do they get info on the bond? Website www.elkhornweb.org.
 - o What happens if it the bond doesn't pass? Not a lot of solutions when you don't have room. Portables have to be purchased and those are a tough investment that comes out of the general fund. \$70,000 cost per portable prior to being staffed with a teacher. It takes away funds from hiring staff.
- Jeremy Vokt - Encouraged people to get out and vote and solicit donations. Asking PTO for funds to help the campaign - voteyeselkhorn.com. Vote will likely be a mail in ballot. March 13th is the official final voting day. If you haven't voted in the last 4 primaries go to the website to get a ballot sent out to you. Social media will be a tool used to promote the campaign. PTO can and is encouraged to share any information put out.

3. Approval of Minutes - Kate Parsons

- Shelly Fischer made a motion to approve the January 2018 minutes and Jamie Agnew seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4. Review and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report - Stacey Mathis

- Advised that the PTO had made expenditures for the following: Birthday Books, Party Snacks, Teacher Discretionary. There was a deposit from Tagg. Dean Peterson made a motion to accept the report and Katie Kebler seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. Officer and Principal Reports:

- Katy Bode advised that at the GOAL meeting the following items were discussed:
 - o Bids for Kids is April 5th at the Noah Event Center. It is a Math and Reading Intervention Fundraiser. Silent and Live Auction. Currently accepting donations for the auction.
- Liz Borkowski
 - o If interested in getting more information on any open committee positions or signing up please contact Liz at blborkowski@hotmail.com. Vice President and Community Liaison positions need filled.

6. Old Business

- **Hy-Vee Receipts-** September to December 2017 raised \$447.60. Shagun Somasegaran raised the question if anyone had any ideas to increase participation. \$1 per \$100 spent return.
- **Class Parties -** Valentine's Party is February 9th at 2:15. A rice krispie treat and licorice snack will be provided by the PTO. Sign-up geniuses were built for classrooms that had a need for volunteers. All parties are planned.
- **West Bay PTO Parent Social-** Shagun Somasegaran mentioned that there was a low turnout due to inclement weather and school closures. PTO is working to reschedule this event and possibly include the family.

7. New Business

- **Kindergarten Round-Up**— Shagun Somasegaran advised that this event will take place Friday, March 2nd. Parent meeting is February 26th. No Kindergarten class on March 2nd.
- **Breakfast with a Buddy-**The event will be held Wednesday, February 15th from 7:00am to 8:30am. Donut holes, bananas, oranges, OJ and coffee will be served. A facebook post and email reminder will go out on the event.
- **PTO Donation-** Walking Path Bids and Drawing. Will be positioned along the back of the school playground. Used for walking club and gym activities. Bid came in at \$19,684.00. Survey will be sent out to parents and staff in the next few weeks to gauge interest and support.
 - Katie Keber asked if there are any other activities that we could offer the kids (chess club..) Activities do have to go through the district and supervision would need to be addressed.
- **Cameras -** PTO President, Shagun informed members that the school requested 3 Canon Rebel cameras to be purchased for use within the Art program and special projects for a total cost of \$1,500. Katie Keber made a motion to approve the purchase. Maria Michaelis seconded the motion. Motion approved. It was noted that the photo printing costs come out of the teacher/staff discretionary funds.
- **Mr. Scholten Art Show**
 - Mikahla Fehringer made a motion to approve \$724.20 in art supplies for the art show and Shelly Fischer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- **Nominating Committee -** Liz Borkowski, Chair of committee, will present a slate of officers in March to be voted upon in April for the position of Vice President and Community Liaison. Seeking Vice President (Year 1 as VP, Year 2 as President) and Community Liaison (1 Year Term). Contact Liz at blborkowski@hotmail.com if you are interested in either position.
- **Teacher Appreciation -** Jamie Agnew advised "Fun and Games" is the theme of the Teacher Appreciation week. Board game themed. Goal is to get ideas and activities for indoor recess. Teacher Appreciation is March 5-9th.

8. Other Committee Reports

- **Yearbook-** The deadline for pictures is February 28th. Picture submission deadline is February 19th. The deadline for the 5th Grade Graduation Ad is Friday, February 12th. Find details at www.westbaypto.com.
- **Family Fun Nights-** Texas Roadhouse is rescheduled for January 30th.
- **Conference Meals-** A Mexican/Nacho bar will be provided for the teachers on February 14th during parent-teacher conferences. PTO is providing crockpot liners. A sign-up genius has been sent to request volunteers.

9. Other Business

- **TAGG (Together a Greater Good)** - Shagun Somasegaran - Last quarter TAGG generated \$146.84 in revenue. Encouraged all to download the app and utilize it to generate more money for the PTO.

Chelsea Thomalla made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mikahla Ferhinger. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Upcoming Dates

Friday, February 9th – Classroom Valentine’s Parties

Wednesday, February 14th – Tuesday, February 20th – Book Fair

Thursday, February 15th - Breakfast & Books w/a Buddy

Wednesday & Thursday, February 14th & 15th – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, February 14th – PTO providing dinner to West Bay teachers & staff (Mexican Bar)

Tuesday, Jan 23rd – Texas Roadhouse Family Fun Night

Thursday, Feb 15th – Family Fun Night at Sonic

Monday, February 12th – 5th grade congrats grad ad deadline

Friday, February 16th – NO School

Monday, February 19th – Yearbook photo submission deadline Friday, Feb 23rd- Nothing Bundt Cakes sales begin

Monday, February 26th – Kindergarten Round-up Parent Meeting

Monday, March 5th – PTO Meeting, 2nd Grade Teachers

Friday, March 9th– Deadline to turn in Nothing Bundt Cakes Order Form Friday, March 30th - Nothing Bundt Cake pick up at West Bay