

Elkins High School PTO

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2023

- **Meeting** called to order by Angie Korger at 7:04 pm.

- **Members Present:** Angie Korger, Rachel Zetino, Ana Apolinar, Kali Shiller, Nadine Skinner, Angelica Morales, Kim Remmert, R. Vidhya, Nakia Allen, Roxane Johnson, Kim Bradby, and Naaila Sami

- Angie has reached out to the Principal for the Principal's Report and has not heard back yet.

- **Secretary Report (Nadine Skinner)**
 - Rachel made a motion to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes. Kim Remmert seconded the motion, and all approved. The motion passed.
 - Rachel made a motion to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes. Kim Remmert seconded the motion, and all approved. The motion passed.
 - Nadine thanked Kali for taking the February 2023 minutes in her absence.

- **President Report (Angie Korger)**
 - Angie attended a partnership meeting. The district said that reporting of volunteer hours has diminished since Covid. We need to be better at reporting our volunteer hours, along with contributions. A system will be starting where a paraprofessional will be the liaison for several clubs and organizations to make sure hours are turned in. Angelica, in the meantime, will be reaching out to clubs to try and get them to report their hours.
 - Ms. Walker wants an EOY report on money that we are donating to the different classes.
 - Kali and Angie went on the tour of Clements HS today. It was an informative and long tour. The building opened 40 years ago. The new school would be built on the sports fields and would take 4-5 years to complete (unless expedited). There would be approximately a \$30 increase in taxes per \$300K home. The district may try to get another tour time that is more convenient. Kali is on the Bond Oversight Committee, and she can answer questions. We can also have someone from the Economic Development Council come and talk to the school if we want to.

- **Vice President Report (Angelica Morales)**
 - The nominating committee needs one more person. Nadine volunteered.
 - Currently open positions include beautifications, senior committee, and safety. But we have some interest already in some of these positions.
 - We will have a PTO dinner in May to transition people to their new roles. Let Angelica know if you have restaurant suggestions. Johnny Tamales was suggested.
 - VIPS: Today is the deadline for the VIPS of the year. The VIPS committee has not picked one yet because they are waiting for the report from the school first. But they have a contender in mind. Once they pick someone, they will email the name to Angie and the Principal.
 - EHS usually has a volunteer luncheon in the spring. Angelica suggested giving \$10 Starbucks gift cards to all of the volunteers of the month for this school year at the luncheon.

- **Treasurer Report (Rachel Zetino and Vidhya Venkatesan)**
 - We are ahead of schedule with regards to cash. We have budgeted to have brought in \$60K, and we have brought in \$70K so far.
 - We have also controlled our expenses well.
 - Rachel suggested giving a gift of appreciation to the community member who helped with our tax return this year. She spent about 3 hours helping us. Rachel made a motion to spend no more than \$170 on a gift card for the community member who helped with our tax return. This money will come from the projects expense. Vidhya seconded the motion, and all approved. The motion passed.
 - We have a small amount of unclaimed funds, but we need to provide documentation of the address. We believe the address is for Kim Golding. The treasurers will confirm the address, and we will try to get in touch with Kim. Angelica can text her.

- **Safety Report (Kali Shiller)**
 - School Signage: She drove around the school property looking at signage and determining what needs improvement. She put together a list of signs we should purchase, as well as 6 traffic cones. Ms. Ward said that if we buy signs, she can get FBISD to install them. Rachel suggested that we purchase a cart for the traffic cones. Kali said we could purchase a cart locally. Kali mentioned that the upcoming bond proposal has “wayfaring” signs, but nothing this in depth, and that “wayfaring” signs may be for the inside of the school.
 - FCMS Signage: Angelica said that FCMS got some signs free from FBISD. The school secretary had to call to get them. Kim Bradby will contact the FCMS

secretary to find out details and then let Kali know about what the district can do, and how long it would take to make the signs.

- Signage Cost: Cost for signs and traffic cones is \$1939.32. Angelica made a motion to ask for up to \$2500 to buy the signs and traffic cones and gift cards for students and magnetic signs for trucks to come out of the safety budget. Roxane seconded the motion, all approved, and the motion passed. Kali said that most signs will ship in a week. We hope to get the signs installed this school year.
 - Knight's Court Apartments: Missouri City Planning and Zoning approved a 150-unit apartment complex to be built on Knight's Court on the other side of the River Point Church. This will go before the City Council for a vote on April 17th (meeting date subject to change). There is a protest form for people to fill out. Angie asked Ms. Ward if she had been notified. We want to know if the apartment building is in the PASA data for EHS. Planning and Zoning said that no traffic study is needed for Knight's Court. Angelica wanted to know if we can put this information about the meeting and the apartments in the newsletter. Kali already posted about the apartments on the EHS Facebook page. We need to post again on Facebook and in the What's App groups. Angelica can work on this. It was suggested to use the word "impact" when posting.
 - Information from Missouri City:
 - Kali has a drawing showing where Centerpoint is planning to put lights on Knight's Court (25-30 lights). Should be complete in Spring-Summer 2023.
 - Still looking at traffic on Knight's Court. Planning to do restriping and adding an extra left hand turn lane from Knight's Court onto HWY 6.
 - Lowering the speed limit on Knight's Court from 40 mph to 35 mph.
 - Combining the school zones for EHS and the new elementary school to one long school zone time.
 - Kali asked for no U-turn signs on Knight's Ct.
 - Will put a crosswalk on Thompson Ferry and Knight's Court. Will have a crossing guard- we want the guard during HS hours too.
 - Missouri City to put "turning cars be careful" where turning into EHS parking lot for walkers.
 - Kim Bradby asked if there was an update on lights on Thompson Ferry- Kali has not heard an update yet.
 - FBISD is adding more lights on the EHS property and upgrading to LED bulbs. They are doing pricing now. There is no schedule now.
 - Ask Kali if you have questions about the upcoming bond. May 6th is election day. That is also the day to vote for FBISD School Board members.
- **VIPS Report (Nakia Allen and Michelle Tolbert)**
 - Please log your volunteer hours. Michelle will repost the link in our group chat. You can go back to August and report your hours.

- Exchange Club of Sugar Land's Blue Ribbon Contest: The contest promotes child abuse awareness. It is open to all schools in FBISD and awards cash prizes of \$800, \$650, and \$450. Schools that want to participate must submit campus information by March 3rd. Schools that participate will receive a Blue Ribbon from the Exchange Club to decorate their school. Schools need to have permission from administration to participate. Decorations must be up by March 31st.
- FBISD Budget: There is a current budget shortfall of \$23 million. The Budget Design Team will make recommendations to the board. Approximately \$13.3 million in savings has been identified towards the \$23 million shortfall.
- Boundaries: New boundaries have been released for the NW and SE parts of the district. There was a meeting held on February 13th to address overutilization at Travis HS and Bowie MS, adjustments at Kempner HS, an attendance community at Ferguson ES, and relieving Heritage Rose ES. A special meeting was held to address the opening of Crawford HS.
- Bond: 2023 Bond will vote in May. Largest bond ever for FBISD at \$1.2 billion. Last bond was in 2018. FBISD is now the largest school district in Texas. Overall rating is 89. Bond has 3 parts:
 - Prop A (\$616 million for 61 schools): 1) Roof repairs, flooring, playgrounds; 2) School rebuilds- Clements, Briargate/Blue Ridge, Mission Bend/Mission Glen; 3) New Schools- Middle School (SE), Elementary School (NW), Elementary School (SE); 4) Ferndell Renovation and Addition; 5) Transportation- 35 new busses and new transportation center on SE side; 6) Security Cameras; 7) New Police Vehicles; 8) Weapon and response kits; 9) EMS Notification system
 - Prop B (\$52.5 million for technology): Current technology is 8 years old; refresh computers.
 - Prop C (\$22.9 million): Natatorium
 - A+B+C = increase of \$2.50 per month. Over age 65 not impacted unless significant improvements are made to their home.
 - Required language for the bond states property tax increase.
 - Early voting is April 24th to May 2nd. Election day is May 6th.
 - Bond does not relate to VATRE or budget shortfall.
- VIPS: VIPS appreciation week is April 17th to April 21st. VIPS of the year deadline is March 22nd. VIPS of the year must be approved by the campus principal. Nominee should not be the VIPS chair or the PTO president. Next VIPS monthly meeting is May 4th in person.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7th to May 12th.

- **Beautification Report**

- Angie will follow up with Lourdes about the power washing of the courtyard.

- **Membership Report (Kim Bradby)**
 - Next year, Kim and Monica have discussed switching positions. Kim would be co-chair and Monica would be chair.

- **Shared Dreams Report (Roxane Johnson)**
 - Shared Dreams drive for toiletries is going on now. It ends at the end of March. Collection boxes are in the English teachers' classrooms.
 - April is child abuse awareness month. Roxane submitted the paperwork to participate in the Blue Ribbon contest. But she has not received approval to participate from the administration. We need approval to decorate (paper chains, pinwheels) the school. Per VIPS, the decorations need to be up by March 31st. Roxane is going to ask the administration about the approval and ask to move the approval meeting up.

- **Senior Class Committee Report (Angie Korger)**
 - The school is requesting the committee to buy Chick Fil A for the class during graduation practice. The committee wants to wait until March 24th (the last day to sign up for the class trip) to see what their money situation is.
 - The junior class needs to be fundraising ahead of senior year.
 - Roxane would be interested in helping economically disadvantaged senior girls get prom dresses.

- **Hospitality Update (Kim Remmert)**
 - April 5th is assistant principal appreciation day. Angie donated tumblers. We will give them gift cards too.
 - Teacher appreciation catered lunch will be on May 10th. We will need volunteers. Will likely ask for donated desserts.

- **Unfinished Business (Angie Korger)**
 - No response from the school on the design on the tablecloth.
 - Benches should arrive on March 23rd. Angie will coordinate with Ms. Lourdes about where to put them. Ms. Lourdes will have them installed.

- **New Business (Angie Korger)**
 - Angelica recommended getting an AED for the football field press box. They cost about \$1600. The school has several, but they are not in a good location for the football field. Angelica will talk to the baseball booster and see how they are going about purchasing one. Rachel mentioned maintenance, and Angelica will talk to June Tomlin about maintenance. We can do an e-vote on this item.
 - The Rho Kappa sponsor sent a thank you email for our donation.

- **Announcements**
 - We need to find out the date of the last pizza day.
- **Meeting** adjourned by Angie Korger at 8:50 pm.
- **Minutes** respectfully taken by Nadine Skinner, Secretary.