

*Eagle River Optional Steering Committee Meeting Minutes*  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

In attendance: LJ, Sarah, Lisa, Nicole, Jenn, Codie, Charis, and Kaleigh  
Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Old/New Business:

1. Approved February 28, 2017 steering committee meeting minutes, Jenn moved and Codie seconded.
2. Garden (Nicole):
  - a) The 8 garden dates have no major conflict and are on the office calendar. We have requested 2 volunteers on these dates and 6 volunteers on planting days. Cherie will be sending out a link to the volunteer spot site soon.
  - b) Time: 9:15 – 11:30am, \*\*with the exception of Jenn- Nicole and Jenn to coordinate on their own for a time slot that will work in her classroom schedule.
  - c) Cancelling this Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, due to guest teachers
  - d) Friday, March 31, Friday, April 7 (Dr. Long's class will be rehearsing their play on stage), Friday, April 21 (Note the talent show will be in the afternoon), Friday, April 28, Friday, May 5, Friday, May 12 (Mr. Long & Spain's classes not available; Orienting field trip), Wed, May 17 – planting garden, Thurs, May 18 – planting garden
  - e) Summer garden watering schedule to start Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> the day after school gets out. Each week will run from Thursday- Wednesday. Plenty of time to get this on volunteer spot before year end.
  - f) Kaleigh and Nicole are working on a write up and future garden ideas.
  - g) Garden needs new dirt, \$50 or so will come out of established garden budget
  - h) New families that came to open house are interested in helping out with the garden if they get into the Optional program. They will touch base Friday when the lottery names come out.
3. Budget:
  - a) \$2000 needed to finish off year and forward fund 2017-2018 school year
  - b) The following three events will help fund that total:
    - 1) Nerf Royal Event (Codie is point person)
      - o Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am-4pm at Macdonald Center in ER
      - o Playing 2 games: Red solo stacked cup Nerf game (weight cups with nickels, and let players know ahead of time that they are weighted) & Lollipop Tree Stand (must find a way to spin the stand. If we pick out a couple lollipops and ask the kid to find them when the tree stops it becomes a game of skill, not chance- and will not be considered gambling)
      - o Requesting 3 parent volunteers for 3- 2 hour shifts (Set up: 10a-Noon; Noon-2pm and 2-4pm); a parent to run each game and a parent to handle the money.
      - o Lisa is borrowing the lollipop tree stand and received a donation of 30 beanie babies for lollipop game prizes. Buying 300 pops/ 30 grand prizes. Lisa will verify that the tree stand can spin on its own or will find a lazy susan to borrow.
      - o Request to purchase Nerf game prizes: approximately \$125 from Oriental Trading. Codie has made the purchase. Kaleigh moved and LJ seconded the use of these funds.
      - o may need a sign to put out stating the end time or when prizes are gone
      - o Kaleigh will provide the change needed on April 7<sup>th</sup> for the event. Codie will coordinate with her on the amount needed.
      - o This event is outdoors, make sure volunteers know this.
      - o Estimate of revenue from this fundraiser - \$700
    - 2) Spring General Membership Meeting, PJ game night and silent auction (Codie & Lisa)
      - o Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30pm

- Setup at 5:30pm
  - 15-20 minute general membership meeting: vote for next year's chairs, treasurer and secretary, and review budget
  - Theme: PJ game night (ask families to bring in board/card games, rotate between games to keep the event social and interactive.) \*\*I looked up the website given for free board games and found nothing\*\*
  - Fundraiser- Silent Auction (theme: Summer fun activities) Lisa and Codie are collecting donations and prizes (AK RR, Sea Life Center, Bicycle Shop, Wal-Mart, Barnes and Noble, ANC Museum, ANC Concert Association, Fred Meyer, Target, H2Oasis, ANC Zoo, Bass Pro Shop, Cabalas). Also open to asking home based business/ direct sales parents for donations after the larger stores have been contacted.
  - discussion about needing to attach the PTA/'s tax id number to the donation acknowledgments
- 3) Optional Family Bowling Event (El Jay)
- Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - LJ will finish coordinating this event and get back to us on the time. The charge to us per game is \$2.50, if we charge the regular rate of \$5 per game we will make \$2.50 from each game sale.
4. ER High School/Optional team building event has been canceled due to volume of events happening before year end.
5. Class plays:  
Dr. Long –Nothing more is needed. Scheduled for Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>
6. Learning labs (Daniela):
- a) Wed. May 3<sup>rd</sup> (K-6) – Last one for the school year.
  - b) Email to come about volunteers.
7. Eklutna Optional Family Day – Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- a) Kaleigh will fill out necessary paperwork and place the reservation.
8. Optional ER Bowling / Picnic Lunch – Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- a) Jenn is planning this event. She will reserve the bowling alley and work with Parks and Rec for the lunch picnic. There will be no need for concessions or arcade at bowling.
9. 2017-2018 Event Dates
- b) To streamline the process, the ERO and PTA heads will meet to discuss tentative dates for known events in 2017-2018 and then pitch them to the office.
  - c) Teachers please look at your calendars and think about dates for your play.
10. PTA report
- a) Science fair, Wed March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d) I-did-a-read is finishing up this week on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - e) Bubble Run – Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Looking at rental at Gruening for the track due to wet conditions. Will look into the additional fees associated with the indoor and outdoor clean up/maintenance as well as the cost of the onsite medical staffing. Waiting on “ok” from Mrs. Losordo-Santo on the release of the email list for parents to send them the link for “99 pledges” to gather pledges from friends and family via social media for fund run.
  - f) Year book- buy one and send in your photos, will be posting about the yearbook on the main ERES facebook page soon.
  - g) Field Day – Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
11. Principal LoSordo-Santo's Report
- a) Teachers training for testing coming up on Monday
  - b) Teachers getting new laptops
12. Last two meetings: Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm and Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm