

Eagle River Optional
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2015

In Attendance:

Nicole Sommerville (Principal), Dr. Long (K/1), Mrs. Dolan (1/2), Mr. Long (3/4), Mrs. Spain (5/6), Kaleigh Wotring (co-chair), Alexis Kallen (co-chair), Lisa Norbert (secretary), Robin Gray (Co-treasurer), Nicole Mercer (Steering committee member), Codie Costello (Steering Committee Member)

Called to order:

Alexis called the meeting to order at 5:00pm at Pizza Man.

Old / New Business:

1. Approve the minutes from the February 4, 2015 steering committee meeting.
2. Treasurer's budget report (Robin)
3. Learning Labs (Codie)
 - A. February lab (grades 3-6) good feedback, flow, volunteers and kids response.
 - B. March lab (grades K-2) good feedback, flow, volunteers, liked small groups, maybe 90 minutes for this age, the kids all had positive responses (asked if they were doing it again the next day) ☺
 - C. May 6th (grade K-6)
 - Need 12-13 labs; for 5-6 kids per lab
 - 2 hours labs for grades 3-6 and 90 minute labs for grades K-2.
 - Arrange AST staff member ahead of time for any off site labs.
 - Reimburse any lab leaders/volunteers for items purchased.
 - ERHS has 5 computer labs available if needed.
4. Dr. Long's play is Friday, April 17th (10am and 6:45pm)
5. Garden (Nicole Mercer)
 - A. Need 1 parent volunteer to assist Nicole/Paul with the kids/garden; every Friday in April (except 4/17-play) and May from 9:15-11:30am.
 - B. Sign-ups (weekly) during the summer to water the gardens.
 - C. The summer construction project should not inhibit access to the Optional garden.
 - D. Nicole needs a co-chair for the garden project.
6. Art Auction and Family Game Night (Kaleigh) - Friday, May 1st from 7-8:30 pm
 - A. Each classroom has created art to auction off.
 - B. Families and students to play BINGO; the gym will be closed.
 - C. Will have a toddler area with movie for younger kids.
 - D. This will be our second general meeting (as required in bi-laws), parents can ask questions about the budget and steering committee officers will be nominated/voted on for the 2015-2016 school year.
 - E. Not a potluck (like last year); light snacks will be served.

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- F. Create posters about the program; so parents know that is needed to run each Optional event and get involved where interested.
 - G. Mrs. Spain needs a parent to choose and do the classroom project.
7. Volunteer Report (Codie)
- A. <http://www.volunteerspot.com/group/394904338054#!/show> (general hours link) via Volunteer Spot for families to list volunteer hours (at home projects, classroom time, AJT chaperone, making costumes or helping with class play, etc...) link on Optional web-site.
8. Principal Sommerville's Report
- A. AMP tests are going great.
 - B. The lottery was drawn in March for the 2015-2016 calendar year.
 - 15 Kindergarteners
 - 2 First/Second graders
 - 0 Third/Fourth graders
 - 7 Fifth/Sixth graders
 - C. New state safety regulations regarding lockdowns include:
 - All doors will be locked from 9:15am – 3:15 pm.
 - During lockdown times, you must request access to the school via pushing the button by the main door entrance.
 - Everyone will be identified if you are picking up a child for early release.
 - No knocking on teachers windows, doors (including the community room door) to be let into the building.
 - D. Kindy Round-up is on Tuesday, April 28th at 3:45pm.
 - For neighborhood and optional.
 - Invite new K families to see the classrooms/teachers.
 - E. During the summer part of the playground and parking lot will be under construction. To access the garden, park in the bus pickup/drop off area.
9. Additional upcoming events:
- A. Field Day- May 13th (school wide and PTA needs volunteers)
 - B. Talent Show- May 15th (school wide)
 - C. Eklutna Family Day – Monday, May 18th (Optional family's/ need driving forms)
 - D. Walking Bowling / Picnic Lunch trip – Wednesday, May 20th (Optional)
10. The next (last) steering committee meeting is Wednesday, May 6 2015 @ 5pm.

The meeting ended at 6:30pm