

Eagle River Optional
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2015

In Attendance:

Lisa LoSordo-Santo (Principal), Dr. Long (K/1), Mr. Long (3/4), Mrs. Spain (5/6), Kaleigh Wotring (co-chair), Lisa Norbert (secretary), Robin Gray (treasurer), Nicole Mercer (SC member), Codie Costello (SC member), Rosanna Lee (SC Member), Felicia Hanna (SC Member) and Kendra Wilson.

Called to order:

Kaleigh called the meeting to order at 5:15pm at Pizza Man.

Old / New Business:

1. Approved the minutes from the August 31, 2015 steering committee meeting.
2. Treasurer's budget report (Robin)
 - Please submit any receipts for reimbursement for the September learning labs.
3. Welcome Mrs. Mercer (1/2 substitute) until Mrs. Dolan returns in late October.
4. Garden/ Potluck (Nicole)
 - Great year with the garden, kids loved harvest, making soups and snacking on vegies.
 - Great turn out at the potluck from families! ☺
 - Good: organization of food (separating types); 2 crockpots of each soup; steering committee introduction and spoke to the group before everyone ate; to have paper/crayons on the table for kids; closed the gym; children were well engaged.
 - Need more help with cleanup after the event.
5. Eagle River High School- Team Building Event (Kaleigh)
 - The kids/teachers enjoyed it, good teamwork activities and good flow between classes
 - Liked having the fall event at the elementary school (not at ERHS).
 - May want to have the event the second week of school or early September.
6. Learning labs (Codie Costello)
 - **Needs a parent volunteer to co-head the learning labs w/Codie.**
 - Great September labs (grades 3-6), kids had a good time and thanks to all volunteers!
 - Need to pay Artworks Glass Studio (\$56); the cost is \$7/student for 8 students.
 - Teachers to e-mail the nurse ahead of time a list of students going off-site and the ASD employee going should follow up the day of regarding medical concerns.
 - Google doc made it easy to share information regarding students per lab, with lab leaders, room assignments and sharing with lab leaders.
 - Eagle River Star wrote an awesome article (in this week's paper) or at <http://www.alaskastar.com/2015-09-30/kids-get-hands-lifeskills-training-learning-labs#.VhMDSJXsm9I>
 - Next date... Wed. 11/11 from 9:30-11:30am (grades K-2); recruiting lab leaders.
 - Wed. 1/27/16 and 3/30/16 (grades K-6) from 9:30-11:30am

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7. Kids Kreations- Fundraiser (Rosanna)
 - Artwork due by October 8th; will get proof sticker sheets with order form.
 - Need volunteers to help the 1/2 class on Oct. 6-7 at 1:45pm.

8. Craft Day (Cherie)
 - Need to schedule dates...Dr. Long to e-mail Cherie
 - Tentatively set for Dec. 15 and 16 (from 9:30-11:30am)
 - Teachers would like to see a community service project.
 - Make purposeful crafts...poll the 5/6 students on craft ideas to get more involved.
 - Sub-committee (Cherie, Lisa, Alexis) met with Principal LoSordo-Santo w/ideas.

9. Halloween Carnival (Felicia)
 - Saturday, Oct. 24th from 6-7:30pm at ER Elementary (Theme: Mad Scientist)
 - Optional will provide \$200 from our budget to help with the PTA with costs.
 - PTA has a sub-committee for any parents interested in assisting.
 - No popcorn this year due to allergies... will have a trail mix bar w/water for \$1.
 - They have a volunteer who will make all the cupcakes for “walk”.
 - Codie to create a volunteerspot link (for both optional/neighborhood families)
 - Lisa will send the list of businesses/memo to Felicia who donated prizes last year.

10. Request to move steering committee meetings date from MONDAY (versus Wed.) and the time to 5:15pm (versus 5pm).

11. Lisa to complete the directory to be sent home.

12. Principal LoSordo-Santo’s Report
 - The optional ½ class is working on a “teamwork” project in class.
 - The September learning labs were amazing and the Star wrote a nice article.
 - The 1st Baptist Church is the schools primary evacuation location for the school, they are preparing for a practice a walking drill and the church is interested in becoming a business partner with the school.
 - Starbucks baristas are reading with the K-1 classes at school; Starbucks is a new business partner with ER Elementary this year.
 - The PTA is dedicated this year...the next meeting is Tuesday, 10/6/15 @ 6pm.
 - Student of the month assembly went well even though the school lost power.
 - Facebook updates are a good way to get information out to parents.
 - Online scheduling for parent/teacher conferences is new this year.

13. Next Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 5:15 pm

The meeting ended at 6:10pm.