



Called to order: 7:07 pm

Attendance: Amy Rupp, Maria Wiedwald, Darla Higgins, Suzanna Davis, Rob Burnside, Susan McLaughlin, Rita Gayer, Kelley Kruback, Jill Patton, Karen Pletikapich, Jaime Lyden, Linda McCrary, Kathy Strack, Dana Zucker, Mary Youmell, Dina French, Francene Lord, Jennifer Cole, Beth Browning, Erin Short, Dylan Mason, Maria Aviles, Leonard Traficanti, Amy Donnerwerth

Principals' Messages

Suzanna Davis

- Unconventional start to year:
 - idea originated with E+R=O introduction in 2017 to staff students and parents; E+R=O transcends school, age, gender, etc; it's a language and life philosophy; Rich Bryant took charge of this and trained many in the district; last spring he suggested a different start to the start of the school year; decided to do for entire district to use first 2 days as team building; started forming committees with students and teachers to see how they wanted the first two days to go; deliberately focused on how to make students comfortable and meet other students;
 - activities all over the building (karaoke, dunk tank etc); freshmen at main campus part of day 2; Kona Ice was there; unbelievable start; cheered freshmen as they entered on main street; pep assembly (#eastway);
 - wants to do a survey of what students thought but initial reaction very positive. Will continue some of these traditions based on what students each year would like to see.
- Hope Squad up and running – Peer to Peer suicide prevention. Includes intervention and post-vention; students do NOT counsel others just connect them to other resources; eyes and ears of school; Hawks for Hope will run with Hawks for Cure campaign which begins next week
- Opening T-Hawk football kickoff where other feeder schools were invited to the game; free glow in the dark wristbands given to the “future hawk” students; we want them to look forward to going to East.
- Mr. Miller spoke to staff about redesign of elementary schools, next week is the rollout of new technology at junior highs; redesign of high school experience is in beginning stages w/40 staff from East and West
- Painted parking spots for seniors was yesterday, students loved; Mason principal has even heard about it and is requesting information
- Hasn't sent email out to staff for those requesting funds for student organizations; they will come later

Rob Burnside

- Opening days at freshman campus were a little more structured than main campus as we don't have any upper classmen to lead the pack; All got East t-shirts; 655 in this class and took panoramic photo with t-shirts on; Nick Jackson came back to speak to the students – value of coming together, everyone matters, we need everyone; challenge of joining the two junior schools. SPEAK LOVE is campaign
- Second day – walked down main street of main campus to cheers of upper classmen. Upper classmen really wanted the freshmen to be included and embraced it; want the freshmen to be included in the high school; lots of challenges/details to make it happen but was worth it; staff did a great job
- Hope Squad met w/Dr. Klein (former principal now spearheading local group working with Hope Squad);
- Next week, a letter to go out about Wednesday and Thursday extra help which will allow for



more students to get involved earlier in the year with leadership training, etc

Officers Reports

President: Amy Rupp

- #EastWay – our focus in guiding this group;
- Unofficial mission is to support academic excellence and active student engagement so that all students may achieve their full potential
- We contributed to the staff picnic
- 30 more t-shirts needed for freshmen; ran out and will need extras for incoming students; no vote needed

Secretary: Darla Higgins

- Motion to approve April minutes by Amy Rupp and 2nd by Rita Gayer.....approved
- Several changes to board and committee chairs list; will be sent with meeting minutes
- Change in how we vote for minutes, electronically. A link for approving minutes will be sent w/minutes. This way the minutes can be posted relatively quickly to the website.

Treasurer: Maria Wiedwald

- Budget was presented; camo pants removed; biggest change was combining some categories into Student Engagement/T-HAWK Culture
- Jill suggested dropping Baccalaureate by \$500; we decided to keep as is in case something comes up, we can always underspend!
- Parking slot painting not included in budget as it came after
- Motion to approve budget by Darla Higgins/2nd by Jill Patton.....approved
- Our taxes are done for free

Vice-President Ways & Means: Kathy Boeskool by Francene Lord

- We are no longer in charge of organizing camo pants but students now will order direct
- 4 pair in store at East for \$40 each

Vice President Student Activities: Erin Short

- We supplied Kona Ice on Day 2 of school; Danielle Adleta coordinated as she had a relationship w/them; 5 trucks on patio
- We supplied t-shirts to freshmen on first day of school
- Future Hawk night we paid for the glow in the dark bands distributed
- Facebook page now for PTSO; already have twitter
- Conversations around operational improvements – if funds are requested, she will be making sure requests are actually turned in

District Parent Council: Susan McLaughlin

- Loves new raptor system – scans driver’s license for visitors to campus and does background check
- School board meetings will now be held at Plains next door in the media center
- Welcoming Center has been moved
- Stuff the Buses coming soon to east/west game to collect items
- Robotics to use old welcome center
- Hope Squad was discussed
- DPC will take over finding things for resource centers; school nurses have done a lot of it themselves, now they have help, IKEA to donate shelves for each building – extra clothing, granola bars, personal hygiene, school supplies, etc, whatever students need; students will then take over the keeping up of these supplies
- District has new program “What’s the portrait of a Lakota graduate look like” – skill sets, goals, opportunities; beginning of strategic planning; starts this fall; website “Portrait of a graduate” to start in October.



- First meeting was upstairs at East
- Next meeting October 3rd

Committee Reports

Membership & Directory: *Francene Lord*

- At or close to goal for membership
- Still being processed for communications
- She thinks we've collected \$5k

Craft Show: *Rita Gayer*

- Show is Nov 10th and 11th
- booths are all filled;
- Volunteer coordinator needed
- Shadows needed for Linda and Rita – Linda graduated
- Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 at Coffee Beans and Brew

Senior Yard Signs: *Kelley Kruback*

- No report

After Prom: *Libby Willms via Francene Lord*

- April 13-14 "Wild Wild East"
- Volunteers always needed
- Booked hypnotist
- Needs shadow
- Wants to create video of prior after proms to build interest, need to figure out where/when to play
- Adult volunteers needed!

Honor Society Reception, Freshman Campus: *Lisa Hartinger*

- No report

Staff Appreciation, Freshman Campus: *Dana Zucker & Linda McCrary*

- Meeting on Monday

Staff Appreciation, Main Campus: *Darla Higgins*

- Shish Kabobs will be first night
- Prize raffle (\$50 gift card) if staff RSVP's and shows up

Future Hawks Night: *Dina French & Jennifer Finley*

- passed out 500 glow in the dark bands (ran out); link leaders helped and interacted with kids; parade wrapped half way around track; fireworks (paid for by senior class) to end the evening;
- Basketball ones (2) will be in January
- Slide show was made

Scholarships: *Dylan Mason*

- This is Dylan's last year coordinating; "easiest job here"; needs shadow; someone on staff (Stacy) coordinates a lot of it; volunteer readers to select winners;
- Forms updated on website

Senior Picnic: *Danielle Adleta*

- No conflicts with AP testing this year
- Probably on that Monday (graduation 5/23 this year)

Baccalaureate: *Jill Patton*

- Amy did lots of legwork as rates went up;
- Will be at Crossroads Mason this year
- Dalton Strunk was speaker last year (former East student) – great speaker; need suggestions for



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this year or we can have him come again

- PTSO sponsored, student ran; great speeches; held at a church
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Old Business

- We are always looking for new programming ideas for all grade levels
- Ongoing recruitment for people who need shadows – including president, craft show etc

New Business

- Rob’s request for additional 30 t-shirts to come from T-Hawk culture budget
- Senior parking painting, Round 2 – 85% of 180 votes were yes; next date will be on a Sunday; lots of families helped the seniors paint, great environment; Sept 16thapproved
- “What a Lakota graduate looks like” – Keith Koehne to speak (director of curriculum) at next meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm, motion by Maria Wiedwald/ 2nd by Dina French.....adjourned

Upcoming PTSO Dates

- 9/12-20 Homecoming Ticket Sales
- 9/21 Homecoming Game
- 9/22 Homecoming Dance
- 9/27 Conference Night @ both campuses
- 10/3 PTSO Meeting
- 10/18 Picture Re-takes @ Freshman Campus
- 10/18 Picture Re-takes @ Main Campus
- 10/24 Conference Night