

Energy Institute High School PTO

April 18, 2018 – General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Shelley Nadel at 7:11 PM, EIHS BP Spot

Attendance: Shelley Nadel, Bendi Saindon, Anne Geyer, Amber Hoffman, Kathy Kehn, Victoria Andrews, Jennie Biggs, Patricia Laughlin, Mike Marsh, Matt Barnes, Liliana Diaz, Charie Procter, Cynthia de la Houssaye, Sarah Carpentieri-Asbury, Maureen McNamara, Susan Stasney Rakestra

- I. **WELCOME AND PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Shelley thanked all who have participated in PTO this year. Discussed day of service (4-21-18) at new campus; still need adults for this date. Magnet changes are not happening; HISD board needs to discuss it further. Budget deficit is still an issue. Current allocation, \$3,520. PUA; New will be \$3,432 (x 752 students at EIHS). Biggest challenge for Energy is to retain the number of teachers. Currently we believe EIHS may need to let 2 administrative staff go. Lori says EIHS is aggressively trying to maintain teaching staff; may need to dig into operating budget. May be able to get some Title 1 money. EIHS may ask PTO for partial funding of Freshman summer camp.

- II. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Treasurers Report**– (Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss reports attached). Shelley briefly explained items on Balance Sheet, in particular “Funds for Graduation.” Last year school needed funds to cover graduation fees for needy students. Ultimately funds were not needed. We need to hold those funds and use them for needy students in the future. We will continue to give teachers gift cards to use for their classrooms.

 - b. **Fundraising/Auction**—Bendi discussed the April 27 Auction and encouraged parents to attend. Auction items can be viewed online at biddingowl.com/EIHSPTO (link on PTO website). We have over \$10,000 donated items.

 - c. **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** – We are a Title 1 school and we need a PAC. The PTO serves that purpose.

- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Vote on Revised Bylaws** – Kathy Kehn explained the need for Bylaws and briefly introduced our new Bylaws. Bylaws approved!

- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **PTO Slate of Officers** – Jennie Biggs/Amber Ramirez-Hoffman – accepting nominations. Mostly need Parliamentarian, Fundraising and Membership chairs.

 - b. **Blue Bunny/Jimmie Johnson Grant** – Shelley Nadel explained this is a \$25,000 grant that goes to K-12 school PTOs. We will submit the application and then ask parents to vote for us.

 - c. **School start time** – Mike Marsh & Anne Geyer brought up this. Lori is looking for feedback on this. Mike & Anne will follow up.

- V. **Next Meeting** – May 23, 2018 – 8:30 AM – EIHS Cafeteria