



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

October 2010

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As a cost savings measure, this year the ECHO will primarily be sent electronically. For this to happen we will need to hear from you as to whether or not you have email/internet capability. Please email Brenda Bockenstette at bbockenstette@ellsaline.org if you have email access. We are going through the Student Enrollment forms and have found many email addresses that we will be sending them to. If you do not have email access then please call her at 225-6813 and let her know. We will then continue to send yours through the mail. **We do need to hear from everyone!** Thank you in advance for your help in conserving our budget.

BOARD REPORT

September 13 Board Meeting Report

Marty Kramer was the only board member that was absent. Action taken was on a 6-0 vote unless noted otherwise..

At 6:30 Rick Weir, Site Superintendent, and Bob Ross, Project Manager, led a tour of the Elementary School construction progress.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

None

REPORTS

BOE – It was noted that Jeff Parker is the Chairman of the SHESC Executive Cabinet this year.

Delbert Armbrust commented on the positive behavior of the students on the State Fair trip.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: goal setting work being done; met AYP last year; NCA/AdvanceEd Accreditation Visit is set for January 18; Curriculum Mapping; MS At-Risk Math Program; instruction has started strong and they are working on bellwork activities; enrollment process; meetings with staff and students; student and staff committees; and activities.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: working on Reading Intervention strategies and groups; Bullying Prevention program; K-6 MAP Assessments are completed; Parent Teacher Conferences; and activities.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: enrollment numbers; bus routes; baseball field; State Baseball recognition; upcoming KASB Fall Regional meetings; read three thank you notes; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Ell-Saline KNEA Presentation—Stephanie Svaty, Ell-Saline KNEA President, presented the board and administrators with a calendar on behalf of the association. She also welcomed the board to the beginning of a new school year and that the association is looking forward to another positive year of open lines of communication and everyone working together to provide a quality education for our students.

Approve New Hire—David Graf was approved as a custodian at the Middle/High School.

Out-of-District Students—Two new out-of-district students were approved.

FFA Out-of-State Travel Request—Mr. Weis' request for 7-10 FFA members to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis was approved. This

year the Chapter is receiving a National Chapter Award so Mr. Weis and some of the students will leave a day earlier in order to be there in time to receive the award. Mr. Sisco and the other students will meet the travel bus in Ottawa is in past years.

Board Policy Updates—The first reading of proposed policy changes was held. Since this was the first reading no action could be taken. These will be on the October agenda for action.

There were no Executive Sessions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Geena Kejr, Vice-President Jeff Parker or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

AFTER PROM MINUTES

September 1, 2010

Attendance:

Michelle Unruh	Amber Fouard	Karla Jones
Dana Edgerton	Debbie Toll	Leslie Johnson
Courtney Schneider		Nathan Toll
Danette Newton		Lisa Eastep

Checking account balance is \$1,929.29

We discussed that we would be doing the cinnamon roll sales again this year at Football and Volleyball home games. We will sell each tray for \$7.00. We still need volunteers for helping us sell these at the games. If you are willing to help with this please let me know asap at 785-577-3382.

We discussed doing the dodgeball tournaments again this year. We will do an adult tournament Sunday January 2, 2011 and a grade school 4-6 tournament February 20, 2011.

At the next meeting September 15th we will be working on sending out our donations and letters to parents in regards to our After Prom meetings.

I will talk to Chris Carazo about working the gate for Basketball season to help give the After Prom a little extra money.

Dana Edgerton will check in to doing meal nights each month during the school year.

The dates for our meetings will be held on every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. We would like to see everyone there to make this year a success in your child's After Prom.

Submitted by Courtney Schneider

If you would please send your emails to me so we can update you on After Prom please.
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ESH BOOSTER CLUB 5K FUN/WALK

Girls

12 and under

1. Sydney Omli 31.09
2. Baleigh Griffin 34.36
3. Macy Omli 34.54

13-19

1. Hunter Lindquist 29.29

20-29

1. Kristi Stover 30.31
2. Martha Zink 31.29
3. Jaime Rathbun 31.56

30-39

1. Jen Jennings 26.57
2. Nikki Davenport 27.03
3. Amy Henderson/Jacque Backhus 29.01

40-49

1. Kathy Brockway 26.21
2. Melissa Anderson 30.22
3. Trisha Gary 30.45

50-59

1. Chris Kaus

Guys

12 and under

1. Kaden Griffin 28.03
2. David Anderson 32.03
3. Nick Davenport 32.10

13-19

1. Tristan Irish 19.37 (1st overall)
2. Toby Omli 25.03
3. Nick Griffin 55.59

40-49

1. Dennis DeWitt 23.07
2. Scott Griffin 55.59

60 and up

1. Dave Zlab 22.06
2. 36.12

CPTA MINUTES for Monday, August 30, 2010

Attendance:

Angela Hopkins	Dianne Schulz
Amber Fouard	Dana Sprinkle
Mindy Schneider	Courtney Clifford-Schneider
Michelle Cooper	Mendee Kramer
Tara Richards	Dana Maize
Dana Edgerton	Karen Bieber
Anita Bird	Lisa Wilvers
Heidi Green	Pam Dodd
Dawn Pierce	Andrea Rhodes

Principal's Report:

- Mrs. Sprinkle indicated that previously she went over all upcoming dates, but since those are on the calendar and in the monthly newsletter, she will not continue to report them here.
 - She explained a new internet-based study tool called Study Island, where students will have access at home to games and study materials. Each student will have a login and password.
 - The DRA reading assessments are currently going on and math assessments will also start this week. The teachers will have those reports for Parent-Teacher conferences later in September.
 - Her newsletter will be going out on Wednesday, and it will have the first notice about Parent-Teacher conferences in it. There will be a form to send back regarding each family's preferred time.
- Mrs. Sprinkle also reported on a new Reading Program that they are starting up. We will still have the Title Reading Program; this will be in addition to that. There will be a Reading Intervention/Skills time. This is a school-wide program and will group students based on skills need. This is a planning year for the program.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were reviewed from the May 2010 meeting. Anita Bird made a motion to approve these and Dawn Pierce seconded. All approved. Angela Hopkins also passed around thank you cards from teachers and staff for the Teacher Appreciation week last spring.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$8,602.07

Library Fund Balance: \$2,647.19

Anita Bird had a report showing last year's final numbers, as well as the new proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year. She explained the major changes. Mindy Schneider made a motion to approve the budget and Courtney Clifford-Schneider seconded. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Movie Tickets

Angela Hopkins reported that we made about \$213 from movie tickets, not as much as in the past. The summer movie ticket program was explained and that CPTA gets \$5.20 of each ticket sold.

School Supply Sales

Angela Hopkins reported the sales went well. This year we bought 2 extra packets per grade level and we may have had only one packet left, which will be donated to that classroom teacher. The School Supply program was explained.

Volleyball Camp

Volleyball Camp was held July 26-29 at the High School. Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported for Cher Richards that 26 girls attended and that it went well.

Enrollment/Yearbook

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported that Enrollment went smoothly. Yearbook sales were great, with 68 yearbooks pre-sold. We also had the pocket calendars at our CPTA table, and we sold 75 of those.

Pocket Calendars

Amber Fouard reported that she ordered about 500 of the calendars and we have about 250 left. They are \$2 each. They will be sold at games and she also has some at the Elementary school that people can buy.

NEW BUSINESS

Classroom Volunteer Update

Mendee Kramer is in charge of that and she will go through the classroom sheets and see what classes still need volunteers/needs. She explained that in the past not very many people signed up for games. She reported that Madonna Anglin is working on something for the 3rd grade and 6th grade classes her sons are in that she will ask each student's family to pay \$4 for the whole year and she will take care of crafts for all the holiday parties. That is something that may be worth looking at for all. It was also noted that sometimes the classes do not have time for games or a craft as well.

Book Fair

Amber Fouard reported that the Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 from 6-8pm. This year they will have scanners at the checkouts instead of having to punch in each price. She also said that she still has a few spots open to work. The money raised each year from the book fair goes to help support the Reading Renaissance programs for the school.

Carnival Update

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported on the Carnival for Jennifer Colgrove. The Committee is doing something different this year. It will be held Saturday, October 2nd from 7:30-10:30pm at the Salina YMCA. We will have it exclusively and will have access to all parts of the

facility except the Fitness Center. CPTA will pre-sell wristbands for \$10/ person or \$40 for a family of 5. At the door, there will be no family discount and wristbands will be \$12/person. Wristbands will be picked up at the YMCA when entering that evening. All persons entering will have to have and pay for a wristband. There will be an area set up for little kids, where there will be blowups and games for them. Any child 6 and younger has to have an adult in the pool with them at all times. Any child 13 and above will have to take a swim test and will get an extra wristband so the lifeguards know. There will not be an auction, but there will be a raffle. There will be raffle tickets for \$.50, \$1.00 and \$5.00. They will start the raffle towards the end of the night. You need not be present to win. Snacks will be provided, and the YMCA will clean up. You cannot bring your own food in. A theme for the Carnival is still being decided.

Box Tops/Soup Labels

Heidi Green is taking over and she asked to have time to look things over and next month she will report on a goal for this year.

Fundraising Update

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported for Jennifer Colgrove that there are a few prospects for the Fall Fundraiser. 1) Red Wheel (frozen pizza, cookie dough, burritos). We get 35-50% of the profit.

2) Celebrating Home (Candles, dips, breads – what we did last year)

3) There are other new brochures that Courtney will give her.

It was discussed that 4H does Red Wheel, so in November/December there are a lot of groups selling that, so it may not be the best idea. Tara Richards brought a brochure for cutlery, a fundraiser that her hometown school does each year that is very popular. It will be looked into as well, but it was decided that parents would have to come and pick those items up at the school.

Parent-Teacher Conference Lunches

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported that the budget is \$250 and last year she and her mother catered it and did sandwiches. She asked for suggestions or feedback. It was decided that sandwiches are good, but Mrs. Sprinkle had a suggestion of also having tortilla wraps for another option.

Die Cuts

Kim Parks was absent, but it was discussed that she has an ordering system as to what classes she orders for, although everyone uses them. There was also some discussion on the storage of them. Dana Edgerton will see if a high school shop class wants to make some additional storage.

Santa Shopping

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported that we are going to do this again. Last year it was on a Friday after school and then Saturday morning. Some dates

were discussed and it was decided that maybe we should try and do it on December 14th, which is also Read with Santa night. It could be set up from 4-8pm so that kids can shop after school or later, before or after Read with Santa. We also need to decide if we want a 10% or 20% markup.

Other New Business

Dianne Schulz reported that Darcy Bradley had sent in a request that her church wanted to see if they could borrow the big blow up games for a function. It was agreed that no, we will not rent those out, as we have told other groups in the past that they cannot. We do rent out the dunk tank. It was asked about some of the other things, like the lollipop tree and the bowling game. Those were agreed to be given out.

Mrs. Sprinkle said that when they were doing some cleaning, they found some old cardboard cutouts. She asked if we wanted to keep those or get rid of them. It was decided to dispose of them.

Pam Dodd won the door prize of a \$10 gift certificate to Coffee Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, September 20, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Submitted by Angela Hopkins, Secretary

HERE'S TO OUR HEROES: READING SAVES THE DAY

On Tuesday, September 14th Ell-Saline Elementary families gathered to celebrate reading during the annual book fair. Those that attended had great fun browsing through books, eating ice cream and cookies, as well as exploring a fire truck. The event was a huge success and it was partly because of the dedicated volunteers that donated their special talents. A special thank you goes to the cashiers who were: Michelle Griffin, Tara Richards, Kristi Kern, Holly McKain, Darci Ditto, Angela Hopkins, Mendee Kramer, Mary Ellen Muninger, Laurie Came, Dawn Pierce, Courtney Schneider, Rachelle White, Stephanie Ferguson, Andrea Rhodes, Julie Mangles, and Lisa Wilvers. Book assistants that helped families locate good books were: Darcy Bradley, Alisha White, Vivian Kochanowski, Tina Jacquart, Nikki Davenport, Rebekah Brandt, Andrea Zachary, and Amy Walker. We can't forget to thank all the families that donated the yummy cookies too. A HUGE thank you goes to the Hedville Volunteer Fire Department for bringing a fire truck to the event and allowing students to explore the vehicle. They let the kids climb aboard, try the siren out, and they handed out red fire chief hats. Thank you to all our local HEROS, from parents and volunteers to the fire fighters, all of your support helped support the Reading Renaissance program.



Ell-Saline Elementary students enjoy time in the fire truck.

AFTER PROM MINUTES

September 15, 2010

Attendance:

Courtney Schneider	Lisa Eastep
Dana Edgerton	Les Johnson
Dannette Newton	Theresa Johnson
Christina Albers	Kristi Base

Checking account balance is: \$2,225.29

We got the ok from Chris Carazo for working the Basketball gate. Please let me know if you would like to help with this.

We have made \$546.00 off the cinnamon roll sales so far.

We stuffed our parent envelopes to be sent home to all Junior and Senior Parents.

Pak Mail will be doing our mailings for After Prom to all the businesses asking for donations from them. These will be sent out on the 22nd of September.

Lots of great ideas were discussed for fundraising this year to make more money. Christina Albers will be doing all of this.

Our next meeting will be October 20 @ 6:30 in the High School cafeteria. We hope to see you all then.

Submitted by Courtney Schneider

If you would please send your emails to me so we can update you on After Prom please. clifford@dsoelectricwb.com

IT'S TIME FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CARNIVAL

This year promises to be an Exciting and Fun evening for the WHOLE family!! We have activities available for kids of ALL ages!! The carnival will be held at the Salina Family YMCA on Saturday, October 2nd from

7:30pm – 10:00pm. Parents and kids will have the opportunity to enjoy almost all of the activities offered by the YMCA, such as - the Sports Wall, TV/Movie Room, Basketball, Blow-ups, Lap Pool, Family Pool and yes we'll still have our Carnival games, including Cake Walk, Putt-Putt, Plinko, and lots more!! Discounted wristband forms have been sent home with students. We hope to see everyone there!! If you have any questions please call Courtney Clifford-Schneider at 785-577-3382.

CPTA INVITES YOU TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY...

At our Ell-Saline Elementary Sock Hop!! All students are invited to attend the Sock Hop and bring along at least one parent for admission! It will be held on Thursday, November 4th from 6:30 – 8:30pm, in the Elementary School Cafeteria. Please bring a snack (cookies, brownies, snack mix, etc...) to share, along with a canned vegetable donation that will be collected at the door. **Please note:** A parent MUST attend the Sock Hop with their child(ren). Children will not be admitted without a parent present for the entirety of the event.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Ell-Saline Elementary is once again collecting Box Tops. Our school had made a goal of 5820 Box Tops, and we would appreciate any help you can give us in reaching that goal.

Each Box Top that is turned in earns 10¢ for the school. Included in the issue of the ECHO is a flyer that lists all the products that have a Box Top that can be clipped and turned in. You can send them to school with any elementary student, or drop them by.

You can also earn Box Top cash for the school by shopping online. Some of your favorite retailers such as Target, Wal-Mart, JCPenney and Lands' End are just a few of the over 100 stores that are supporting Box Tops for Education. Some stores give as much as 16% back to your school. For more information on this please visit www.boxtop4education.com then click on the earn tab and go to "Shop Marketplace". You can also print coupons for purchases of items with Box Tops on them from this website.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES

At halftime of the football game on Friday, September 3, the Board of Education continued the tradition of recognizing staff members. This program introduces staff members new to the district and recognizes full-time staff members that are returning to the district on 5-year anniversaries and every year past 30. The new staff members received a USD 307 staff shirt and the returning staff members received a gift certificate to Martinelli's.

Board members in attendance to help with the presentation were: President Geena Kejr; Vice-President Jeff Parker; Delbert Armbrust; Jamie Bradley; Cheryl Higgins and Marty Kramer.

New staff members recognized were: David Graf, MS/HS custodian; Ashley Hanson, business/computers; Kayla Herrman, elementary school Title I para; Erica Jensen, HS volleyball coach; Trish JuAire, Jr. and Sr. English; Kim Martin, MS At-Risk math para; and Susie Omli, 5th grade..

Returning staff members recognized were: 5-year – Dawn Cox, cheerleader sponsor; Kim Klucas, bus driver; and Kathy Randolph; librarian; 10-year – Shondra Abker, bus driver; and Liz Diehl, bus driver; 15-year – John Johnson, industrial arts and coaching HS boys' basketball; and Joe Roche; social science and coaching football and baseball; 31st-year – Mary Ellen Muninger, 4th grade; and Donna Trowbridge, 1st grade.

The Board of Education welcomed the new staff members and looks forward to the positive contributions they will make, and thanked all of the returning staff for the years of educating our students they have given.



Left to Right – Jeff Parker, Kathy Randolph, Marty Kramer, Susie Omli, Cheryl Higgins, Erica Jensen, Donna Trowbridge, Delbert Armbrust, Mary Ellen Muninger, Dawn Cox, John Johnson, Trish JuAire, David Graf, Ashley Hanson, Jamie Bradley

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

The lack of rain this past month provided many good days for progress to be made. At the elementary school a considerable amount of block has been laid for the gymnasium; all of the south retaining wall has been poured; the basement/safe room walls, floor and ceiling are in place; and some of the grass on the playground area is starting to come up. At the MS/HS the driveway areas at the shop addition were completed; more of the basement/safe room walls have been poured; trophy cases have been hung in the hallway by the new office and counselor areas; and a considerable amount of the roof over the old cafeteria area has been removed.



The above pictures are (from left to right) of the exterior of the basement/safe room area, the interior of the basement/safe room area, the south retaining wall, and some of the cinder block walls for the gymnasium.



The above pictures are of the basement/safe room area and the old cafeteria area with the roof torn off.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

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| Oct. 1 | 7:00 HS FB Ellinwood @ ES (<i>MS/HS Pep Band; Homecoming Night</i>) | Oct. 15 | 7:00 HS FB LaCross @ ES (<i>MS/HS Pep Band</i>) |
| Oct. 2 | 7:30-10:00 CPTA Carnival at YMCA | Oct. 16 | 9:00 MS "B" VB Tourney @ Minneapolis |
| Oct. 2 | 8:00-11:00 Homecoming Dance | Oct. 16 | TBA HS VB HOA League |
| Oct. 4 | 6:00 HS JV FB @ Ellinwood | Oct. 18 | 5:00 HS JV VB @ Minneapolis |
| Oct. 5 | Elementary Fall Pictures | Oct. 18 | 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary |
| Oct. 5 | 4:00 HS VB Canton-Galva/Inman/Bennington @ ES | Oct. 19 | TBA MS VB HOA Tourney @ Moundridge |
| Oct. 5 | 6:00 ESIC Meeting | Oct. 19 | 5:00 HS VB ES/Minneapolis/Bennington @ Solomon |
| Oct. 6 | MS/HS Fall Pictures | Oct. 20-23 | National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis |
| Oct. 6 | 6:00 MS/HS Site Council Meeting | Oct. 21 | End of Quarter |
| Oct. 7 | 4:30 MS VB @ Marion | Oct. 22 | NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday 8:00-12:00 |
| Oct. 7 | 6:00 MS FB @ Marion | Oct. 22 | 7:00 HS FB @ Inman |
| Oct. 7 | 7:00 HOA Vocal @ Inman | Oct. 23 | ACT Test Date |
| Oct. 8 | 7:00 HS FB @ Plainville | Oct. 23 | TBA HS VB Sub-State |
| Oct. 11 | 5:00 HS JV VB @ Sacred Heart | Oct. 24 | United Nations Day |
| Oct. 11 | 6:00 Fr VB Inman @ ES | Oct. 25 | Elementary Fall Picture Retakes |
| Oct. 11 | 6:00 HS JV FB Inman @ ES | Oct. 25 | 7:00 4-6 Gr. Vocal & Band Fall Program |
| Oct. 11 | 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office | Oct. 28 | 7:00 HS FB Moundridge @ ES (<i>MS/HS Pep Band; Senior Parent Night</i>) |
| Oct. 11 | Columbus Day—Observed | Oct. 29 | 8:30 Elementary Halloween Parade/Parties |
| Oct. 12 | 5:00 HS VB @ Canton-Galva | Oct. 29-30 | TBA HS VB State @ FHSU |
| Oct. 12 | Columbus Day | Oct. 31 | Halloween |
| Oct. 13 | 6:30 KU Honors Dinner at Salina Country Club | | |
| Oct. 13 | FFA @ Manhattan | | |
| Oct. 14 | 4:30 MS VB @ Bennington | | |
| Oct. 14 | 6:00 MS FB @ Bennington | | |

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