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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

We're often told that first impressions are important. We've been taught and continue to teach students that our actions, both positive and negative, make a difference and have an impact on others. Often the impact is unknown. Here's a real-life example of positive actions building a first impression, and this time we know the impact it had.

This example was brought to my attention a couple of weeks ago when a gentleman called to see how he could contribute to the Patrick Family Tornado Fund. He said he has no connection to the Patrick family, Ell-Saline Schools or the school district in general. As a fan of basketball he had come out to the sub-state tournament simply to watch high school basketball. He was so impressed with what he saw from our students, players, coaches and fans that he even followed us to Manhattan for the state tournament.

So, the actions of everyone associated with Ell-Saline during the sub-state tournament were noticed and have now been played forward in at least two ways. 1) We had even more support at the state tournament and 2) much more importantly, the Patrick's received even more support in their time of need.

Congratulations to everyone on once again representing yourselves, your school and your community in such a positive way. This is just another example of why it is so good to be part of the Ell-Saline school district and community!

LIONS CLUB VISION SCREENER USED AT KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP



Vision screening for future kindergarten students is not what it used to be. No longer do the students stand behind the line on the floor and read the third line on the eye chart on the wall. This year the 31 children sat quietly in a chair facing Delisa Nelson, USD 307 school nurse, looked at the funny face impression on the instrument that Mrs. Nelson focused on their eyes and in less than 15 seconds we had considerably more information about their eyesight than we ever got from their reading an eye chart. Thanks to District 17-I of Kansas Lions Clubs kindergarten Round Up vision screening at Ell-Saline has entered the world of high tech. District 17-I of Kansas

Lions Clubs has purchased a PlusOptiX Vision Screener for use by schools and other organizations within their area of the state. Ell-Saline Lions Club of Brookville is part of District 17-I. Pictured with Delisa Nelson screening a potential student is Ell-Saline Lions Club member Delbert Armbrust. We thank the District 17-I Lions organization and the Ell-Saline Lions Club of Brookville for coordinating this service for our students.

BOARD MEETING REPORT

April 10, 2012

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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

None

REPORTS

BOE – None

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: state assessment update; working on building level in-service needs for next year; staff will be attending Common Core Academies this summer; Kindergarten Round Up is April 25; the Schoolwide Leadership Team has shifted its focus to the Schoolwide Discipline Plan; and student activities.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: state assessment update; pre-enrollment for next year is taking place; eight new courses will be offered to students next year; and student activities.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: board involvement at the high school graduation and the eighth grade promotion exercises; setting the end-of-year staff luncheon on Monday, May 21; an update on legislation; class action lawsuit against the state for the non-payment of Capital Outlay State Aid; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Accept Resignation—Joy Allison's resignation as the Title I Reading Teaching Assistant at the elementary school was accepted.

Approve New Hire—Mrs. Susan Wildeman was approved as the Middle/High School Principal beginning next year. Mrs. Wildeman is currently the PreK-5 Principal at Williamsburg in the West Franklin district. She had previously been the K-12 Principal at Williamsburg until the district consolidated and that building was closed.

MS/HS Student Handbook Changes—This was approved in two separate actions. The first action approved changes to: STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN STUDENTS ARE ABSENT; GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; and added a new section on NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. The second action approved a DRUG TESTING POLICY FOR ALL STUDENTS to be implemented next fall.

Winter Sport Supplemental Positions—This item was tabled until

the May meeting. There was no discussion on this item.

Licensed Personnel Positions—All licensed personnel that are teaching this year and had not previously submitted their letter of retirement/resignation were approved for contract renewal next year.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel). No action was taken following it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Brookville. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jeff Parker, Vice-President Anita Bird or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

CPTA MINUTES

February 27, 2012

Lisa Wilvers	Tara Richards	Mendee Kramer
Dana Sprinkle	Tamra Graves	Brooke Riedel
Janelle Stelter	Dawn Pierce	

Principal Report: The school will be having Read Across America. On Thursday the KWU athletes will be coming to the school to read to the students. The State assessment schedule is on the website and was included in the newsletter. As a school we turned in lots of Time for Kids books which will get us 200 free subscriptions to use in the school. The spring pictures went well.

Secretary Report: We read the minutes but there was no vote on them.

Treasurer Report: We have \$12,593.57 in the checking account and \$5,365.55 in the library account.

Old Business: The box tops need to be in by Wednesday to count for this year. We have 13,000 points to spend for the soup labels. We had 193 skaters at Skate Night. Next year the event will be on February 12, 2013. The teacher conference lunch went well. They liked the individual fruit salad and potato salad. There was a little spacing issues with some of the class pictures other than that no other problems.

New Business: The track meet is April 28, 2012. April and Darcy will get together to work on stuff for that so April knows what needs to happen at this event. We will be needing lots of volunteers for this event. Mendee Kramer is trying to get some grants for the outside learning center. Mr. Weis wants to do some planting of vegetables in the garden. It is an ongoing project and he will know more later. Need lots of volunteers to water during the summer.

CPTA MINUTES

March 26, 2012

Lisa Wilvers	Dianne Schulz	Angela Hopkins
Tara Richards	Mendee Kramer	Traci Dent
Darcy Bradley	Amber Fouard	

Principal Report: Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is August 1st. It was decided for next year to not have as many meetings. The meeting dates for CPTA are August 27th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, January 21st, March 25th and May 6th. The Book Fair will be held on September 11th. The Sock Hop is planned for October 23rd. Read with Santa and the Santa Shoppe will be December 13th. The annual Skate Night will be February 12th. The Track Meet is scheduled for April 27th.

Secretary Report: The January and February minutes were approved by Mendee Kramer and seconded by Darcy Bradley. Sent correspondence around that was received from the teachers.

Treasurer Report:

Checking account \$12,328.66

Library fund \$5,340.18

Old Business: In the future it would be nice to only have one meal night a month.

New Business: Tara Richards is taking care of the volunteers for the track meet. Mendee will be typing the registration in the computer. Anita Bird will be doing the concession area. Need lots of volunteers. The yearbook has been taken care of by the High School kids. They missed a deadline but is thought we will have them by the end of the school year. The outdoor learning center design is being drawn by Kathy. Lee Weis will do the planting of the garden. CPTA will have a table at enrollment from 8-1 and 5-8. Darcy Ditto and Angela Hopkins will get the school supplies. Talk to your friends about being an officer for CPTA next year.



Ell-Saline Middle/High School wishes to thank our own Cardinal Booster Club for sponsoring our Jump/Hoops for Heart event held on Friday, March 30, 2012. Because of your generosity, the snacks were healthy and sweet and the water was really cold and refreshing!

115 middle and high school students participated in an afternoon of CPR informational training, basketball drills, and jump rope relays.

(The top two teams won Snickers bars! We know it was not the healthiest prize, but we had a "snicker" buying it!)

Our event raised approximately \$2,000.00 for the American Heart Association!

Special thanks to the following staff members who volunteered their time for this activity:

Janis Holmes, Kim Martin, Susan Nelson, and Debbie Toll

-Coach Terry King and Lori Scuitte

TORNADO CLEAN-UP AT PATRICK'S



Sixty students from the Ell-Saline High School traveled to Mr. Kevin Patrick's farm and helped clean up debris from the recent tornados. Students did a good job of volunteering their help and getting materials gathered and moved. The Patrick family lost their home to an EF-4 tornado April 14.

ART!

The following High School Art Students received awards from the HOA League Art Show at Trinity and also at the Fort Hays State HS Art Competition. Congratulations to each artist and their job well done!

HOA @ Trinity:

1st place Blue Ribbons- Arianna Reyes (Colored Pencil)
3rd place White Ribbons- Bri Graham (Yarn Collage)
Dallas Prieto (Watercolor)
Merit Ribbons- Monica Wolf (Ink Print)
Sivonna Williams (Yarn Collage)
Hunter Brooks (Ink Print)
Amanda Johnson (Watercolor)
Taylor Albers (Pastel)
Alex Velasquez (Pastel)
Bri Graham (Ink Print)
Dallas Prieto (Ink Print)

Hays Awards:

Marie VonLintel (Watercolor)
Jessica Merrill (Acrylic Painting)
Hunter Brooks (Ink Print)
Dallas Prieto (Watercolor)
Bri Graham (Ink Print)
Sivonna Williams (Yarn Collage)
Monica Wolf (Ink Print)
Amanda Lewis (Pencil Drawing)
Karina Rodriguez (Pastel)
Amanda Johnson (Watercolor)
Taylor Albers (Pastel)



Art students Fallyn Morrical, Emma Drees, Amanda Lewis, Mickayla Bingham, and Tyler Norwood participate in the sidewalk chalk drawing competition at Fort Hays State University.



Art students Monika Grant, Montana Nelson, Bri Graham, Darriane Wikoff, Sesely Omi, and Taylor Albers participate in the sidewalk chalk competition at Fort Hays State University.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

May 1	FFA CDE @ KSU	May 12	1:30 High School Graduation
May 1	9:00 MS TR @ Beloit (St. John's)	May 13	Mother's Day
May 1	3:00 HS TR @ Tescott	May 14-19	SB/BSB Regional Week
May 1	3:00 SB/BSB Canton-Galva @ ES	May 14	6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary
May 1	6:00 ESIC Meeting	May 14	7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office
May 2	9:00 HOA League Industrial Arts/Ag @ ES	May 17	11:15 All Kindergarteners
May 2	6:00 MS/HS Site Council Meeting	May 17	11:30 All School Picnic
May 3	Senior Class Semester Finals	May 17	12:00 Kindergarten Recognition
May 3	6:00 Senior Trip Parent Meeting	May 17	1:00 Elementary School Play Day
May 4	Senior Class Semester Finals	May 17	MS/HS Semester Finals
May 4	Grades 3-6 Reading Renaissance Celebration	May 17	7:00 MS Awards Night
May 4	3:00 HS TR @ Lincoln	May 18	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—11:00 Dismissal
May 5-9	Senior Trip	May 18	No Kindergarten
May 7	Accelerated Reader Party in the Park	May 18	9:00 Elementary Pep Rally
May 7	4:00 HOA League Fr/Soph TR @ Moundridge	May 18	MS/HS Semester Finals
May 8	1:00 MS HOA League TR @ Bennington	May 18	3:00 HS TR Regional @ Smith Center
May 8	TBA Grades 1-2 Reading Celebration	May 18	End of Quarter/Semester
May 8	4:00 SB Sylvan Grove @ ES	May 19	Armed Forces Day
May 9	6th Grade Shadow Day	May 21	Teacher In-Service Day
May 10	7:00 HS Awards Night	May 22	Teacher Work Day
May 11	8:30 Graduation Rehearsal	May 25-26	State SB/BSB @ Emporia
May 11	3:00 HOA League TR @ Newton	May 25-26	State TR @ Wichita
May 11	4:00 BSB @ Wilson	May 28	Memorial Day—Observed
May 11	ACT Registration Deadline	May 29-June 1	State FFA Convention

ITEMS FOR SALE

- Three blue-gray colored office chairs with arm rests
- Five small trapezoid tables
- Six large trapezoid tables

If interested, please contact Mrs. Dana Sprinkle, Elementary School Principal, 785-827-8891, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday—Friday, to make an offer.

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