

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Academic Boosters on 9/6/18

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Spencer Brown, President.

Spencer introduced himself and welcomed everybody to the first Academic Boosters meeting of the 2018-2019 school year. Spencer then turned the floor over to Craig Weigel, Principal, who began his Principal's Report by discussing this year's Senior Retreat. Craig pointed out that the administration's message to the Seniors this year, while the same as in prior years, is being communicated with more of a "we're all on the same team" approach. Craig also reviewed some back to school information, including dress code, attendance expectations and other important reminders that were communicated to the students. In addition, Craig reviewed a new way that students can anonymously report suspicious or illegal behavior called "OK2SAY." Students can also still use Silent Observer to report such activity. Craig went on to list the six new staff members at EGRHS: Zach Wiener (Chemistry), Katie Rietkirk (Health), Jen Clary (district teacher for English Language Learners); Stephanie Diepsta (Social Worker); Kris Wabash (Learning Commons Coordinator); and Matthew Putnam (PE). Craig concluded by mentioning that the Freshman Forum will be held on September 17. This meeting introduces parents to what High School life is really like, and representatives from several groups will be there, including Academic Boosters, PTO, CAC, and a representative for the IB program.

Spencer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June Academic Boosters meeting. There was a motion, it was seconded and the minutes were approved. Spencer proceeded to discuss the three big events that the Academic Boosters holds every year. Spencer described how The Progressive Dinner works, stated that it will be on January 26, and mentioned that it needs a co-chair to work with with Julie Schultze. Winter Whirl will be held on February 2 and Jill Jacobson is chairing that event. The Awards Ceremony will be held on March 25. There will be volunteer needs for all of these events.

Spencer turned the floor over to Lori Johnston, Director of Guidance, to do a presentation on "Resources to Help Us Help Our Kids." Lori began by introducing the other two Guidance Counselors, Elle Bodnar and Michelle Harper. Lori's presentation included the following information:

- Guidance Office Web Page – has all the pertinent information including e-mails sent from the Guidance Office, important dates such as testing, the course selection handbook, past presentations, EDP's, AP/IB Course Fair Info (similarities and differences), KCTC Info, ACT and SAT Registration, College Application Info (including linking College Board with Kahn Academy), and Info on ordering transcripts
- Naviance – can see scattergrams of our students at a given college based on GPA and SAT score

There was some discussion regarding Kahn Academy, which is the only College Board approved provider of test prep. Lori stated that the algorithm used by Kahn Academy is statistically proven to increase scores. Spencer also added that reviewing old SAT tests is a great way to prepare for the next test, and Lori agreed that old tests are one of the most helpful resources, as the College Board provides the correct answer for missed problems, including explanations.

Spencer concluded the meeting by stating that the next meeting is on October 4 at 9 am and the topic will be an Overview of the National Honor Society and Student Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Levitt, Recording Secretary