

# Edgewater High School

## PTSO General Meeting

### September 13, 2022

Donna Hansen, EHS PTSO President, opened the meeting at 7:30p.m. by introducing the PTSO Board and the Principal.

Principal Kreider addressed the meeting attendees and shared the following:

- Deana Tolbert was introduced as Assistant Principal in charge of School Operations and Discipline.
- We are celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> school year this year.
- Enrollment is up. Last year, our enrollment was 1926, this year we have just under 2100 students enrolled.
- Our biggest challenge is hiring new teachers.
- Cambridge Eight program is in place for high level, real-world history. In this program, the focus is on how to break down a problem to solve it.
- Next year we will roll out one to two more classes which are on par with AP classes.
- ELA and STAR standards tests are being used to assess how we are performing academically and where we may need to pull in additional resources.
- We will soon be providing after-hours tutoring (math, science, English and social studies), but currently don't have the bus drivers needed to launch this program fully and are trying to work through this. It will be a non-transportation program to start.
- We're off to a strong start with our Football Volleyball and Cross-Country programs.
- Speech and debate events are happening.
- We have a national merit semi-finalist.
- Some of our students are farming at the greenhouse and chicken coops located across the street from the school and then are selling eggs at a local farmers' market. Many clubs including Interact, SGA and JV Football programs are all working together for a common purpose.
- Heather is very focused on building community and is actively strengthening connections with all of the feeder schools.
- Homecoming:
  - We're bringing back the parade
  - Dance is at Sea World
- Soles for souls – more information coming from Interact

#### **SGA/Homecoming Update:**

- The event will be hosted in the SeaWorld Penguin Center
- Tickets cost \$60 each.
- Dinner is included.
- Students need to be there 8-11p.m. and will need to provide their own transportation
- Guests from other schools can be invited but will require administration permission
- Theme = Northern Lights
- **Volunteer and Contribution Opportunities:**
  - Convertibles are needed for the parade.

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- Volunteer chaperones (15-20) are needed for the dance and (as many as possible) for parade.
- Trucks are needed to pull the floats.
- E-mail Ms. Dansby with questions.

#### **E-boutique**

- Overview was shared by Karyn Somersdorf
- The boutique is open during lunch in the few weeks leading up to Homecoming.
- **Volunteer and Donation Opportunities:**
  - Volunteers are needed to help organize/plan the space and to help “sell” items to students.
  - Formal wear such as mens’ shirts and formal dresses are needed (smaller sizes are particularly needed).
- Contact Colleen or Karen if you want to donate or volunteer. Donna will send link to let team know of interest. Or drop donations off at front-office.

#### **HoCo the Drive:**

- SGA is asking Edgewater Drive stores and businesses to decorate their windows with Edgewater spirit as the Homecoming event nears.
- We’re hopeful that this will become an emerging tradition that extends our school spirit and culture beyond the school campus into the surrounding community.

#### **Budget update:**

- Overall, we are not bringing in a lot of money.
- We plan to have a spring fundraiser (auction) and put a \$10K line item in our budget for it.
- Income = \$10K since the school started (including Spirit Wear and Memberships)
- Expense = \$6,200 (Spirit Wear)
- We have made \$3200 Revenue (38% profit).
- A couple of current focuses include decreasing expenses (e.g. paypal) and updating the PTSO website to make it easier to use/shop.

#### **Parent Counsel Update:**

- The focus is on advancing our school from a “C” to an “A”
- College and Career Center – need parent involvement to assist with College Application process. Donna is working on getting details together to share/link if interested in helping Ms. Holmes.
- Ms. Holmes is trying to help approx. 500 students at once and can use the assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.