

**Edgewood Campus Parent Association
General Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2011**

School Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Doyle Smiens, Campus Director
Mrs. Darcy Krulisky, Assistant Campus Director
Mrs. Sheryl Reynolds, Director of Admissions

Guest Speaker:

Sandy Cosgrove, Director of Education
Kelly Robinet, Education coordinator

ECPA Board members in Attendance:

Mr. Gus Toubia, President
Mrs. Lina Ruiz, Vice President
Mrs. Nazanin Emami-Hosseinzadeh, Secretary
Mr. Darryl Sheetz, Treasurer

In Attendance:

Edgewood Campus proud parents!

- Gus Toubia introduced the members of the board, thanked the parents for being present at the meeting, and introduced Sandy Cosgrove, Director of Education.
- Sandy presented that 4 teachers on our campus have document cameras which enables them to work on science experiments or art classes with 2 palettes of colors.
- She also mentioned Blackboard, a learning management tool. She went on to explain about tiger teams. She said that tech savvy people were selected from each campus, and intense extra training was

provided to teachers over the summer. She stated that with the promethean boards, more than 1200 hours had gone into training with teachers. With blackboard over 600-700 hours of training will be done during in service school days, first Friday of the month training, as well as summer training.

- Sandy mentioned that the school will be adopting a new Math series and this is a very big adoption for the school, they are looking into adopting a new math textbook all together. Education coordinators are meeting next week to discuss this very topic.
- Sandy stated that this year the school decided not to spend money on new textbooks this year. She did mention however, that this year they spent money on new science textbooks and all the equipment is included with it. It is very hands on and the kids absolutely love it.
- Sandy said that Children's progress test is for pre-school through first grade. This is the second year the school has been using this tool. This is a very difficult test and it goes right into the CTP4 tests. She said that for the kids to be at level, is golden at this stage. She mentioned that by the time the child is in 3rd grade, this is a very good indication of where the child will be.
- Sandy went on to give a presentation on building a 21st century school. She said that there would be project managers, Kelly, Sandy herself, directors, teachers...etc. She mentioned technology in the classrooms, professional development, textbooks, and tools regarding how we evaluate teachers. She mentioned Fairmont teachers, tiger teams, certified pre-school teachers, and task force participants. She said this is how the future looks like.
- Sandy went on to discuss early childhood initiatives. She said that they were planting a pre-school garden, with plants, sunflower seeds, cucumbers, and radishes. She stated that this was a hands on procedure and a new level of learning science, and teaching the kids about growth, dirt, soil, and the earth.

- Sandy also did a brief presentation on the children's progress tests. She stated that the kids are tested three times a year. These tests show independently how much each student has progressed through out the year. The tests are done on the computer. If the questions are answered correctly, then are given a harder question each time.
- Sandy went over having the right tools such as NEO2, student response systems, e-library link on blackboard, black board which is a management learning system; it's an interactive extension of the classroom, also professional development. She touched upon innovative technology such as brain pop. She also mentioned the notion of ability grouping and learning station. This would mean student not working with the teachers and working independently in centers. Small group instruction was brought up as well.
- Sandy covered that there is a revised and updated Jr. High curriculum, A new inquiry based hands on elementary curriculum has also been adopted.
- Sandy mentioned code compliance. She referred to teacher advancement and growth as (TAG). Also she mentioned taking the pulse where the school spoke to the parents.
- Sandy also referred to performance levels of the CTP4 test, which is internal, the mastery test and the writing proficiency test. She stated that Edgewood campus CTP4 grades are always between 97-100%, she said this is the best of all campuses. According to Sandy, Fairmont beats all the schools, even the top performing schools. She said that the Mastery tests are also internal. They measure how well teachers and teaching and how well the students are learning and retaining. The writing proficiency, however, she stated that they still need to work on it and this test is more of a challenge.
- Fairmont performance index, we don't use the same test. Sandy said as far as API it's 982 for 7th and 8th grades.
- Sandy closed by thanking all the attendees.
- Meeting was adjourned.

