

**Edgewood Campus Parent Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2010**

*School Staff in Attendance:*

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

*Guest Speaker:*

Rob Chandler, CEO Fairmont Private Schools  
Mr. Jackson, Fairmont Private Schools  
Don Herman and Steve Verberg, Dale Carnegie

*ECPA Board members in Attendance:*

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

*In Attendance:*

Edgewood Campus proud parents!

- Darryl Sheetz introduced Gus Toubia as president and welcomed the parents to the meeting.
- Gus Toubia introduced the remaining members of the board, thanked the parents for being present at the meeting, and asked for the parents to volunteer and to help throughout the year.
- Doyle Smiens greeted the parents and mentioned that the school year has taken off to a great start. He said that the renovations are done and included that every grade, 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, now has a promethean board installed in the classroom. He also introduced black board, the new learning management system. He also reminded parents about the

back to school night event. Mr. Smiens mentioned that he is very excited about the new school year and said that it's all about the tone that is set. He wants to work to make this the best educational experience for our children and requested that, should there ever be any concerns, it should be brought to his attention. In closing, he thanked Mrs. Juliana, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Wiles, Mrs. Krulisky, Mr. Chandler, and the business office.

- Gus Toubia introduced Rob Chandler and Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson spoke about his humanitarian mission to Russian. He stated that Fairmont is also his mission. He mentioned that he started working in Fairmont for Mr. Holt, whom later became his stepfather in 1959 as a summer camp counselor. Mr. Jackson will be our special guest at the November meeting.
- Rob Chandler started by pointing out that the Parent Association, has been, and is very proactive. He mentioned that it's because of the probing of Gus and the Parent Association that we have advancements in technology and the facilities, and student response systems here at Edgewood Campus and at Fairmont schools. He pointed out that presently, only 8-10 % of K-12 schools work off blackboard. Us having access to blackboard, offers parents a unique ability to access and to help their children. The process of teachers becoming proficient with blackboard will take approximately 1 ½ years. He asked the parents to please be patient during this time frame. Mr. Chandler also spoke regarding the recession of the past two years and thanked the parents for being here at the school.
- There were some concerns, and discussions from various parents regarding blackboard not being fully operational and accessible.
- Mojgan Khashayar disclosed the balances of the two accounts. The general account had a balance of \$8,875.00. She mentioned that the 501C account had a balance of \$13,000, thanks to Darryl Sheetz. They are hoping to spend this money on technology for the science lab. She also asked for parent help and volunteers.
- Jennifer Leathem said that she would be chairing the back to school picnic event. She encourage families to come and mentioned that it is

a fun filled event. The picnic will be on September 24, 2010 from 4-7 pm. The ticket cost is \$15.00 and includes food, snacks, and drinks. Wristbands will be given out at the picnic for food. Tickets for bungee jumping will be \$10 for each round. Everything will be given out at the picnic, parents don't need to remember to bring their tickets with them! The picnic this year will be catered by the picnic specialists. We need 3 volunteers per hour. Each shift is only one hour long.

Volunteers will get a free dress pass and their children will get to go to the front of the line for bungee jumping. There will be a silent auction and raffles as well. Among some items being auctioned are principal for a day, one parking spot, teacher for a day in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 2 Lakers game tickets with parking, and one basket of spirit wear. The Lewis family has also generously donated their Condo in Mammoth for a weekend as well as 6 tickets to the Magic Castle. Jennifer also stated that the ECPA will divide up the teacher snack rotation day so that each teacher (class room mom per each grade) will have one day to provide the lunch/snack. She also mentioned that the annual fall fundraiser will be a straight donation again this year as well.

- Don Herman, and Steve Verberg, President of Dale Carnegie, spoke regarding the 28 hour college accredited program. In their presentation, they stated that it is a program which is from middle school through high school. They have given away a scholarship in the past. Steve mentioned that 30% of students drop out during their first year of college. They asked what parents think children need to succeed. The following were some suggestions: organization, time management, persistence, discipline, leadership, self confidence, dedication, caring, vision, and intelligence. Skills, attitude, and knowledge are all the attribute that successful students need. It turns out 85% is based upon attitude and skills, and only 15% is their knowledge. They mentioned that they coach in the moment. They teach the kids how to agree to disagree. The program teaches them how to develop the skills and knowledge they need to become leaders. They stated that we continuously need to learn and sharpen our skills. The program right now is offered from middle school through high school, and they will be developing the elementary school.
- Nazanin Emami-Hosseinzadeh thanked the parents for being there and spoke about how volunteering for the board and for different events at

school, enhances our children's experience here at Fairmont. She encouraged the parents to volunteer and get involved.

- Meeting was adjourned.