EDISON PARENT COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2014

Parent Council is a booster organization with a focus on having fun while fundraising and coordinating volunteers. Last year Edison earned over one hundred thousand dollars. This year we have a new executive committee comprised of the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary and a Volunteer Coordinator.

The Site Council is an advisory board with two parent representatives, two staff members and four teachers that meet monthly to discuss how to spend funds and organize the annual calendar of events.

Tammy Darden from the partners for sustainable schools gave a presentation, this will be the first year Edison will be working with PSS to create sustainability. A format for how this would look was outlined, including in-class lessons and green team meetings.

This year a Read-A-Thon was added to the end of the school year to act as a springboard into summer reading. The Jog-A-Thon was changed to the fall, scheduled for October 1. There's a table in the foyer to volunteer.

Samantha Brauner discussed the local option, measure 20–222 which would provide close to $8 million for 4J schools. This is an renewal not a new tax and would affect about 80 teaching positions and 16 school days.

Jennifer Ensminger presented an idea for an Edison art walk as way for kids to create art to be used as a new fundraising tool.

An update on Oregon Battle of the Books was given. OBOB will move to more of a lunchtime club, freeing up valuable time for the teachers.

EScrip will have sign-up representatives available before Curriculum night, starting at 5:30 to get parents registered. Parents are encouraged to get other family members such as grandparents, aunts, friends to participate.

Principal Tom Horn gave his report. The idea of having a music Mondays was mentioned, which would include different live music styles playing during the lunch hour each week.

There is a greater focus this year on mindfulness. Staff members are practicing mindfulness during staff meetings as a way to keep stress levels low.

There will be yoga starting Monday the 29th at 6 PM weekly for parents and community members to be held at Edison.

Thank you to Tasha Hennings who created a "sprint to the finish line" theme for tracking volunteer dollars for this year.

Math will be a central focus this year. Staff at UofO and Edison third grade teachers will take the lead.

A cob bench has been in the works all summer, in coordination with members of Jordan Schnitzer and tiles created by the kids, this bench will create a wonderful reading area for the
children while on the playground.

Edison is working with Love Food Not Waste, a compost program to create a 100% compostable cafeteria.

A new logo for Edison has been designed, thank you to Chris Miller for that. T-shirts should be coming soon!

The next meeting will be October 21st from 6:30-8:30.