Edison Parent Council
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
6:30PM to 8:30PM – Edison Library
President Kari Parsons & Vice President Mimi Kato
Note taker: Katharine Gallagher

Welcome to Parent Council

Electronics Recycling Competition
Edison is participating in a recycling competition among elementary schools. Donate your electronics through April 30 at Next Step. Be sure to tell them you’re from Edison. Anything that runs by battery or cord will be taken.

Kids’ Carnival Planning
One person attended the planning meeting. A volunteer coordinator for the night of the event is needed. Working on getting treats for the cakewalk. Hoping Divine Cupcakes, Monster Cookies and Honey Sticks will participate. Carnival is on May 15. If anyone knows or has a flair for face painting, let Katie know. High schoolers and middle schoolers are encouraged to help with running games.

Reading Olympics Update
Reading Olympics was a huge success! First hard deadline resulted in 66% returns. This is higher than jog-a-thon total returns. As of today, we are at $13,433. This money will go toward filling the $40k deficit Edison faces.

Site Council Report
There’s not too much to report. The biggest upcoming item for discussion is the Edison calendar. Other discussion points include the role of site council, testing updates from Smarter Balance, and the state budget.

Treasurer’s Report
E Scrip $3600
Eat Out (not including Yogurt Extreme) 2050
Reading Olympics $13,433
Year Total $78,082. Not too far off from $100k goal.

Principal’s Report
Tom provided an overview of K-12 Funding. Times are dire due to education funding cuts. There is a glimmer due to slight increase in revenue funding. 3rd largest class sizes in the nation. $7.5 billion needed just for stability. $7.255 allocated currently. There’s a chance of more budget money in May. 2009 – 2011 15% of teachers have been lost. 15.5% loss of EAs. Class sizes up 19% in elementary. 19% in middle. 28% in high school. This is counter to national trends toward smaller class sizes.
There is a Stand For Children event on April 22nd from 6:30 to 8pm at Springfield City Hall 225 5th Street. This is a great chance to meet legislators and speak to the importance of funding for public education.

IA hours, math pull out instruction facing cuts.
School has increased in size. Fewer than 300 a few year ago and now 358-364.

**Nominations**
Open slots reviewed. Nominations reviewed. Voting is next month. Everyone encouraged to think of folks (including themselves) to serve.

**2015/16 Events/Activities Discussion**
Events and activities were evaluated in terms of calendar placement, money and event shadow.
There was discussion about developing a standardized communication plan for all events and activities. This plan would likely include use of a Sign-Up Genius and steps for ensuring paper- and e-based communications.

**Announcements**
Falling Sky $376
Yogurt Extreme eat-out coming up. Edison gets 25%.
Teacher appreciation theme is “Thanks for helping us grow.” Idea is a “seed bar” or “seed basket.”
One more Reading Olympics drawing before 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes are announced.
Coat drive idea discussed.