

Enfield-Erdenheim Home & School Partnership

General Meeting Minutes prepared by secretary, Chrissy Wolset

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Attendees:

Meghan Markle (Principal @ Enfield)
Ben Speicher (Principal @ Erdenheim)

Nicole Willis
Hayley Dennis
Mehan Jones
Caroline Shuman
Chrissy Wolset
Alyce Zenner
Megan English
Karyn Ersham
Aisling Ehret
Sam Honeywell
Lori Sussman
Nicole Rich
Pamela MacElree

Via Zoom

Lehua Pagett
Amy Gordon
Michelle Sonsino
Katie O'Connor-Jenkins
Dia Siraki
Kara Hatalski
Ashlee Newberry
Samantha

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6:30pm	Welcome / Call Meeting to Order
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EEHSP Mission: The purpose of the Enfield - Erdenheim Home and School Partnership (EEHSP) is to provide and encourage strong family, staff, and community involvement to strengthen and enhance the educational environment. We strive to make each child's potential a reality by providing opportunities to learn, communicate, and grow as students and community members. EEHSP acts to empower members to share ideas, experiences, problems and solutions, and to cooperate in an informed manner in the education of the K-5 students of Springfield Township.

6:35pm	Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
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Approved.

6:35-6:45pm	Principals Reports
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- **Enfield - Dr. Markle**/Mr. Fleming
- **Erdenheim - Mr. Speicher**/Ms. Robinson

Dr. Markle and Mr. Speicher, on behalf of K-5 staff, wanted to offer MUCH thanks for the holiday collections and the generosity of the EEHSP. The entire staff really felt love and appreciation.

Elementary health wrapped up at ERD and started at ENF started this week. This is the second year of health with Ms. I, in the district, where kids are getting age-appropriate factual information about all kinds of things. It's been a huge success. Be sure to ask your children what they are learning in health class!

Wrapped up the District Art Show (K-12 artwork at the elementary and secondary level) and two winter concerts which were all very successful. Kudos to our music department.

District has multiple partnerships with the HS and different groups that are coming down to the elementary schools, specifically at ENF: a Spanish class came down to teach 2nd grade about day of the dead; infinity Jewish kids came down to read a story about Hanukkah and talked about Hanukkah with our students; a music choral group came and did concerts in December; and voices of excellence do a reading buddies program, coming down once a month to read to our kids. It's really a nice partnership that Dr. Markle wanted to highlight. The big partnership at ERD is a mentorship program with VOE (Voices of Excellence) where 25-30 HS students come down every other week to work with students and provide help academically. It's been a big success for both the ERD kids and HS students.

February is a busy month for both ENF & ERD, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Black History Month, Women's history month and the 100th day of school. At ENF, they are focusing on one individual a week to learn about. This week is Christian Robinson, an illustrator. At ERD, totally optional but Mrs. Wright in partnership with MPA is putting on Black History Bee for those interested. Students will get a study packet to prepare and on 2/24 at the HS a competition/ quiz show will take place.

Tracey Baptiste, visiting author will be coming to ENF & ERD in March.

At ERD, students will come on 2/5/26 with information as to what intervention they will get during the WIN period of the day for the 2nd semester. Some interventions remain the same, but some will change based on how your child is doing.

6:45-6:55pm Treasurer's Report

- **YTD report**

Dia Siraki with a Treasurer's Report:

Fundraiser YTD: \$29.8k

Pretzels: \$21K including \$2,055 sponsor-a-spartan (budget was \$18.5K, so \$2.5k more than expected)

ERD Book Fair: \$3.5k net

Trunk or Treat: \$2.3k net, including \$750 sponsorships

Wizards: \$2k deposit paid

Spirit Wear: \$1k

Carnival: \$500 sponsorship

Expenses YTD: \$17k

Bank Account Balance: \$57k with square balance at zero.

- Staff & Grade Level Grants
- '25-'26 Budget. Approved at the September 24, 2025 General Meeting

6:55-7:05pm Old Business

- Holiday Kindness Campaign
 - \$3,000 collected from the community, goal was \$2,500 so we were a little over.

- Pretzel Fridays - 5th Grade Committee Fundraiser

- Pretzel Fridays, getting ready to kick off half year pretzel Fridays, \$15 for 10 Fridays, ordering window is open.

- Spirit Wear Fall/Winter Pop-Up Sale

Lehua Pagett with an update. The fall pop-up sale sold 300 pieces, \$8500 in total sales. EEHSP raised a little over \$1,000. There are some popular items for sale on [EEHSP Spirit Wear Store](#). Lehua is working on a smaller spring sale option. Color Day design is happening now, Ms. Forjohn will pick 10-15 designs, and the Board will vote on the final design.

- Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen; it was such an impactful day. Came in under budget, successful day all around. Dr. Markle/ Mr. Speicher are looking forward to next year!

- Square One

Karyn Ersham with an update. EEHSP partners with Ms. Klein who has each child produce a piece of art that is then sent to Square 1 Art (vendor) and those pieces of art are made available to be placed on giftable items (mugs, blankets, tote bags, etc.). This was scheduled to coincide with the Winter holidays. The fundraiser did just about the same as compared to its run in Spring in 2025. Budget goal was \$2600, and we came in at \$2713. We hope everyone enjoys their items!

7:05-7:15pm

New Business

- Grade Level Events

- 2nd - February 6th

Circus night taking place on 2/6/26 at ENF.

- 4th - February 27th

Space Night 6:30-8PM on 2/27. Night will include an astronomer from NASA, a laser show, glowsticks, glowing beach balls, selfie station, and space cupcake decorating.

4th grade teacher lounge takeover to take place on 4/14.

- K and 3rd - Spring (March or April)

3rd Grade Family Night will take place on 4/23. Mad Science Company/ DJ.

3rd Grade Teacher Lounge Takeover will take place on 5/20.

- 1st - Summer (May or June)

Planning is in progress. Date to be finalized.

7:15-7:25pm

Committee & Grade Level Lead Reports (*not covered in new business*)

- Sustainability and Garden Committee

Update by Megan English. Sustainability offered a craft at ENF Family Book Fair night. They also received a ton of book donations at family night. They reached out to ENF & ERD librarians to see if they were interested in the books. If they are not, they will get donated to local libraries.

Seedlings for Schools Program will be taking place. Each student gets a seedling to take home.

Bins to donate used sneakers are at both ENF & ERD. EEHSP will send a spring communication to remind families to donate any lightly used shoes during spring cleaning.

NOTE: To date, we have received \$42 back from the sneakers that have been donated and sent to GotSneakers to be recycled.

- 5th Grade Committee

Update by Amy Gordon.

Pretzel Fridays, getting ready to kick off half year pretzel Fridays on 2/27, \$15 for 10 weeks. Ordering is now open;

5th Grade Teacher Lounge Takeover will take place on 2/25 with a LOVE Philly Theme;

Yearbook is underway and this is the committee's busiest month. They received over 2000 photos; Personal Ads are due 2/13. The Spartans Care Fund covers the cost of ads for any family who needs assistance.

5th Grade Class Party- Committee is meeting 2/11.

Pool Party Committee is meeting soon.

- Enfield Bookfair

Update by Megan English.

Family Night was a success with a huge turnout. Did a lollipop pull for the first time and raised \$30 to put that back into Share the Fair. Also offered free hot chocolate for attendees. Sales were \$16k at family night. Big thanks to all volunteers who have been at book fair this week, it couldn't have been done without you. Fair still runs until Friday, so you can still send in your child's Wishlist.

- Harlem Wizards

Report from Katie O'Connor Jenkins.

It was a record-breaking sellout in 1 hour. Sold 800 tickets. Everything is moving forward. Concessions will be similar to last year, chick fila sandwiches and nuggets, hot dogs, pretzels and a variety of candy and chips. We have 5/6 sponsors.

- Talent Show

Talent Show is 3/7, and the deadline to register will be extended. EEHSP is looking to find someone to run the talent show next year. If anyone is interested, please reach out to volunteers@eehsp.org.

- Bag Bingo

Update by Nicole Rich

Bag Bingo will take place on Saturday 4/11 at a NEW location, St. Thomas. Mr. Gibson will be our bingo caller again. Nicole is close to finalizing purses and tickets. Ticket prices will rise from \$30 to \$35 and go on sale next month.

- Carnival

Planning is underway. Next meeting is 2/23. Looking for a concessions manager. Also need help with communications on designing signage, banners for carnival. Anyone interested, please reach out to volunteers@eehsp.org.

- Arts in School (Artome/Visiting Author)

Karyn Ersham with an update.

McFarland Corrigan Speaker series, district program, brings speakers in the areas of literature, music and fine arts to speak with our elementary school students. Bob & Gail McFarland, parents of an elementary school teacher who passed away, donate funds each year to memorialize their daughter. EEHSP is contracted with the McFarland Family to support the family in doing this and helping it run. EEHSP is responsible for promoting and marketing the programs and helping with any logistical support that is needed. This year we have a visiting author who will be signing books. Tracey Baptiste, NY times bestselling children's author will talk to each grade about her work & experience as an author. Dates are 3/17 @ ERD and 3/18 @ ENF. EEHSP will share more information about Ms. Baptiste and her books prior to the visit on our website. You can buy any title book, and she will sign and send it back. Form will also be on EEHSP website.

ENF Art Show will take place on 5/13, from 5-6:30 PM, gallery show of Enfield students' art and will offer light refreshments.

Karyn, Chair of Arts in School, is looking for someone passionate to carry on her arts in school work. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Artsinschool@eehsp.org.

25-'26 Calendar Overview

- February
 - 2-6: Enfield Book Fair
 - 3: Enfield Book Fair Family Night
 - 4: EEHSP General Meeting
 - 6: 2nd Grade Family Fun Night
 - 21: Harlem Wizards
 - 25: Half-Year Pretzel Fridays Ordering Deadline
 - 27: 4th Grade Family Fun Night

- March
 - 3: Talent Show Rehearsal - 10am show
 - 4: Talent Show Rehearsal - 2pm show
 - 4: EEHSP Board Meeting
 - 7: Talent Show

- April
 - 11: Designer Bag Bingo

- May
 - 4-8: Staff Appreciation Week
 - 13: ERD Artomé Art Showcase
 - 20: EEHSP General Meeting & Elections
 - 30: Carnival

- June
 - 3: EEHSP Board Meeting & Transition
 - 5: 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
 - TBD: EEHSP Pool Party
 - 6: Carnival Rain Date

7:25-7:30pm Voting

- Board and Committee Chairs
- VP of Fundraising
 - Nominee(s)
 - Sam Honeywell
 - Elected as VP of Fundraising

7:30pm Open Discussion/Meeting Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

All General meetings are at 6:30 pm in the Erdenheim Library & on Zoom

EEHSP General Meetings:

- EEHSP Spring/Elections General Meeting: **May 20th, 2026**
- *All Board meetings are at 6:30 pm on Zoom*

EEHSP Board Meetings:

- March - Wed, March 4, 2026
- June - Wed, June 3, 2025