

# Eastern Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes Tuesday 1/11/2022

**Call to Order:** 6:33 pm

**Officers Present:** Laura Ashton, Kristin Harnish, Kylie Croon, Lydia Potthoff, Jenn Comstock, Shannon Jensen-Boncher

**Staff Present:** Ruskowski, Hites, Christie-Lutes, Sills

**Review of Minutes:**

Lydia Potthoff motioned to approve and Shannon Boncher seconded.

**Welcome & President's Report: Laura Ashton**

**Holiday Giving Recap-**

We sponsored a few eastern families and eastern community really stepped up and filled all requests. Also, staff had lost of items gifted off their classroom wishlists. (Thank you). Also thank you to Ms Bui for the great virtual holiday concert.

**Upcoming Events:** committees needed

**Spring Fundraiser-** we haven't decided what to do for this yet

**Staff Appreciation-** in May

**Star Writers-** Sarah Gano/Sunny Miller

**Talent Show-**

**Treasurer's Report**

Checking/Savings: \$50,421.73  
3,534.68

Total Cash on Hand: \$

Proposed Budget for this Year:

Lydia motioned, Keelan seconded

Eastern Elementary PTO December Treasurer Report 2021	
<b>Cash on Hand</b>	
Checking Account:	\$44,566.90
Savings Account:	\$3,534.71
<b>Total Cash On Hand:</b>	<b>\$48,101.61</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
	MTD
Interest	\$0.03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$0.03</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Enrichment	\$246.19
Hospitality	\$201.26
PTO Expenses	\$314.22
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$761.67</b>
	01/08/22
	Submitted by: Kristin Harnish

**Principal's Report**

Schedule- Mid year NWEA testing is happening over the next three weeks. Student council is meeting this week to plan a February fun week for the school. Laptops came home with kids today in case we need to go virtual. Upper administration has directed this. Full masking restarts again tomorrow throughout TCAPS. Tomorrow is early release day. Teachers are preparing semester report cards and parent-teacher conferences will be end of February.

**Budget Surplus Conversations:**

Board met last weekend and determined that we do not have about information to decide on a proposal at the moment. Laura and Kristen also spoke with teachers this morning regarding their preferences.

5 proposal recap:

1- Sarah Eichenberger, School Garden Proposal

NMC may be willing to partner with Eastern on a garden (Sarah is communication with Carrie at NMC). Concerns about who takes care of the garden when school is not in session. Lutes definitely thinks the teachers would be interested in the garden being a science curriculum add on...and summer camp participation possibly as well. PTO could set up a garden committee going forward. Nelson has run an ecology club in the past, so upper EI could likely take this on. Funding for this could also fall under Enrichment (up to \$1500 set aside). Student Council also has some funds and could donate through their legacy project.

2- Lindsey Schulert, Air Purifiers for classrooms (\$5828)

We need to check TCAPS health policy before this can move forward (Biz). PTO would own and be responsible to upkeep of the filters.

3- Jessica Owen, Wagons (removed from the running)

concerns about space for storing the wagons, etc. We will look at a less bulky option.

4- Keelan McNulty, Playground upgrades

small immediate improvements in proposal, long term- shade and music area

teachers- would like permanent soccer goals that cannot be moved

Keelan met with Tyson Birch, head of tcaps grounds. We already started a work order to put up metal posts for a shade structure. PTO only needs to pay for the shade canopy. (biz has a donation of 3 benches as well)

5- Lydia Potthoff, Outdoor Learning Space

Can we combine proposals with Keelan's space and have a shaded space on the playground or another space on campus? TCAPS ground manager option has made this a much less expensive proposal. Tyson is on board to install secured seating.

john Gessner- question about overall budget and how we determined this \$7000 surplus.

**Adjournment: 7:44pm**

**Next Meeting: February 8, 2022 at 6:30pm**