

# Eastern Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes Tuesday 4/12/2022

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

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

**Staff Present:** Biz Ruskowski

## **Review of Minutes:**

Shannon motioned to approve and Kylie seconded.

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

>Conference Meals- Thank you Shanna for your hard work

>Playground Improvement Update:

New soccer goals and shade sails have arrived. We are hoping to paint soon and place an order to install benches. Keelan will update us on timelines as he hears from our facilities contact.

>Staff Appreciation Week, Lydia

Theme: Farmer's Market, When: May 2-6

Parent/student Involvement needed on 5/3 (bring a flower for teacher) and 5/5 (write an appreciation letter to staff member) Look for an email with more details the week before.

>Auction Update [May 14th at TC Country Club, Chair Jenn Comstock]

We added 30 more tickets today and they are almost sold out. There will be a live auction as well as a silent auction. We have a lot of great items and hope to have the online catalog available the end of April with a physical version by auction time. Bidding will only be in person (or by proxy for classroom art projects). Gold cocktail attire suggested. Beverages and appetizers will be served. You can still sponsor if you would like, but they will no longer included.

>Storage Space Conversation (Kristin)

We are in need of some storage for PTO items. We need a small storage unit to hold carnival games and other PTO items that are used yearly. Biz will check with Tyson to see if we can add a storage unit on Eastern Property and Kristin will check off site storage prices.

>2022/23 Board Member Nominations/Voting

President: Laura Ashton (with Jenn training to take over the following year)

VP: Jenn Comstock with Lydia as Co-VP

Treasurer: Kristin as Treasurer with Betsy Powell as Co-Treasurer to take over in the future

Secretary: Kylie Croon

Shannon motions and Joe seconded to elect this board. Unanimous vote to approve.

Voted to remove Kara Madion as a treasurer and to be removed from the PTO bank accounts

## Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings: \$41,704.13  
\$3,534.80

Total Cash on Hand: \$45,238.93

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March Treasurer Report			
6	<b>Cash on Hand:</b>		
7	Checking Account:	\$41,704.13	
8	Savings Account:	\$3,534.80	
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10	<b>Total Cash On Hand:</b>	<b>\$45,238.93</b>	
11			
12			
13	<b>Income:</b>		
14			
15	Donation	\$1,858.20	Laura Ashton
16	Home	\$0.03	
17			
18	<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$1,858.20</b>	
19			
20			
21	<b>Expenses:</b>		
22			
23	Donation	\$31.80	
24	Spitality	\$53.46	
25	Playground	\$2,589.50	
26	Other Expenses	\$466.00	
27			
28	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$3,140.76</b>	
29			

## Principal's Report, Biz Ruskowski

Lots of positivity and change happening in the building. Lots of great field trips being planned. 5th graders are excited about the upcoming carnival. Mandy Labarre and Kristin Harnish are chairing the carnival. We have an upcoming moving night. End of year picnic where we celebrate retirements including Ms Phillips in the kitchen. Moving into end of year testing and the kids are doing great. Working in the social emotional area to make sure they do not feel pressure surrounding the testing. Keelan is working hard on the playground improvements and we are also excited for the new benches donated by a former teachers family.

We do not request teachers for next year but we do send out a form where you can describe your child's characteristics to help with placement. We will not know how many sections of each grade until much closer to start of school next year.

We will have a kindergarten signing day (not a round up) separate from open house.

## Committee Reports

### Star Writers- Sarah Gano

(Sunny Miller is helping this year and will take the lead next year) Star Writer order forms go out this week. We are compiling and collecting the last few writing submissions. What to expect: a 250 page book with every single Eastern student featured. Cost is \$10 per book and we print extra for teachers and students in need.

### Talent Show- Sarah Gano

We have a few helpers but could use more. 90 second acts. The talent show will be an all school field trip to the high school auditorium on May 25 for 1-3 grade. June 10 is upper EL talent show and all school picnic. Discussed printing a banner and requested budget for a small token for performers.

### Eastern Dads Involvement-

Separate from PTO. 25ish guys social group. Discussed doing an eastern social night

**Adjournment:** 7:29pm

**Next Meeting:** May 10th, 2022 at 6:30pm and last meeting on June 7th to present budget proposal after the auction fundraiser