

September Eastern PTO Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Board Members present: Laura Ashton, Kristin Harnish, Kylie Croon, Lydia Potthoff

Staff Members present: Biz Ruskowski, Karen Nelson (4th), Jessica Owen (K), Tom Cooper (5), Kelle Krcmarik (3), Shanna Girbach (PK)

Welcome/Introductions:

Kelle Krcmarik, new staff

Julie Wilsey motioned to approve August minutes, Kim Jacobson seconded

President's Report, Laura Ashton:

-2021/22 Overview

Vice President Nominations: Jenn Comstock & Shannon, Joe Sanok motioned to nominate

Maggie Stafford, Staff Birthday appreciation

498 students at Eastern this year. We commit to paying for all educational field trips. PTO monies pay for busing and other field trip costs. PTO also provides classroom start up for every teacher. Teachers use this money often for special projects, rockets in 5th grade, crafts, spring planting, etc in lower elementary. In normal years PTO would also do Popcorn Fridays, staff appreciation and condolences.

-Jog-a-thon kick off is on Friday.

Online Platform is getmoving.org to track fundraising and goals. We would like to get EVERY student registered. Tentatively it will be held at the High School track on October 15th (9:30am start). Plan B is to hold it on Eastern Campus without Parents in attendance.

>Registration/fundraising

Fundraising goal is \$40,000 this year. Corporate sponsorship is the first deadline on 9/20. Contact Kristin to sponsor Jog-a-thon

>Volunteer Opportunities; Keelan suggested to MC

>Corporate Sponsorships

Treasurer's Report, Kristin Harnish:

Report Breakdown

Delayed 2021/22 Budget

We will wait to after jog a thon, likely PTO November meeting, to approve our 21/22 budget
Jentees will defer t-shirt payments until after jog a thon

Cash on Hand

Checking Account \$4584.99

Savings Account \$17601.81

TOTAL cash on hand \$22,186.80

We have an outstanding \$10K check for staff start up so actual cash on hand will be closer to \$12K soon

Income

Interest and total income \$0.15

Expenses

Hospitality and total \$154.48

-Based on fundraising

-What PTO money goes toward

Principal's Report, Biz Ruskowski:

-End of Day student dismissal: Thanks for your patience

-Field Trips: we allowed to go on walking field trips outside only. We can do Birds of Prey presentations outside Kindergarten is walking to the fire station and seeing an outdoor presentation from Firefighters

-Social Emotional Learning program: Eastern is doing the second step of the program this year in 4th grade. 25 minute lessons with scenarios..Once a week theme taught Y5-5th grade (insert link from Biz)

-Working on building a safe culture and environment: We have to teach these routines and efficiencies

TCAPS is working closely with the health department to notify covid close contacts, we will not be notified directly by Eastern and classes may not necessarily be quarantined

-Lots of noon duty opportunities are available

Staff discussion happening on friday about lunch in cafeteria versus classrooms

Laura: Email the School board with concerns before the next meeting or join Dr Van wagoners virtual office hours

Committee Reports

-Room Parent Coordinator, Kim Jacobson

Volunteer Description

monthly check in with teacher, holiday party help- sign up genius etc

Available Classes, 4th and 5th grades and a few others only have one room parent signed up.

Adjournment 7:39pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30pm

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Mark Your Calendar | Volunteers Needed | Jog A Thon

Important Dates

- Aug 31: New Family Orientation
- Sept 2: Open House
- Sept 7: First Day of School!
- Sept 20: Jog A Thon Sponsorships Due
- Oct 15: Jog A Thon

Facebook Page

If you are a Facebook member, please join our Facebook group to stay informed on the latest news and events:

Eastern Elementary PTO
@easternrocks

We are Back!

Eastern PTO welcomes you back to the 2021-2022 school year! It's going to be a great year filled with learning and success!

Your time, involvement, and donations help aid teacher support, finance field trips, and enhance the educational opportunities at Eastern Elementary. We cover 100% of field trips so no family has to finance that, provide staff appreciation events and conference meals, and put on an awesome Talent Show at the end of the year - just to name a few of our successes!

Join us the **2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 630pm** for our monthly meeting! We'll know more soon if it'll be virtual or in person or both this year.



Jog A Thon

Jog A Thon is a school-wide fundraiser that raises funds for Eastern PTO



Important Dates

- Sponsorships Due: September 20
- Kickoff Assembly: September 24
- Jog A Thon: October 15
- Wrap Up Party: October 25



Shout out to two parent volunteers that have committed to positions for the 2021-2022 school year!

Kim Jacobson: Room Parent Coordination

Maggie Stafford: Non-Teacher Staff Birthday Card Liaison



Volunteer Recruitment

We would like to make a master list of parents/grown ups who have 1-2 hours of assistance to offer PTO throughout the year. Then when we find a need, we can send a quick email or text to see who may be available to help!

If you're available for large-scale events also, we would love to hear from you.

Please message us on Facebook (#easternrocks) or email Lydia Potthoff at ljpotthoff@gmail.com.

PTO Objectives

1. To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and staff may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.
2. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school and the community.
3. To develop between educators and general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, and social education.
4. To secure and distribute funds to enhance the educational opportunities at Eastern.