

PTO Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Meeting Call to order at 6:34pm

Welcome by, Vice President Laura Ashton

Officers Present: Laura Ashton - Vice President, Kristin Harnish - Treasurer

Staff Present: Biz Ruskowski - Principal, Carrie Bui - Music Teacher

Review of minutes

Both September and October Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve September and October minutes made by Keelan and seconded by Kristin Harnish

President's Report

No President Report

Principal's Report

Many student groups being formed. All groups were student driven.

Student Council: Some things that student council will be focusing on are manner training and conflict resolve. Students meet with Mrs. Ruskowski once a week. The student council held a movie night and raised \$460 on concessions sold. They plan to host a Valentine's Day dance in February.

ICSC: International Cultural Student Centers was an idea of a few fourth grade students proposed to Mrs. Ruskowski. Students will explore different countries through student led centers. First ICSC is Friday, December 17 from 9-11 and they will be reporting on Australia. The hope is to have one monthly.

Newspaper: Eastern students will be starting an Eastern Star paper in January.

December has been a busy month filled with activities, field trips and learning.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account:\$15,416.16

Savings Account:\$10,552.56

Total Cash On Hand:\$25,968.72

Classroom JAT Checks were distributed. Each classroom received \$300.

Check for \$5000 to TCAPS to cover field trip costs through mid year.

Committee Reports

Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear has been distributed. Spirit Wear was a huge success. It's typically not a fundraiser but we did make a profit off of spirit wear due to the quantity ordered. The "Limited Edition" spirit wear was well received. We will be doing a second order of the "Limited Edition" in January.

Holiday Giving: Please be sure to check out staff requests either online or by the office. This is a great way to find out what the staff needs. A BIG thank you to those who coordinated Holiday Giving.

New Business

Base Xylophone: A request to PTO was made from students to help fund the purchase of two Base Xylophones. This request was student driven. Carrie Bui and three students were present to do a demonstration of the xylophone. The students plan to have a can drive in January to fundraise for the two Base Xylophones. PTO will help fund the difference to purchase the two Base Xylophone. The total cost is \$572 for the two Base Xylophones. A motion to approve was made by Chris and seconded by Kristin Harnish. All present were in agreement.

Auction: This years auction will be on March 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Barn in the Grand Traverse Commons. Make sure to look out for the early bird pricing when we return from winter break. Please reach out if you're interested in helping out on the auction committee. Email easternelementaryschoolpto@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 14th 2020 at Eastern Elementary

Adjournment at 7:37pm