

Eastern Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 1/12/2021

Call to Order: 6:34pm

Officers Present: Laura Ashton, John Bails, Kristin Harnish, Kylie Croon

Staff Present: Feaster, Ruskowski, Radakovik

Review of Minutes:

John Bails motioned to approve and seconded by Lydia Potthoff

Welcome & President's Report: Laura Ashton

Christmas Giving/Parties

It was low key this year without parents allowed in the school but thanks to staff for making the holiday celebrations feel special. Special thanks to Carrie Bui for the great video. Thank you to all that helped give to our Eastern Families

Virtual Events recap and Schedule

VIRTUAL EVENTS:

Spanish night with the Loscano Family and it was very successful. Ms Kaufman did 2 trivia nights. Keelan McNulty is hosting a survivor series that will not be live but can be viewed on our Facebook page.

You can still watch them on our Facebook page and follow along.

Upcoming: Ms Asiala is doing book club with The One and Only Ivan P-2nd grade on 12/10 and 3rd-5th grade on the 17th.

Saturday morning yoga coming up this Saturday. Part 2 Survivor Series (Fire safety). Coming up Behind the Scenes Tour at Dennis Museum in February.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings: \$7075, 17,600

Total Cash on Hand: \$24,676.59

Anticipated Spending: not much anticipated spending this month

Principal's Report

Kuddos to our Staff. They have been stellar. Thanks to all the eastern families that supported Adopt a Family. There was so much gratitude from the families. Thank you to Missy and Jill for organizing.

Ms. Radakovik- Thanks to PTO and loves the virtual events to stay connected.

Ms. Ferguson- Thanks to Kristin Harnish and noon helpers

We need more noon helpers. Call the office or email Laura Ashton for more information.

Early Release Days will continue regardless of altered schedules this year. 1:56 dismissal this Thursday.

Report cards will only be given out twice this year. Some families are returning to face to face learning this semester, so kids may see new students in their classes starting the end of January.

The district is assessing the NWEA tests in January. Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up in early February. TCAPS is working on a virtual plan for Kindergarten Information soon after Principals meet later this week. Preschool and young 5s registration is coming up soon as well.

Ms. Feaster- Preschool Enrollment opens for existing students first, then for siblings of existing students then open to the public. Please sign up as soon as your window open to guarantee your spot.

Student Council: Valentine's for All. They are placing baskets in the school lobby for cards for various community helpers as well as staff. Kids can drop cards in these baskets and student council will deliver them.

Can drive: Student council donated 300-400 food items in late December and they were very appreciative.

Committee Reports:

Conferences are coming up soon and we will be asking for catering donations for those evenings. Keep an eye out for the sign up.

Fundraising in Spring 2021

- Breakdown of Balances vs. upcoming needs

- Alternatives to Jog a Thon in Spring (April) 2021 and Fall 2021: We are considering Penny Wars. It is a competition between grades. We still need clearance for this, so we are open to other ideas.

Room Parents (Valentines)- no Parents in the building, but please touch base with your teacher to see how you can help.

Committee Leads for Star Writer's/Talent Show: We need volunteers!

Star Writers is a piece of writing from each student in the school bound together each year. Stories, drawings, poetry, etc. We need help compiling!

We need a couple virtual talent show coordinators. Reach out to the office or Laura if you are interested in helping.

Spirit Wear- Order forms will go home later this week or early next week.

New Business:

We will start planning for spring fundraising in January

Next Meeting: February 9, 2021 at 6:30pm

Adjournment: 7:22pm