

# Eastern Elementary PTO

## Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday 2/9/2021

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

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

**Staff Present:** Sarah Marek, Heather Asiala, Mary Wright, Biz Ruskowski, Lexa Ferrill, Kathy Ferguson, Heather Stout

#### **Review of Minutes:**

John Bails motioned to approve and seconded by Lydia Potthoff

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

**Conference meals:** we are still taking donations to fund the remaining teacher conference nights

#### **VIRTUAL EVENTS:**

Mia Nowicki hosted a great yoga even. Keelan McNulty presented a fantastic Survivor series part 2. Coming up thursday is our virtual Denno's museum tour. Please sign up via Sign up Genius if you would like to attend. Stay tuned for upcoming virtual events in March!

2021/22 School year:

All PTO Board positions are open except for President, so please contact Laura Ashton if you would like to be involved in our PTO board next year. We are definitely looking for a Room Parent coordinator

Spring Fundraiser: Penny ways are not going to happen, so we are considering our options. It doesn't have to be a huge fundraiser, but we need ideas.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Checking/Savings: \$25, 250.95 no expenses this month

Total Cash on Hand: \$

Anticipated Spending: not much anticipated spending this month

#### **Principal's Report**

We are on a new semester schedule this year, so report cards just went home this week. Conferences were at the same time. We like to have 100% participation in parent-teacher conferences and we try very hard to make this happen. Thank you PTO for providing meals for staff on these days.

Student Council 4/5th grades: Valentines Cards for the community (Valentine's for All), we will move on to support Mrs Asiala's Reading month in March.

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!

K-5 reading help

Early Release Day this Thursday 2/11: this allows teachers to meet with other teachers in the same grade levels.

Monday 2/15 no School Teacher development day

Friday 2/19 no School Teacher vaccination day

We seem be working more smoothly in regard to the ins and outs of Covid. We had a great TCAPS board meeting. We are excited for our low key Valentine Parties on Friday.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Heather Asiala:** March is Reading Month

Design a Bookmark Contest- we ask for submissions and choose one winner per grade and they are produced for all the kiddos in the grade.

Dress as your favorite book character day could possibly be read my tee day

Read around the halls could be read around the room this year. Maybe flashlight Friday reading in each room.

Staff/parents could record a reading of their favorite picture book that we could post

Storywalk: outside. Laminate story pages and create a walk outside that prompts further discussion.

Please let us know if you have other ideas.

Laura Howe: Do we need more books for Kindergarteners to take home level reading books from K classrooms. The problem this year is having to quarantine books after they come home. Biz will discuss with the Kindergarten team and let us know if it would be helpful to fund the purchase of more books so this practice can continue.

Brief car line discussion

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

**Adjournment:** 7:25pm