

Eastern Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
DATE: March 9, 2021

Call to Order:

Officers Present: Laura Ashton, John Bails,
Lydia Potthoff

Staff/Parents Present: Biz Ruskowski, Deb Feaster, Carrie Bui, Keelan McNulty, Kathy Ferguson, Diane Arnold, Sarah Eichberger

Review of Minutes: Approved by John Bails and Lydia Potthoff

President's Report:

- Revisit Kindergarten Book Conversation

- It's not a lack of books. All kindergarten teachers were involved in a meeting with Biz. Per Kathy Ferguson, we have two parent volunteers (certified employees) to check books in and out, creating book bags, logistics, and sanitization. Continuing the discussion after Spring Break.

- Closet Clean Out: April 12-15 (tentative)

- Donate gently used clothing, toys, games, books, no stuffed animals. Any money we make will go straight to PTO funds (staff startup, field trips, family Fridays, etc).

- Spring Fundraising Ideas

- We will revisit after Closet Clean Out

- Laura discussion with Dr VanWagoner: "Where does the district fall on their thoughts with masking kiddos now that many teachers are vaccinated?"

Answer: Children masked in their classrooms per health department. Health department will continue to provide TCAPS direction. Children can still become infected, take the infection home, and infect their non vaccinated family members. We have more students than any other school district, our risk is larger and we will continue to wear masks in class.

Principal's Report

- Closet Clean Out - perfect, no pressure, covid friendly

- Shout out: Mrs Asiala celebrating reading month! 1 gift card per grade for "caught reading" and other fun small prizes

- Student Council Spirit Week - one of the next two weeks

- Carrie Bui received a grant from Rotary of TC of \$1000 to help our students!

- What is early release: grade level meetings looking at their current data on their specific learners

- Second Step Program: will get a few teachers to present next meeting (social/emotional regulation and learning) *put on agenda for next month

- Virtual Kindergarten and Young5 meetings this week

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings: \$7529.82/\$17600.92

Total Cash on Hand: \$25130.74

Anticipated Spending: Fri-YAY staff appreciation \$111.36, \$12.99 staff birthday

Fundraising: 0

Committee Reports:

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- March is Reading Month - H U G E shout out to Heather Asiala!!
- Star Writers - Publish writing for every student in the school. Sarah Gano leading this - thank you!!
- Staff Appreciation Week - is in May, we will address more next month
- Room Parent Coordinator - Kim Jacobson volunteered - Thank you!!!
- Talent Show Committee Leader - Still Need HELP by two volunteer parents! Mrs. Labarre is the staff volunteer.
- 2021/2022 Committees - Hoping to boost our volunteer list for next year! One hour, one day, one event - we will take any involvement!

Announcement/Adjournment Time: 711pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 6:30pm

Adjournment: Biz Ruskowski Adjournment second: Carrie Bui