

# March Eastern Elementary School PTO Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at 6:30PM

**Board Members Present:** Laura Ashton, Jenn Comstock, Lydia Potthoff, Kristin Harnish, Betsy Powell, Kylie Croon

**Staff Present:** Biz Ruskowski, Tom Cooper, Wendy Richmond, Deb Feaster

**Start: 6:30pm**

Approval of January Minutes (February meeting cancelled due to a snow day):

Jenn Comstock motioned and Betsy Powell seconded

## **President's Report**

### **2023 Q1 Recap-**

Carnival on Feb 10th was a success. Great job 5th grade students, teachers and carnival committee.

Conference meals- thank you Shanna Girrbach for coordinating all the meals for our teachers and thank you to all that donated money towards these meals.

Star Writers- due date for Star Writers submissions was 2/10. Committee is still waiting for some class submissions, but compiling has begun. Thank you Sunny Miller!

Library Worker Bee- (Sarah Gano)We need more volunteers. We will do a sign up via email to get more volunteer commitments. Many hands make light work, so please come in and help Ms. Asiala if you can spare the time.

Playground updates- TCAPS will install shade structures on all campuses that need shade this spring and these will be maintained by facilities. Keelan's committee is still planning to plant semi-mature trees to add natural shade after the TCAPs installation.

Classroom Art and Teacher experience Auction update- We held a silent auction during Carnival on 2/10. We raised about half as much for these items that we usually raise, so we will have to decide if we will go back to auctioning these at the spring auction next year.

### **Upcoming Items-**

-Our Wild Wild West Spring Fundraiser will take place on April 15th 7pm at The Cathedral Barn, Hoedown theme. Boots, Jeans and karaoke! This is an adults only event. We have a great list of new and returning auction items! Tickets are priced to cover the cost of the venue and food only \$40 each and \$10 for staff. All auction item spending will go straight to support our students.

-Fund proposals for the next round are due April 1st. Voting will take place at our April 11th meeting. This will be the last round as we will not do this again next year.

Tom Cooper, update- new PTO funded 3D printer worked great to help build cars for the gutter derby and we have now moved on to mouse trap cars in 5th grade.

Talent Show- (Sarah Gano) dates and details were already sent out in the Friday Flash emails. Sarah needs one more upper El parent helper.

**\*\*Please read your Friday Flash emails! All details about PTO and school events are there each week.\*\***

### **Principal's Report**

Writing Fair feedback- What did you all think of the Writing Fair? Responses: It was a great community building event. We loved reading other kids' writing and complimenting. The students loved reading their classmates and buddies writing and complimenting others' writing.

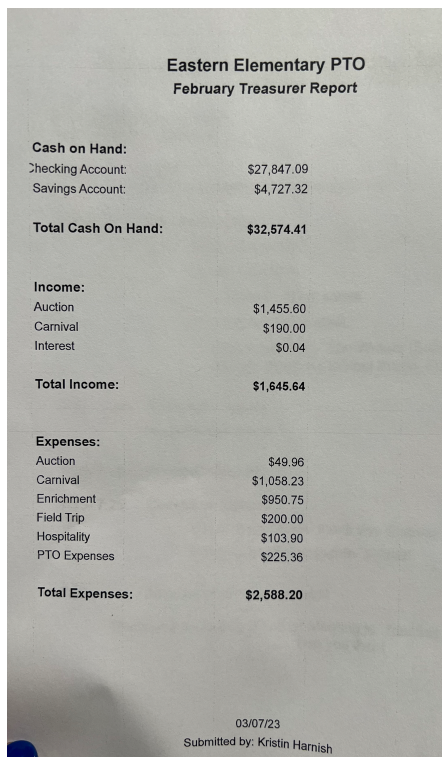
Conferences- Teachers do 3 nights of conferences and it is a lot of work, but we strive for 100% participation from parents. The school-home connection is very important.

Spirit week is next week followed by Spring break on March 24th. School resumes on April 3rd.

Sunny Miller: how are we doing as a school post-covid?

How is the student body as a whole behavior and academics? Biz- Kids are luckily very resilient. We are seeing kids rebound faster than expected especially in younger grades. Biz- test scores are not alarming at all and we have interventions in place to help those that need it. Tom Cooper: this year feels much more normal.

We just had our first post covid assembly and it was fun to have interaction again. Kathy Ferguson: buddies and field trips have been a highlight of this return to normalcy



The image is a screenshot of a financial report titled "Eastern Elementary PTO February Treasurer Report". It lists various financial items categorized into Cash on Hand, Income, and Expenses, with corresponding dollar amounts.

Eastern Elementary PTO February Treasurer Report	
<b>Cash on Hand:</b>	
Checking Account:	\$27,847.09
Savings Account:	\$4,727.32
<b>Total Cash On Hand:</b>	<b>\$32,574.41</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Auction	\$1,455.60
Carnival	\$190.00
Interest	\$0.04
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$1,645.64</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Auction	\$49.96
Carnival	\$1,058.23
Enrichment	\$950.75
Field Trip	\$200.00
Hospitality	\$103.90
PTO Expenses	\$225.36
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$2,588.20</b>
03/07/23 Submitted by: Kristin Harnish	

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

Lydia motioned to adjourn, Jenn Comstock Seconded

**Adjournment:** 7:32pm

Next PTO Meeting April 11th at 6:30pm