

# November Eastern Elementary School PTO Board Meeting

## Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 at 6:30PM

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

**Staff Present:** Biz Ruskowski, Mary Fak,

Start: 6:33pm

Approval of August Minutes: Biz Ruskowski motioned and Keelan McNulty seconded

### **President's Report**

**Jog-a-thon** raised a total of \$46,333.10 before expenses. Ms. Krchmarik's class came in first place in fundraising with Fak's class in second place and Ferguson in 3rd place! We pivoted last minute and held it indoors, but still had a great turnout. This is a huge amount of money but we have a large student body (520) and most of those funds are already earmarked for student start up next year (\$22 per student) and field trips (\$45 per student) this year.

Attendees discussed some fun activities we could add to next years Jog-a-thon to involve more staff and community (staff dunk tank, sumo wrestling, pie in the face, camping on the school roof were all mentioned) Please let us know if you have any great ideas.

**Conference meals-** Thank you Shanna Girrbach for organizing.

Teachers enjoyed meals from Mama Lu's, Chefs In and Charles & Reid Pizza.

**Fall Friday and Book Fair-** raised \$2048 for our book library! Raffle raised money for our star readers (Students that may not be able to afford to buy books from the fair). Please note the book fair is not a PTO Event. Book fair profits directly fund new books for Eastern's library.

There will be another book fair during spring conferences at the end of February/beginning of March. Thank you to Kristin Harnish, Sarah Gano for organizing and Molly Labarre, Lydia Potthoff, Keelan McNulty, Sue Zell and Mr Nate for volunteering their help.

**Holiday Giving** Shannon Jensen-Boncher will coordinate with the front office to get a list of needs for Eastern Families ( anonymous) for Thanksgiving meals. Your donations provide Thanksgiving dinner for Eastern families that could use a little extra help this year.

December: teachers complete their classroom wish lists for Holiday giving by end of day on 11/11/22 and the office will email these lists for parents to reference for optional gift giving to classrooms during the December holidays.

**Keelan McNulty**- Update on playground/shade structures: the sail shades ripped during a wind storm in October and are being repaired. We are looking into putting in mature maple trees in the spring near the benches on the playground to grow and provide permanent shade in the future. The outdoor learning space will have shades replaced but we are considering options for making sure shades get taken down before storms or possibly building a permanent structure (gazebo) that will hold up better going forward.

**Mary Fak**- Staff are finished with conferences and getting ready for Thanksgiving break. Staff is planning some fun December holiday celebrations, so keep an eye out for more details in your email. Friyay is a once a month staff morale booster run by Ms Fak's class. Kids wheel a snack cart around to all classes and offer teachers a food or drink treat.

**Treasurer's Report**

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October Treasurer report	
<b>Cash on Hand:</b>	
Checking Account:	\$2,460.07
Savings Account:	\$4,727.16
<b>Total Cash On Hand:</b>	<b>\$7,187.23</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Interest	\$0.04
JAT	\$11,215.75
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$11,215.79</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Family Friday	\$739.71
Field Trip	\$644.00
Hospitality	\$1,156.19
JAT	\$6,089.52
Playground	\$116.48
PTO Expenses	\$176.80
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$8,922.70</b>

<<The JAT income was only part of Jog-a-thon income, the remaining deposits will be reflected on the December treasurers report. JAT expenses were for Jentees T-shirts. Our corporate sponsorships cover this expense. The hospitality expense was mostly conference meals and field trip was the 1st grade trip to Jacob's Corn Maze

**Principal's Report**

September and October were incredibly busy, but November is a time to reflect and I cannot thank staff and families for how much they support our students. Thank you parents for all that you do and for choosing the Eastern community. Shout out to staff for doing a great job with conferences. It is a gratifying but tiring experience.

This month we are going to relax and bit and have some fun. Student council is hosting a movie night (Aladdin) on Nov 18 in the Eastern gymnasium. We have fun activities planned for the holidays celebrations including in school caroling. We may do a gift of giving that is not gifts, but acts of kindness with students in December. We may do a writing fair in January. Stay tuned for more information as we finalize these plans.

Keelan McNulty motioned to adjourn, Lydia Pottoff Seconded

**Adjournment:** 7:27pm