

East PTO Meeting

12 October 2022 / 9:30 AM / East School Multipurpose Room

Attendees

Kelly Newton, Jenn Columbus, Danielle Thomas, Sarah Sigovich, Darcy Molitor, Gia Morris, Cristina Barletto, Amy Moore, Julie Heger, Jess Kirley, Meredith Saylor, Barbara Clear, Kristin O'Brien, Amy Roberts, Dawn Murray, Caitlin McCleod, Virginia Robinson, Allison Daley, Mr. Jonathan Hawes, Dr. Amanda Donovan, Rich Tworig

Notes

President Update

- Fall Social - need to push on ticket sales, event Thursday October 20th
- Hingham Music Parents Association - looking for liaison, Barbara Clear volunteered
- Spelling Bee - still space to sign up
- PTO closet clean out - Amy Moore volunteered, also looking for GSAA volunteer to help go through materials
- Rich, head custodian, spoke on process and helpful protocol for events. The biggest thing is the big group of help with set up and clean up that the PTO always provides.
- PTO phone set up for venmo account. Be sure to put in notes what charge is for for tracking purposes.
- Kelly to confirm we are still using Amazon Smile and then to post video of how to subscribe
- Ms. Mac Art wall display

Principal & Vice Principal Update

- Pick Up Patrol - Dashboard is up and running in office for trial use. November 1st will start transferring notes into system and try out reporting features, which includes afternoon email to teachers to test process and work out any issues. Working on process of identifying custodial parent.
 - Jonathan connecting with Pick Up Patrol references to see what the best practices are for non-custodial parents
 - Parent concern of how long data is stored (2 years) has been noted and Jonathan/Kelly will connect this parent with the Head of IT at HPS, Joe Andrews
- Send any event info to Jonathan to include in Friday newsletter
- All School Meeting - school only event, no parents at this time. Kelly to follow up with Jonathan on including some or all parents if child is presenting or being recognized.

Vice President Update

- Room parents organized and started. Asking room parents to push for the appeal returns and recruit a GSAA 4th grade rep. As well as class historian for each grade.

Secretary Update

- Directory: in process of formatting and speaking with printer. Karen to send list of families (oldest and only) to figure out how many directories to order. Discussed proof reading - room parents to send to each class for final check.

Treasurer Update

- Looking to wrap any expenses in May/June. Please submit any expenses as soon as possible at end of each event.

- Let Gia know if you'd like to use the PTO debit card for big purchases/rentals for events

Annual Appeal

- 62% of goal reached, participation at 25% so far.
- Gym teacher for a day raffle for those who have participated

Enrichment

- Grade 4 kale planting, grade 2 Holly Hill Farm, grade 3 Plymouth Pawtuxet, grade 4 Worlds End. Caitlin is following up with Bruce at Holly Hill for grade level initiatives

Get Smart About Art

- grade level chairs needed: 4th grade
- Requesting help with PTO closet clean out

Events Update

- **Future Activities**
 - Halloween Bash — Thursday, October 27th, DJ cubie booked
 - discussed ticket admission price and pizza
 - Book Fair — November 1-3
 - Hobby Night — Wednesday, November 2nd, 5-6:30pm
 - flyers ready to go, will hold in other half of gym during book fair
 - Snowflake Sale — Saturday, December 3rd, 9-11am

Fundraising Update

- Family photos end of October, all spots are booked. Looking into adding additional spots.
- Minted code for holiday cards, coming out in next few weeks via social media

- Fruit Center fundraising week, mid November - discussed ways to increase participation
- December 8th, Acquire Good shopping night

Community Relations Update

- Fall Social — Thursday, October 20th, need to push for attendance/ticket sales
- East School Road Race - Sunday, June 11

Staff Appreciation Update

- survey going out to teachers

School Store Update

- Winter hats are back!
- Will set up a table at Halloween Bash and car loop

Community Service and Kindness Club Update

- Halloween Candy drive
- to discuss pajama drive and gift cards
- Winter Coat drive, gently used coats donated at school - send social media note to save coats, more details to follow
- Discussed Kindness Club
 - ideas welcome

Math Olympics

- no update

1,001 Book Club

- rockland athletic to make plaque for finisher names
- looking for ideas on how to promote - ideas suggested at all school meeting or in conjunction with another event. To send flyer with info.

Boks

- November start, to send email with info. Looking for 2 parent volunteers. Suggested video of what Boks is to include in email.

Communications Update

- Promoting Parent Social
- Halloween Bash chairs to send info once ready to post

Newsletter / Monthly Digest

- Looking to make a quicker to read/shorter newsletter and then a follow up digest with event pictures and write ups
- first digest to go out this month

Teacher Grants

- need updated form

Green Team Update

- Reminder that we are a green school - no single use plastic water bottles, limit balloons for events
- A number of initiatives in motion

Sunshine Committee

- Let the sunshine committee know of any families/people in need going through a difficult time

SEPAC Updates

- kickoff meeting last Thursday
- looking to push awareness, working on flyer to go home with applicable students
- Event - Dislexia awareness month, October 25th at library
- suggested to have Johnathan mention in newsletter
- IEP folders should include this info but haven't been. Follow up with central office on why this hasn't been included in IEP folders.

METCO Updates

- In touch with Unity Council and Mr. Hawes to make sure students have transportation or adult supervision between school and event start date.

5th Grade Committee

- selling candy at Halloween Bash - table needed
- ice cream social in cafe during book fair/hobby night
- raffle car loop sign, at Halloween Bash - table needed
- community service coming up

Playground Update

- on hold until we know more about the single 15 minute adjusted recess but beginning the process
- Suggested talking to Luke Dodge about what he'd like to see and could use on the proposed new structure

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Thomas

PTO Secretary