

East PTO Meeting

8 March 2023 / 7:00 PM / East School Multipurpose Room

Attendees

Kelly Newton, Jenn Columbus, Danielle Thomas, Gia Morris, Jonathan Hawes, Caitlin Walsh, Cristina Barletto, Barbara Clear, Tara Killory, Lynda Costello, Laura Muller, Caitlin McLeod

Notes

President & Vice President Updates

- AHA Kids Heart Challenge – run by Luke Dodge, sign up! Sign up info found in PTO newsletter and Principles Message.
- All in favor of the Elementary Mental Health presentation, \$125 approved for budget, Kelly motioned to vote, unanimously approved. Date 5/15
- Town Budget presentation on impact specifically to East Elementary – Tuesday April 11 – 5:30pm pizza and movie for kids /adult presentation with Jonathan, 7pm zoom presentation option

Principal & Vice Principal Update

- MCAS Information Session – 3/21 7pm via zoom. Info session for parents of children in grades 3-5, covering what students will experience and tools they will use during testing. Presentation will include simulated testing example for parents to try and the schedule of the day. Presentation will be via zoom on 3/21 at 7pm.

Secretary Update

- No update

Treasurer Update

- Reviewed budget to date.

Annual Appeal

- 77% after email push

Enrichment

- March events: K New England Wildlife Center Visit, Mad Science Fundamental Forces, 1st grade SSC Creative Composition Workshop, Wingmasters Birds of Prey Presentation, 4th Museum of Science field trip, 5th Edward Kennedy field trip

Get Smart About Art

- Off to a great start!
- Difficulty getting parent volunteers
- Forward thinking of volunteer to run next year, shadow for remaining events this year

Future Events

- Spring Book Fair – Tuesday, 3/28 through Thursday 3/30
- Night of Wonder - Wednesday, 3/29
- Literacy Breakfast / Incoming K and new student Event – Saturday, 4/29, 9-10:30am
- Dodgeball – Friday, 5/12
- Fishing Derby – date TBD
- Field Day – Thursday, 6/8 (Rain Date: Monday, 6/12)

Math Olympics

- Off to a great start, in week 3
- May 26th all school meeting, hand out medals

Kindness Club

- Current initiatives still running well
- Looking for ideas for year end incentive – either bounce house if budget room or a sweet treat

Green Team Update

- Lunchtime composting, recycling success!

Fundraising

- Nona's Night – date TBD

Staff Appreciation

- No update

Teacher Grants

- First one approved!

Community Service

- Canned food drive on Night of Wonder

1,001 Book Club

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Cyber Safety Group

- Interest in a group

Community Relations

- Road Race – Sunday, 6/11

Communications

- Keep sending along notes and pictures!
- Discussed social media security and privacy policies

Newsletter / PTO Digest

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Playground Committee

- Last week met with rep from Childscapes, local company out of Marshfield – Virginia Robinson, Luke Dodge and Jonathan Hawes. Vendor has worked with most schools in area, both large and small projects. Childscapes will take existing structures into consideration when making options.
- Looking at options that offer big body play, accommodating the most students as possible. Taking entirety of equipment so students can challenge themselves vs tubes and slides. Vendors will have renderings and color choices.
- Plan is to have 3 vendors proposals by end of year to present to larger PTO group. Likely not possible to have on site before next school year, but later in the Fall is a possibility.

School Store

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Sunshine Committee

- Ongoing to welcome new families and those in need.

METCO Updates

- Event Saturday, May 6 – more information to follow

SEPAC Updates

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Hingham Music Parents Association (HMPA)

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5th Grade Committee

- Ice cream social, 3/29

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Thomas, PTO Secretary