

# East PTO Meeting

**9 November 2022 / 7:00 PM / East School Multipurpose Room**

## Attendees

Kelly Newton, Jenn Columbus, Danielle Thomas, Gia Morris, Cristina Barletto, Amy Moore, Rory Earley, Michelle Grab, Principle Jonathan Hawes, Cheryn Byron, Lynda Costello, Amy Roberts, Darcy Molitor, Laura Muller, AnnMarie Thompson

## Notes

### President Update

- Evening meetings will be at 7pm going forward
- Discussed an enrichment opportunity, how many classes can fit in the gym. Half the students can fit, so break into 2 sessions.

### Principal & Vice Principal Update

- Thank you, hobby night success! Translates to push for more project based learning in the future.
- Jonathan suggested sending him items to discuss at this meeting
- Discussed all school meeting and rationale behind holding off on parent visitors for now. The school would like to provide equitable communication about inviting parents and at this time as a school we are not ready for guests. General feedback from parents is that we'd like to come in and see our children perform. Discussed if there is another way to do this – concert, play etc. This will evolve as the year goes on and the goal is to be able to open up to parents when a certain grade is performing at the meeting.

### Vice President Update

- Thank you to room parents for the appeal push!

## **Secretary Update**

- Directory: printed and bringing into office for distribution next week.

## **Treasurer Update**

- All events have made a profit and Back to School Bash was under budget.

## **Annual Appeal**

- 68% of families have contributed, hope to be at 80% by end of month.
- This months raffle will be a ride in a police car to school!

## **Enrichment**

- 11/16 Holly Hill Visits Grade 1
- 11/21 Plimoth Colony Visitor comes to Grade 2
- 11/22 Wompanoag Visitor comes to Grade 1
- 11/30 Grade 3, 4, 5 go see Matilda
- 12/15 and 12/16 Grade 4 goes to Harvard Peabody Museum for Igloos to Adobe

## **School Store Update**

- Ordered more pajama pants
- Drive through shop at car loop around the holidays for a new release!

## **Community Service and Kindness Club Update**

- Survey, “positive things initiative” – focus within school as 5<sup>th</sup> graders as leaders, facilitate around school. Working on logistics, beginning stages.
- Proposed discussing this at all school meeting

- Coat drive happening now through January 6<sup>th</sup>. Two large boxes are at the school and ready for collection!

## **Get Smart About Art**

- Reaching out to lead teachers about how many art pieces and feedback on what mediums they'd prefer/what would work best within the classrooms
- Looking for 4th grade rep

## **Events Update**

- For any event please make a note to provide food for the janitor team and a gift cards/tips. Discussed creating an event check list of what needs to be done for each event. Kelly has created google folders for each event/team, after event please enter all notes.
- Hobby night recap – challenges were last minute enrollment and space. Discussed keeping the event combined with a fundraising event. Discussed including teachers next year!

## **Future Activities**

- Snowflake Sale — Saturday, December 3rd, 9-11am, flyers going out this week
  - Bake sale, cafeteria during sale
- Harvest Festival – December 7<sup>th</sup> (meal prep) and 8<sup>th</sup> (enjoy the meal)

## **Fundraising Update**

- Family photos went well and made about a \$400 profit
- Minted code for holiday cards has gone out and on Instagram
- Fruit Center fundraising week going on now, don't forget to shop and mention East at checkout!
- December 8th, Acquired Goods shopping night

## **Community Relations Update**

- East School Road Race - Sunday, June 11

## **Staff Appreciation Update**

- Pick a pie Thanksgiving week. Communication to teachers to pick up a pie Wednesday before Thanksgiving. 100 pies will be delivered to school.
- Survey results from teachers noted, future luncheons are best as a “to go” or food truck style.

## **Math Olympics**

- Packets will go out before February break, lasts 12 weeks. Awards/medal at all school meeting when complete.

## **1,001 Book Club**

- Permanent plaque is being finished to list names of students who complete 100 book bags.
- Feedback included allowing children to be able to bring in and exchange their own bag instead of a parent having to do so.

## **Boks**

- Monday after Thanksgiving break to start. Sky sent email with info. Looking for parent volunteers. Jonathan to include in newsletters, PTO to promote on social media.

## **Communications Update**

- Cristina to push - Coat Drive, Fruit Center, Pick a Pie, Snowflake Sale

## **Newsletter / Monthly Digest**

- None

## **Teacher Grants**

- Timing reasoning on grants being later in the year, looking to move earlier in the year. Increase participation. Note from Treasurer to make sure when teachers submit reimbursement to make sure it's before end of school year.

## **Green Team Update**

- See Harvest Festival

## **Sunshine Committee**

- Ongoing to welcome new families and those in need.

## **SEPAC Updates**

- Kickoff meeting last Thursday

## **Hingham Music Parents Association (HMPA) Update**

- Want to be involved in elementary schools, would like to help with 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert.

## **METCO Updates**

- Looking into scholarship
- Looking to relaunch the Host Family model, suggested pizza party here for all metco families and any interested families in being a host.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Thomas  
PTO Secretary