

East PTO Meeting

14 December 2022 / 9:30 AM / East School Multipurpose Room

Attendees

Kelly Newton, Jenn Columbus, Danielle Thomas, Gia Morris, Principle Jonathan Hawes, Elisa, Karen, Dr. Donovan, Rich, Cristina Barletto, Laura Muller, Michelle Grab, Corey Cavas, Tara Killroy, Julie Heger, Barbara Clear, Cheryn Byron, Meg Craiger, Caitlin Walsh

Notes

President Update

- PickUp Patrol Presentation by Karen & Elisa, communication to go out this week to families via email from East and PTO to follow up
- Budget Vote:
 - i. METCO Host Family Event: 1/19/23 at East – restarting host family program, asking for \$200 per school. Kelly motioned to vote, all in favor.
 - ii. Depression & Anxiety in Children – Presentation by Dr. Nadja Reilly: 1/17/23 – SEPAC and Hingham School PTOs are sponsoring. Kelly motioned for a contribution of up to \$100 for the event, all in favor.

Principal & Vice Principal Update

- METCO mentorship: looking to add to peer mentorship in the METCO program
- January: Winter student assessments to better understand current learning levels/student growth from fall, rework any classroom groupings etc to customize where each student is at
- New reading program pilot – Interreading currently going on

Vice President Update

- No updates

Secretary Update

- No updates

Treasurer Update

- Reviewed November expenses

Annual Appeal

- 70% of families have contributed. PTO sending emails about Enrichment programs to show families how the donations are used
- Next raffle is ride to school in a fire truck!

Enrichment

- Emails going out to each grade listing enrichment activities
- Discussed ideas on how to reach donation goals

Get Smart About Art

- Working on getting the program started for this year and scheduled. Teachers agreed 3 projects this year work again. Looking to start in January. Discussed involving pre-k in art show.
- Tentative date for art show will be June 7th

Future Events

- Sweetheart Dance – 2/9
- Spring Book Fair – 3/21-23
- Dodgeball
- Literacy Breakfast / Incoming K Event - volunteers to start planning event for March time frame, will mention at K parent info sessions, January 11th 6:30, townwide K info session, enrollment packet and date info will be communicated then
- Fishing Derby

- Field Day - tentative date for Thursday June 8th

Fundraising

- Fruit Center shopping week earned \$2,500
- Minted earned \$1,100
- Aquire Good shopping day earned \$475
- Amazon Smile, push enrollment
- Ice cream social fundraiser, date tbd

Staff Appreciation Update

- Cookie Collections for December

Teacher Grants

- Meeting (?)

Community Service

- Gift card drive
- 61 pairs of pajamas donated
- Coat drive ongoing

Math Olympics

- February 2023 start for the 12 week program

1,001 Book Club

- Permanent plaque is here!

Kindness Club

- January kick off with activities and resources

Community Relations

- Road Race – 6/11

Boks

- Confirming start date, likely after holidays

Communications Update

- Individual grade level posting, IG stories, emails – use all platforms

Newsletter / Monthly PTO Digest

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Playground Committee

- Meeting held with Principle Hawes, Luke Dodge and Virginia Robinson – discussed play needs, vendor research, size, scope of project and funding to work out

School Store

- Adult sizes of East sweatshirt in stock

Green Team Update

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Sunshine Committee

- Ongoing to welcome new families and those in need.

SEPAC Updates

- Presentation January 17th Dr. Reilly

- Educational offerings, transition seminars

Hingham Music Parents Association (HMPA) Update

- Next meeting January 25th 7pm at Library

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Thomas
PTO Secretary