

# East PTO Meeting

**6 April 2023 / 7:00 PM / The Parrot**

## Attendees

Kelly Newton, Jenn Columbus, Danielle Thomas, Jonathan Hawes, Barbara Clear, Caitlin Walsh, Meg Estoff, Lindsay Newell, Allison Daley, Tricia Sullivan, Amy Moore, Heather Geary

## Notes

### President & Vice President Updates

- Town Vote Dates Discussed
- Ms. Mac looking for parent volunteers for HPS art show on 4/27

### Principal & Vice Principal Update

- Discussed school safety procedures and protocols

### Secretary Update

- No update

### Treasurer Update

- No update

### Fundraising

- Jersey Mike's Night, 5/17-18
- Nona's Night – at East, 5/25

### Enrichment

- April events: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to State House, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Physical Changes of Matter Presentation

- Please send any event pictures to Kelly

## **Get Smart About Art**

- In full swing!

## **Future Events**

- Pop Up Movie & Budget Night – Tuesday, 4/11
- 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**

- May 26<sup>th</sup> all school meeting, hand out medals

## **Kindness Club**

- Encourage and Explore is the message this month
- Kindness tree is growing with leaves!

## **Staff Appreciation**

- Teacher Appreciation Week Plan:
  - week of May 8<sup>th</sup>, each day something special planned for teachers and staff
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade to hold flower sale
  - end the week with a special teacher luncheon sponsored by parents
  - discussed ideas on students writing notes for teachers
  - looking for parent volunteers to help during the week

## **Community Service**

- Food drive: discussed collection and display ideas

## **Green Team Update**

- Lunchtime composting, recycling success! Thank you para educators for your help during lunchtime with this new initiative.
- First week of June, pollinator garden will be planted outside in the front of East!

## **Teacher Grants & HEF Grant Discussion**

- Please direct questions to Jonathan and teacher grants chair

## **Community Relations**

- Road Race – Sunday, 6/11

## **Communications**

- Keep sending along notes and pictures!

## **Newsletter / PTO Digest**

- Please send any student spotlights

## **Playground Committee**

- No update

## **1,001 Book Club**

- No update

## **Potential Cyber Safety Group**

- Cyber Health and Wellness. Discussed ideas around starting this initiative. How to manage screen/cyber safety.
- One idea is to hold a meeting to teach and provide parents with an information session, while kids are playing outside at school

## **School Store**

- No update

### **Sunshine Committee**

- Ongoing to welcome new families and those in need.

### **METCO Updates**

- Event Saturday, May 6 – more information to follow

### **SEPAC Updates**

- No updates

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

- No updates

### **5th Grade Committee**

- No updates

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Thomas, PTO Secretary