



East School PTO

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Meeting Notes
May 10, 2023 – 7:00pm**

Attendees: Kelly Newton, Jenn Columbus, Virginia Robinson, Gia Morris, Brooke Stulz, Lynn Reisman, Kylie Dunn, Kelly Gardner Smith, Mrs. Breen, Caitlin Walsh, Laura Muller, Caitlin McCleod, Anne-Marie Thompson, Cheryn Byron, Allison Daley

1. President & Vice President Updates
 - Harbormen Helping Day – Supplies Needed (rakes, shovels, paint rollers, brushes, pans, etc)
 - i. Need: Hoe, Spade, Rakes (soft and hard), rollers, brushes, aluminum foil pans
 - ii. Garbage bags, disposable gloves
 - PTO Celebration – Paragon on Thursday, 6/8
2. Principal & Vice Principal Update
 - School Supplies – Next year we will use SchoolKidz to order boxes of supplies to be sent home before the start of the school year
 - Recess Equipment Needed – Board agrees to buy the recess equipment sent over by Mr. Hawes. Will look into adding soccer nets as well.
3. Secretary – No Updates
4. Treasurer – Budget is in good shape
 - Please get reimbursement forms in asap for all end of year purchases
5. Playground Committee
 - Childscapes (Burke manufacturer) and Premier Park and Play (Chambette manufacturer) are the two vendors the team has met with so far
 - Better lead time with Childscapes and Jonathan has a positive prior experience working with this specific company in a playground build
 - Due to location of flood plains on the field, they will likely adjust the location to be next to the swingset and wrap around the gaga pit (vs. behind the swingset)
 - ADA compliant
 - Discussed appetite for a small appeal to to add on a central tower/climbing structure – would likely require an additional playground appeal (buy a brick campaign, for example).
 - Kelly Newton motioned to approve to approve no more than \$70,000 on the second Childscapes option provided by Virginia Robinson in the meeting. She will explore the center structure cost and feasibility just in case we end up wanting to go in that direction.
 - i. Kelly Newton Motioned
 - ii. Gia Morris Seconded
 - iii. Unanimous approval
6. Fundraising

- Jersey Mike's – next week Wed and Thu
- Nona's Night at East – Finalizing details there, will be on 5/25
- 7. Enrichment
 - Remind students to wear grade level tee shirts for field trips
 - All going well so far – lots of great trips coming up
 - Please submit reimbursement forms with invoices
- 8. Get Smart About Art
 - In great shape, only a few grades left for final projects
- 9. Upcoming Events
 - Dodgeball – Friday, 5/12
 - i. Signage for the entrance
 - Fishing Derby – 6/10 – 6/11
 - Field Day – Thursday, 6/8 (Rain Date: Monday, 6/12)
 - Road Race – Sunday, 6/11
- 10. Math Olympics
 - Get the list in advance so we can reach out to parents
- 11. Kindness Club
 - 6/1 – Kindness Year End Incentive, will need parent volunteers
- 12. Staff Appreciation
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is going well!
- 13. Community Service – wrapped up for the year and finished strong with a presentation at All School Meeting
- 14. Green Team
 - Booth at Cohasset Eco Fest
 - Pollinator Garden Update
- 15. Teacher Grants – Approvals this year
 - 1st Grade Macy's Day Parade
 - Reading Interventionists Sensory Tools
 - World folk stories for the Galo Library
 - 1st Grade Animal Habitat – reminder to be sent to the 1st grade team
 - Grade Level – 4th Grade Reflex Math Party
 - Reminder to grade levels about the COVID funds set aside
- 16. Community Relations
 - Road Race - Flyers in backpacks / flyer for the staff spaces with the promocode
 - i. Signs in mailboxes
- 17. Communications – no update
- 18. Newsletter / PTO Digest – no update
- 19. 1,001 Book Club –
 - 27 Sign ups at the Literacy Event
 - Flyers going out for 5th graders to donate a gently used book to the book club with a label
 - Options for the older grades discussed
- 20. Potential Cyber Safety Group
 - Reach out to middle school teacher
 - Allison will try to find out Norwell speaker

21. School Store
 - Rory replenishing supplies currently
22. Sunshine Committee
23. METCO
24. SEPAC
25. Hingham Music Parents Association (HMPA)
26. 5th Grade Committee
27. Meeting Adjourned!

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Newton