

East PTO Meeting

13 November 2024 / 9:30 AM / East Cafetorium

Attendees

Michelle Kubec, Cheryn Byron, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Danielle Thomas, Jonathan Hawes, Amanda Donovan, Danielle Terranova, Michelle Grab, Maria Kutsch, Heather Geary, Tara Killory, Emma Black, Amy Moore, Cristina Barletto, Meg Cragan, Rich Tworig, Allyson Daly

Notes

Administration and Executive Board Updates:

Principal & Vice Principal (Jonathan Hawes, Amanda Donovan)

- o No updates

President Updates (Nicole Dunn, Michelle Kubec)

- o Next PTO meeting, December 11, 9:30AM East MPR
- o Debrief discussion Halloween Carnival, shoutout to chairs, overall new format success and being mindful of scheduling KIA

Vice President (Cheryn Byron, Barbara Fitzpatrick)

- o Room Parents:
 1. Discussed teacher collections for gifting, communication going out by the end of the month to families.
 2. Room Parent support with timely reminders within a week of ask.

Treasurer (Aimee Glynn)

- o Discussed budget to date
 1. Halloween Carnival covered costs

Secretary (Danielle Thomas)

- o Directory update: Directory Cover in process of being updated by 11/15, Directory to be sent to print next week

Enrichment Updates:

Annual Appeal (Sarah Kuzniar)

- o Update on this years contribution, 63% to goal participation
- o Extra recess November appeal challenge

Enrichment (Caitlin Walsh)

- o G2 - 11/13 Holly Hill Farm - Planting Garlic
- o G 5 - 11/15 State House Visit
- o G1 - 11/15 Wompanoag Visitor
- o G2 11/22 Plymouth Colony Presentation
- o Reminder: please submit upcoming scheduled enrichment to Cristi DeCotis to include in the Sunday week ahead/mark your calendar email. And Please send a recap w/ photos for past enrichment to be included in the monthly newsletter.
- o Please submit photos and short write up to Cristina Barletto for social sharing after activity.
- o Enrichment coordinators, please notify Karen in the office with field trip dates when you know them so she can update the school calendar

Upcoming Activities and Events November - January:

Staff Appreciation (Michelle Grab, Lynn Reisman, Candy Anand, Suzanne Manning, Caitlin McLeod, Gia Morris, Heather Geary)

- o Pick a pie - sign up going live 11/14
- o Pick A Pie - Nov. 27
- o Teacher Cookie Swap – 12/20

Events (Amy Moore, Chair)

- o Book Fair - 11/12-11/14 (Melissa Caine) - need volunteers for 2nd shift Thursday
- o Hobby Night - 11/13 (Darcy Molitor & Amy Roberts)
- o 5th Grade Ice Cream Social – 11/13
- o Snowflake Sale - 12/7 Donations begin 11/18 & flyers went home! Monday social push. Adjusted pricing, \$1/item.
 - Discussed how to post on social with all the details, possible website link on PTO website and also having room parents email with reminder and details. Post first thing Monday morning.
- o Bingo Night - 1/15 (Lindsay Peters & Danielle McLure)
- o Discussed adding PTO events to the main East calendar for the year
 - Jonathan can only update a month at a time

Community Service - (Heather Geary)

- o Coat Drive (10/7-10/31) – coats dropped off yesterday, 116 coats donated (180 last year). Success for keeping drive open for only two weeks. Discussed pushing it out later.
 - Social post to thank donations and include statistics
- o Halloween Candy Collection (10/31 - 11/8) – 176 lbs of candy donated!
- o Pajama Drive (11/1-11/15) – in process, slow on donations, discussed possibly bumping it out another week for donations
 - Cristina to post reminder for donations
- o Gift Card Drive (11/15-12/15) – kicked off early, started in advance of book fair to get QR code donations at checkout
- o Toothbrush drive from Hingham High School student, discussed if we'd like to participate and when we'd like to do this – either January or March, Jonathan to communicate this back to the student

Fundraising (Robin Weber)

- o Mini Photoshoot – success! Added an extra day
- o 12/7 Acquire Good Shopping night
- o 12/9 & 12/10 Buttonwood Books shopping night

Year Round Initiatives:

Communications - Social (Cristina Barletto), Newsletter/Sunday emails (Cristie DeCotis), Eblasts (Nicole McNally)

- o Discussed creating a document with a writeup of each field trip/event that can be used on all communications

Teacher Grants (Corey Caras)

- o balloons over Broadway for 1st grade 11/26.

Kindness Club (Jessica Rodehorst & Allyson Daly)

- o Kicked off – partnering with Heather/Community Service for “share our treasure”
 - o First challenge, Share your Treasures, adding pirates to the mural
 - o Half day wellness emails to teachers with kindness activities
 - Positive feedback, liked having a large number of options
 - o Sarah joining the kindness committee
 - o December challenge will be a “parrot” to imitate kindness
 - o Discussed having a guest speaker coming in for an all school meeting that demonstrates and can speak to kindness

School Beautification (Brooke Stulz)

- o No update, on going

Technology Discussion (Meg Estoff)

- o No update

Green Team (Meg Cragan, Colleen Muzio)

- o Fall Updates, Salad party
- o Discussed irrigation, new garden beds and compost with Bruce
- o Add back lunch time help with recycle and compost
- o Compost – Peter Swanson, proposed coming in during all school meeting to discuss process.
 - o Meg to ask about tray recycle/compost with Peter Swanson
 - o Jonathan working with a group of 4th graders that are interested in reusable trays or composting the trays
 - o Amanda suggested if we change how we will compost, to start it at the beginning of the year and also have a schedule in place for the responsibility of the compost escort to take out compost with the students

Sunshine Committee - (Danielle McLure, Suzanne Manning)

- o No update, on going

School Store (Meg Ruscitto)

- o Holiday plans - No Wake “East” hats have arrived!

1,001 Book Club (Maria Kutsh & Caitlin McLeod)

- o No update, on going

Playground Equipment Committee (Virginia Robinson)

- o No update, on going

BOKS - (Josh Grab)

- o No update

METCO (Lisa Carter & Julie Heger)

- o No update

SEPAC (Caitlyn Bearce)

- o No update

GSAA (Danielle Terranova):

- o Supply closet cleaned out!
- o Budget concerns over needed many more supplies after clean out
- o Timing early January to start
- o Revising presentations

Volunteers needed for the following roles:

- o GSAA Kindergarten Coordinator (two volunteers)
- o GSAA - 1st Grade Coordinator (1 volunteer)
- o GSAA - 2nd Grade Coordinator (1 volunteer)
- o GSAA - 3rd Grade Coordinator (1 volunteer)

- GSAA - 4th Grade Coordinator (1 volunteer)
- o Sweetheart Dance
 - o BOKS coordinator and volunteers

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Thomas, PTO Secretary