

September Eastern Elementary School PTO Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13th, 2022 at 6:30PM

Board Members Present: Laura Ashton, Jenn Comstock, Lydia Potthoff, Kristin Harnish, Betsy Powell, Kylie Croon

Staff Present: Biz Ruskowski, Mandy Labarre, Deb Feaster, Carrie Bui

Start: 6:30pm

Approval of August Minutes: Lydia Potthoff motioned and Keelan McNulty seconded

President's Report

Jog a thon is on Friday and if weather doesn't cooperate we will hold it in the gym. Mr McNulty will emcee. Jogathon is a Safari theme (Eastern Stars Run Wild). Fundraising is going great! We will wrap up the fundraiser on Friday 10/21. All donations must be in by this date.

Family Friday and Book Fair 10/28 Crafts, games and book fair (Brilliant Books) available to shop. Activities will be in the gym and cafeteria with story telling in music room and book fair in the lobby.

Ms Bui: teaches music to all grades this year. TCAPS music dept is going to do performances a bit differently this year: JrK-1st grade will hold as a classroom demo (invite a couple grown-ups per child to school during music class times). 2nd-5th will have a concert in the gymnasium Feb/March 3-3:30p. Holiday Sing-a-long 12/20: may be spread throughout the school like an indoor/outdoor caroling event (PTO may provide hot chocolate)

Donuts with Grownups was a great success. 200 MORE adults came than expected. We would love to do another event like this later this year.

Holiday Giving Shannon Jensen-Boncher will coordinate with the front office to get a list of needs for Eastern Families (anonymous) for Thanksgiving meals. December: teachers will have classroom wish lists for Holiday giving.

Treasurer's Report

Staff start up was \$22 per student this year and the was our biggest expense last month.

Eastern Elementary PTO September Treasurer Report	
Cash on Hand:	
Checking Account:	\$145.35
Savings Account:	\$5,933.61
Total Cash On Hand:	\$6,078.96
Income:	
Interest	\$0.09
JAT	\$145.35
Total Income:	\$145.44
Expenses:	
Family Friday	\$49.92
Field Trip	\$330.00
Hospitality	\$1,150.61
JAT	\$555.15
PTO Expenses	\$539.08
Spirit Wear	\$31.85
Staff Start Up	\$18,278.00
Total Expenses:	\$20,934.61

PTO funding requests for staff and families:

PTO Proposal Request for funds can be submitted 3 times per year. Oct 1, Jan 1 and April 1. Anything over \$500 must have a vote per our bylaws. You must be in person at the next PTO meeting to vote (Jan 10 and Apr 11).

We have set aside \$3500 for the 2022-23 school year for these requests. We may add to this total if fundraising exceeds expectations. Proposal sheets will be in the PTO mailbox in the office or can be downloaded from EasternElementaryPTO.com

October Voting:

Cormier 3D Printer: \$700 3D printer and filament to be used in the resource room to print educational manipulatives

Jerseys- \$516/\$437 Eastern needs new sports jerseys and also more to accommodate larger school population. Last jerseys were purchased in 2015. Meeting attendees have concerns: They questioned why jerseys aren't included with LEAP fees if coaches and venues are free. What do the LEAP fees pay for?

2) **Layne Magazine Subscription:** \$439 Storyworks to add to Journey's 4th grade curriculum. Magazines have more current and engaging topics.

School Garden: \$1876 revised to \$800 (for raised beds) after discussion during the meeting for this voting cycle

1) **Cooper 3D printer:** \$495 mini printer to supplement larger printer. Mr Cooper did a video presentation showing how 5th graders use digital printers to create car wheels and then race their creations.

All in person attendees did a rank vote and Cooper 3D printer and Layne Magazine Subscription won the PTO funding for this cycle for a total of \$934.

Principal's Report

Student council (4th and 5th graders) convened and came up with spirit week themes for this week. Shoutout to PTO- thanks for your support. Shout out to staff- so much academic rigor already this year. Our staff is remarkable. We are thankful to be in person and more normal in the building this year. In- Person Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up and we shoot for 100% participation at conferences. Please schedule if you have not done so already. We are adding 3 more bike racks outside thanks to our safe routes to school grant. Sports are going well- cross country, 2-3rd grade girls basketball is happening right now as well.

Keelan McNulty motioned to adjourn, Betsy Powell Seconded

Adjournment: 7:43pm