



Eastover PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 7:00pm

Attendees

Cyndi Smyly

Megan Preston

Kathy Halonen

Theresa Barlow

Jennifer Gerback

Michelle Callahan

Harleen Singh

Meg Spence

Margie Turowski

Michelle Southward

Dayna Barrett

Katherine Kosco

Angie Blowers

Holly Hammerle

- I. Call to Order Cyndi Smyly
Meeting called to order at 7:03pm
- II. Review March Meeting Minutes Kathy Halonen
Minutes reviewed; motion for approval by Meg Spence, seconded by Cyndi Smyly.
- III. President's Report Cyndi Smyly
 - A. March Celebrations: Author Visit, Publishing Center, Welcome Back Celebration
We had a lot of exciting, fun events that happened during the month of March! The author visit (with Deb Palutti) was a wonderful experience for our classrooms. Publishing center books were collected, and the turnout was good! Those are shipped to the publisher and we hope to have them back by the end of the year. The week before spring break we held our welcome back to full-time celebration with signs out front at the school, bundt cakes for the teachers, and popsicles for the students.
- IV. Treasurer's Report Megan Preston
We are working on closing out the books so we should have a full report next month.
- V. Principal's Report Harleen Singh/Faculty
 - A. Our back-to-school celebration was amazing! It was just what we needed. It created such a happy and welcoming environment for our students and staff. Staff and students had a nice spring break, and were able to really take a break after getting back full time for 3 ½ days. Your efforts really meant a lot.
 - B. Back to school has gone really well – students are, for the most part, able to follow the protocols. They are adapting to the new lunch rules. It's been really heartwarming to have the kids back, doing specials live, which is so exciting for them. We are looking forward to a strong end of the year!
 - C. Upcoming dates: No school April 13; conferences are taking place that afternoon (virtually)
 - D. Our author visit went really well; it was our first virtual author visit, and it was really amazing to see how the students interacted with the author.
- VI. New Business Cyndi Smyly
 - A. Teacher Appreciation Month (May): it looks like this will be a team effort this year, as we do not have a chair for this committee currently. We do have a budget set aside for this, and we would like to do some creative things (other than gift cards) this year. Please let Cyndi know if you're interested in helping with this project next month!
 - B. Yearbook update from Michelle Callahan: the yearbook is underway! Ordering will be turned on in the near future – look for an announcement in the eblast. Flyers will be sent home with students. Deadline for ordering is May 21; books will be \$18 this year (soft cover). Michelle is going to try to include the BV Eastover students and teachers too.
 - C. Bowers Farm Open Barn Days Meg Spence
The director of the farm has been thinking outside of the box for ways to include the BH community at the farm. He is opening "barn days" to each school on Saturdays from 10-4. Various activities with animals

will be available and we have access to the tent (this is all free). Discussion about whether to host a barn day took place. The group was in favor of one, and Meg will reserve June 19 as our date. This will serve as an end of year celebration and we will work on a plan for activities to hold in the tent.

VII. Committee Updates

Cyndi Smyly/Committee Chairs

- A. Talent & Art Show - April 21st: mystery staff will be participating along with many EO students; the link will be available to our EO families
- B. Playground Update - Embankment Slide Removal/Refund: we are waiting to hear back from the company on exactly how much we are getting back from them. Kathy Halonen is following up and will update us when she has more information.
- C. Restaurant Nights: We will be receiving a check from the failed Chipotle restaurant night; also, there is a local family who owns the Detroit Taco Company, and we are hopefully going to set something up with them before the end of the school year.

VIII. Announcements

Kathy Halonen

- A. April Theme: SPRING! Post your pictures on our Facebook page for a chance to win a \$10 Amazon gift card!

B. PTOC Announcements

Meg Spence

- 1. Multicultural Celebration, May 27th @ BHHS, Registration packets due 4/19: the theme is Stories and Legends. This event will be outdoors and grab and go food is going to be provided.
- 2. Make A Difference Day: this is a district wide event. A recipient is chosen each year, and every school participates to support this organization. Both committee heads are moving on after this year and are looking for a replacement for next year – if anyone is interested, please let Meg Spence know.
- 3. Welcome Back Family Night Event (District Wide this Summer): PTOC has been discussing this with Pat Watson. The idea is to have this outside (with safety measures as needed) in the fall. We need a representative or two from Eastover to join this committee. If interested, let Meg Spence know.

C. Sign up for PTO Communications

- 1. E-Blasts: Register at eastoverpto.org
- 2. Facebook Group: Eastover Eagles PTO

- D. May PTO Meeting (5/4) will feature special guests Jason Rubel, EHMS Principal, and Kim Costis, EHMS PTO President

IX. Adjournment

Cyndi Smyly

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Upcoming dates and events:

4/13 - NO SCHOOL

4/13-14 - Family/Teacher Conferences

4/21 - Eastover Talent & Art Show

May - Teacher Appreciation Month

5/4 - PTO Meeting @ 7pm via Zoom, with special guests Jason Rubel & Kim Costis

Be on the lookout for emails from school and Eastover PTO for up to date information on Programs/Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Have questions/comments/concerns/ideas/ or want to get involved?

Contact: Cyndi Smyly and/or Kathy Halonen - EastoverEaglesPTO@gmail.com