



Eastover PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 7:00pm

Attendees:

Cyndi Smyly	Megan Preston	Heather Adams
Angie Blowers	Theresa Barlow	M Happel
Carey Crocker	Danyelle Barton	Amy Hale
Jamie Goldschmidt	Jennifer Gerback	Michelle Callahan
Rebecca Ealy	Katherine Kosco	Margie Turowski
Kathy Halonen	Meg Spence	

- I. Call to Order Cyndi Smyly
Cyndi called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
- II. Review January Meeting Minutes Kathy Halonen
Motioned for approval by Theresa Barlow, seconded by Megan Preston; January minutes approved
- III. Treasurer's Report Megan Preston
Nothing has changed from last month – nothing has come in or out! An updated financial report will be available soon.
- IV. Principal's Report Carey Crocker/Faculty
 - A. Principal Search Update: as was announced earlier today, Ms. Singh will be the new Eastover principal; there is no set timeline for this transition. Information will be shared as decisions are made.
 - B. 2nd Semester Transition: second semester started yesterday; we had approximately 30 students transition to in-person learning (and 15 left to go virtual). The transition went well; it's so great seeing the smiles on kids' faces – they are truly happy when they're in the building! Three teachers are present on the meeting tonight (Mrs. Goldschmidt, Mrs. Hale, and Mrs. Barton) – all reiterated how great it is to see students in person again.
- V. New Business Cyndi Smyly
 - A. Playground Update - Embankment Slide Removal/Refund
 1. Eastover PTO will receive \$3714.00 refund for cost of slide; this slide has had problems since it was installed.
 2. American Athletix will remove the slide. We will work with Plant Services to ensure the hillside is restored and made safe for students.
 3. We need to start the conversation about what to do with this money – hang on to it, or reinvest it in the playground? This will be an ongoing conversation.
 - a) Mrs. Hale commented that it is a hugely popular piece of equipment, and it will be missed.
 - b) The concern was raised that since Eastover will become a preschool building in a few years, and the elementary will be moved to East Hills, should we wait and use the money at East Hills? Or should we look into a piece of equipment that can be moved?
 - B. Talent Show: we will do another virtual talent show this year (similar to last year). The idea for this year is to have parents upload videos of their student's talent, and the committee will put together a

video compilation and then host a viewing party. We are looking at holding this toward the end of March. More information will come out soon.

- C. Author Visits: this normally coincides with our Publishing Center. We are going to try to secure someone to do a visit on Zoom – more to come. We do have money in our budget for this. Cyndi is working with Mrs. Livingston and Michelle Callahan on this event.
- D. February Fun Event Ideas (Virtual Dance Party?): we need to have some fun! Bloomfield Virtual held a virtual dance party, and we are thinking of holding one for Eastover. A virtual assembly is another idea that we are looking into. Look for more information soon.
- E. Picture Day is happening on March 15 – face to face kids will have their photos taken during the day. BV students who want to be included in the Eastover yearbook can come in from 4:30-6:30pm to get their photo taken as well.

VI. Committee Updates

A. Spirit Wear

Kathy Halonen

We still have inventory in stock (t-shirts and hoodies) in almost every size. If anyone is interested in ordering something, email Kathy at eastovereaglespto@gmail.com.

B. Publishing Center

Cyndi Smyly

Registration was closed before the winter break and the paper kits are in! These will be made available toward the end of the week – you'll be able to pick them up in front of the school. The finished books will be due March 14, and students will receive their book before the end of the school year.

C. Committee Needs

1. Multicultural Celebration: this is a district wide event that will take place in May this year, so it can be an outdoor event. This is an event for students to share their heritage, and for students to learn about other cultures. This year's theme is "Stories and Legends." We need an Eastover representative to be a liaison between EO and the planning committee. Please reach out to Cyndi if you're interested.
2. Teacher Appreciation: this typically takes place during the month of May, and we need someone to jump in and spearhead this project. You can also solicit other parent helpers. Again, reach out to Cyndi if you're interested in leading this event.

VII. Announcements

Kathy Halonen

- A. February Theme: Love & Friendship; submit your photos on our Facebook page for a chance to win a \$10 Amazon gift card!
- B. Kindergarten Information Session - February 22nd, details to be announced
- C. Sign up for PTO Communications
 1. E-Blasts: Register at eastoverpto.org
 2. Facebook Group: Eastover Eagles PTO

VIII. Adjournment

Cyndi Smyly

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Upcoming dates and events:

2/4 - Family Connections Gathering - 7:30pm (via Zoom) - Visit bloomfield.org to RSVP

2/12 - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

2/15 - NO SCHOOL

2/22 - Virtual Kindergarten Information Night

2/25 - Restorative Practices for Parents & Caregivers Workshop - 9-11am - Register at bloomfield.org

3/1 - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

3/2 - Eastover PTO Meeting, 7pm (via Zoom)

3/15 – Picture Day!

**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