



## Eastover PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 7pm

### Attendees:

Cyndi Smyly	Charma Acheson	Debbie Guettler
Megan Preston	Stephanie Knight	Genevieve Caffelli
Margie Turowski	Harleen Singh	Beth Kalusniak
Katie White	Rebecca Ealy - Virtual	
Katie Gardner	Rachel Kraft	

- I. Call to Order Cyndi Smyly  
Called to order @ 7:07pm
- II. Review October Meeting Minutes Cyndi Smyly  
Cyndi Smyly motioned for approval of minutes. Katie White approves. Margie Turowski seconds
- III. Principal's Report Harleen Singh/Faculty
  - A. MADD - Over \$401 in donations as well as a whole lot of pantry items for Gleaners.
  - B. Parent teacher conferences are coming up. Look out for those signup genius emails to get a slot with your teacher.
  - C. Parent involvement at school - looking into different and new ways to involve parents with what is going on at school whether it be in-person or virtual opportunities like the virtual halloween parade. Investigating how to incorporate exhibitions that showcase learning as well as how it is embedded organically in the curriculum. More information on what that looks like to come.
  - D. Title 1 - We are a title 1 building and what that means is we get federal funding. There are some requirements that we have to fulfil like parent meetings, support students through various programs, provide a parent code of conduct form/contract (given to sign at conferences). Would appreciate any feedback on these contracts and information sheets.
- IV. President's Report Megan Preston & Cyndi Smyly
  - A. Fun Run in the rain - Really wet and really fun. After expenses for the DJ and ice pops etc we raised over \$10k which the kids got to have a PJ day to celebrate. Thank you to all the volunteers. Plan is to utilize the same online company next year where children can create individual pages and raise funds. It was nice having it on the baseball field. Will consider that again for next year.
  - B. Programs we have coming up over the next couple of months are the book fair, talent show, March is reading month and potentially the science fair. More details will be made available as they are finalized.
- V. Treasurer's Report Katie Gardner
  - A. In good standing in regards to finances. Some more PTO dues have come in as well as Spirit wear orders.
  - B. Spent some money on teacher gifts (birthday/baby/marriage celebrations), fun run and the gleaners donations will be coming out.
  - C. In good shape for up and coming events and anything that might pop up.
- VI. New Business Cyndi Smyly/PTO Board
  - A. Bloomfield Hills Athletic Committee (BHAC) Debbie Guettler & Genevieve Caffelli
    1. Passionate parents that want to strengthen the athletics community.

2. It's district wide and they want to strengthen the link between schools (elementary, middle and high) and make resources and programs more connected.
3. Want to connect schools, leagues and clubs together and share resources, information etc
4. Want to get high school kids involved in helping out with the programs, especially the younger age groups. Help with community service hours etc
5. ASK - need eyes and ears on the ground to provide feedback. What is missing? Where is there a gap? What programs would you like to be made available?
6. ASK - looking for a parent school liaison to provide this feedback to the committee. Right now it's a low time contribution. New program so things might change as we learn more.

B. Family Directories

Katie White

1. In the works - creating a Eastover school directory with families that have opted to have their information in the directory when they registered.
2. The directory will be a paper bound book with student names by alphabetical order - no class lists. Included is school contact information, staff list and emails, school map, dismissal form and much much more. If a family opted out of sharing their information in the directory when registering for the school year their information will not be in the directory and at this time will not be able to be added. If you wish to either participate or not in the directory that is a selection you will make for the next school year when registering your child(ren).
3. The paper copy of the directory will be given out to all families that are up to date with their 2021/2022 PTO dues, which is \$25 per a family.
4. Final review will happen in the next few weeks and the first batch of 75 copies will be printed and distributed. Currently we have 45 families who will receive the paper directory.
5. Thank you to Sally for all her help and efforts in getting the information to us.

C. Publishing Center

Charma Acheson

1. Publishing center is on and the registration form to sign up for a kit is up and running.
2. We currently have 86 families that have registered for kids DK though 5th grade. The deadline to register is Nov 12th so please don't forget to sign up.

D. Book Fair

1. Carolyn Short and Mrs. Livingston are working hard to get the book fair ready for the kids.
2. Preview week is next week, where the kids come in and get to look at the options and write down what they like on their wishlist.
3. We will have 3rd grade buddies assisting the younger students.
4. Shopping days will be the week before Thanksgiving.
5. There will be no in-person parent purchase days but will have a virtual bookstore option available to the parents.
6. Coming back is the virtual wallet.

VII. Committee Updates

Megan Preston/Committee Chairs

A. Yearbook

1. Michelle Callahan has started the process of collecting photos. So send in any pictures you might have of the various activities, events, classroom happenings etc.
2. This year's book will be a full size book like before Covid meaning the price is back up to about \$21.

B. Conference Dinners

1. Erika Vivo is taking the lead on organizing this. We will be looking into having dinners catered versus families making something.
2. Will be asking families for donations of individually pre-packaged items for the conference dinners or monetary donations. Information will be coming out about that soon.

C. Math Pentathlon

1. Chapri, one of the committee leaders, has completed her training and is working with the office and volunteers to determine a schedule.
  2. Hoping to get the program up and running soon.
- D. Gardens & Grounds
1. Looking into doing some changes outside to the gardens to beautify the place. In the process of discussing plans with maintenance, Sally and Mrs. Singh.
- E. Spirit Wear
1. We have quite a bit of inventory left which we will aim to sell before placing any more orders at this time.
  2. We don't want to have too much on hand.

VIII. Announcements

Megan Preston

- A. November Theme: FAMILY
  1. October winners were announced on Facebook.
- B. Sign up for PTO Communications
  1. E-Blasts: Register at [eastoverpto.org](http://eastoverpto.org)
  2. Facebook Group: Eastover Eagles PTO

IX. Adjournment

Cyndi Smyly

Meeting was called to a close by Cyndi at 7:53pm

**Upcoming dates and event**

Friday, 11/12 - Publishing Center Registration Deadline

Tuesday-Friday, 11/16-19 - Family-Teacher Conferences

Friday, 11/19 - Picture Retakes

Tuesday, 11/23 - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, 11/24-26 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, 12/7 - PTO Meeting, 7pm in Media Center

**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?

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