



Eastover PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 7pm

Attendees:

Cyndi Smyly

Megan Preston

Margie Turowski

Sascha Wilcox

Gleen Wilcox

Katie White

Katie Gardner

Charma Acheson

Beth Kalusniac

Caitlyn Polan

Kathy Holonen

Jennifer Gerback

Stephanie Knight

Dorya Aziz

Harleen Singh

- I. Call to Order Cyndi Smyly
Called to order at 7:02pm
- II. Review September Meeting Minutes Cyndi Smyly
Cyndi Smyly motioned for approval of Sept minutes, Megan Preston approved and Kathy Holonen seconded.
- III. Principal's Report Harleen Singh/Faculty
 - A. Mrs. Singh welcomed parents and PTO back into the building and provided a brief background of her professional career.
 - B. Happy to be partnering with the school community and getting some normalcy back into the daily schedules.
 - C. Staff meetings have shifted focus from continually updating protocols to school events, field trips, building school community, social emotional wellness and re-establishing classroom routines.
 - D. Encourage families to participate in the GET wellness meetings - GET is a global equity inclusion program that works to bring equity to all members of the community. The meeting was held virtually and will likely remain virtual for the year with varying dates and times to aid different family schedules.
 - E. Thanks to PTO for the staff dinners for conferences and the successful PTO movie night event held at the beginning of the month.
- IV. President's Report Megan Preston & Cyndi Smyly
 - A. Thanks to everyone for coming
 - B. Bowers farm is having a fall festival Oct 23rd-24th. It's a fun family event with fall crafts for the kids and concessions. Cost is \$14 per person.
- V. Treasurer's Report Katie Gardner
 - A. Books have been finalized and closed for last year.
 - B. Penny wars was submitted too late for the fiscal year so it has been added in for this year.
 - C. There isn't a lot of fundraising planned for this year but project expenses will also be on the low side as we are easing back into some of the 'typical' year activities.
 - D. Some lines have been removed with no new lines added to the budget for this year however there is some wiggle room for anything that might come up.
 - E. Playground fund - Due to the bond approval don't want to invest on any outdoor equipment for the school but want to ensure the fund goes towards play based items for the students. Looking into more indoor play options that can be moved to the new school.
 - F. Kathy Halonen and Jennifer Gerback approve the budget that was provided at the meeting. All approved.

VI. New Business

Cyndi Smyly/PTO Board

A. Family connections

1. Beth Kalusniac spoke about becoming a liaison for the district. Help international and new to the district families get assimilated to the community and connect them with various resources, i.e. recommended doctors, dentists, sports activities, clubs, etc. Family connections meetings are held once a month and they aim to partner with each schools PTO so they are available as a resource to any community member seeking help. They are seeking Eastover families to be the face of our school and to act as a base point for new families to turn to when they are seeking information.

B. Eastover Fun Run

1. Rebecca Ealy took the lead on organizing the fun run. Pedometer for each student. Schedule and parent volunteer list will be sent out. No siblings if possible. D.J will get the kids stretched out and warmed up to run and then they will receive popsicles after the race. Rain date for Oct 15th. Raised \$8.5k so far. School will earn a P.J day if we reach our \$10k goal. Potential considering another incentive for \$12k

C. Math Pentathlon

1. Megan Preston has three volunteers that are helping take the lead on getting this implemented. One parent attended the training on the math/strategy games. This will potentially be before school. Volunteers will be needed to run this program. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.

D. Make A Difference Day

1. This is a district wide effort to give back to our community. Have partnered with Gleaners and will take place Oct 23rd. There will be no in-person volunteers on the day but each school will be collecting various items. Each classroom will have a box to donate.

E. Family Directories

1. Katie White is looking into potentially bringing back paper school directories which will be an added incentive to join the PTO/ Pay PTO dues. Looking at how to clean up and update the directory.

F. Publishing Center

1. Great program where students become authors and get an opportunity to create their own paper book to treasure. The PTO also selects a few to purchase for the school library. Volunteers have signed up to lead this committee. Still getting in touch with student treasurers about logistics. Aim is to have a signup out to families in November. Information will be sent out as it becomes available.

VII. Committee Updates

Megan Preston/Committee Chairs

A. Drive In Movie Night/Food Truck

1. Thanks to all the volunteers for a successful movie night. Reached the sales goal for the food truck so it was free to have at the event. Have noted down some changes for next year with potentially looking into having more spaces available. Suggest overlapping the food truck with the movie time a little to get more sales.

B. Spirit Wear

1. Has been ordered. Should be coming in next week. Items will be brought to the school and distributed to the kids. We have a few surplus items. Spirit week planned but not sure when. More information to come on that.

- C. Committee Volunteers are needed as events and programs happen, so look out for those eblasts. Looking at adding in a family mentor committee to garner some support and representation for the family liaison program that helps new to the district families get acclimated to the community.

VIII. Announcements

Megan Preston

- A. October Theme: FALL FESTIVITIES is the October theme for this month's facebook photo contest. Two winners will be selected at random at the end of the month to win a \$10 giftcard.
- B. Sign up for PTO Communications
 - 1. E-Blasts: Register at eastoverpto.org
 - 2. Facebook Group: Eastover Eagles PTO

IX. Adjournment

Cyndi Smyly

- A. Meeting was called to a close by Cyndi at 7:52pm

Upcoming dates and event

Thursday 10/7 - Picture Day

Friday, 10/8 - Eastover Fun Run (Rain Date 10/15)

Monday, 10/11 - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, 10/29 - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, 11/2 - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

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?

Contact: Cyndi Smyly and/or Megan Preston - EastoverEaglesPTO@gmail.com