

PTA Meeting Minutes 10/16/2018

9:00 am, co-Presidents Jen Azzariti & Judy Snyder called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance

A quorum was present

Mr. McKillop spoke. East Lake is now the third largest school in the district. Today he interviewed a new school social worker, Miss Houlihan and she starts in November. He reiterated the importance of Reflections participation and this year posters are up in the classrooms. The Halloween parade will be on Halloween at 1:30 pm. K-2 will parade around the school and 3-5 will line the parade route. They can dress up if they choose. Reminder for class parents to be aware of allergies (both food and craft). He gave shout outs to picture day committee and walk to school day for great programs. Make sure you use crosswalks when crossing the streets by the school. Also, do not double park. Finally, Mr. McKillop has an open door policy. You do not need to make an appointment. If he's available, he'll speak with you whenever.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance for September: \$23,208.66; Ending Balance was \$19,271.38. Main expenditures for the month included: Back to School Bash, Planners (3rd & 4th), Class Parent Tea and Membership Dues.

Membership Report: 485 Members; 1 class has 100% membership- Mrs. LiCausi- it was agreed their class would receive a \$75 gift card for class parties since they were first to get it; A vote was held: 100% classroom membership must be achieved by 12/31/2018 in order to win a gift card for class parties. Memberships will be accepted after that time, however it will not count toward an award.

President's Report: We still need a Jr./Sr. Rep; BOE meeting have begun streaming live on the MSD website. The next meeting is 10/25 and will have relevant curriculum discussion for elementary families. Boosterthon pledging is going on right now. Currently, 36% of students are registered and 22% have pledges. If we raise enough money, the funds will be used to offset the cost to families of other events (socials, Back to School Bash, etc.)- The Fun Run takes place on 10/23- class parents need to respond whether or not they will be available to work the water station for their grade; Fall Convention is 10/23; Bylaws committee will meet after that and bylaws will be voted on at the November meeting. Make sure you join the PTA Facebook Page. Committee list is posted there to avoid spammers collecting our information.

Committee Reports:

- Arts in Education: 11/13- Jared Campbell the Blue Project; on 10/23 Erica Burns & Tina Flynn will go observe Oceans Rock so it can be booked for K & 1.
- Blood Drive: 11/1- Can still sign up online-an email will be sent to class parents with a link to share with their classes; Class parents still need to send in their class sign-up

sheets. Put in the PTA mailbox. 10/26- Little Doctors Program for 5th grade. 5th grade students can sign up to work at the the Blood Drive as greeters.

- Book Fair: Discussion on how to handle sales tax situation. Discussed a scholastic gift card for \$1 per child to cover sales tax (using scholastic dollars); Also talked about pricing of tickets. Jen Azzariti asked Lauren to come back with some proposals on how to offset cost using scholastic dollars that we can vote on at the November meeting.
- Copy Committee needs more members; A sheet was passed around for people to sign up and include when is easiest for them to make copies
- East Lake Essentials: Rachel Donovan sent out an email to all who purchased via cash or check regarding the collection of sales tax.
- Family Fun- Bingo Night is 11/16
- Health & Nutrition: 46% + students participated in Walk to School Day. The grade with the highest percentage of participation was Kindergarten. They win extended recess.
- Holiday Party is tentatively scheduled for 12/10
- PARP: This year's theme is "Travel the World Through Books." Each grade level will be represented by a continent. Barnes & Noble Book Fair is confirmed for Tuesday 2/5
- Picture Day: Families will have two weeks to place their order to receive free shipping (from when we receive proofs at the school)- those orders will be shipped to East Lake. Orders placed after that will be shipped to people's homes and incur a shipping charge. Picture retakes are November 30.
- Reflections is going on now. Students are encouraged to participate.
- Boys Social- Originally scheduled for 3/22, but the HUB is not available on that date. It is available on April 5. There was a vote of membership and it was decided to move the Boys Social to April 5th and keep it at the HUB.
- Girls Social- Laura Vassil requested that Girls social be done like it was two years ago, where it felt really special. Parents agreed they'd rather spend a little more to make it special. It was made clear that money was not an issue.

Next meeting is on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.