


EAST LAKE PTA
GENERAL MEETING (Virtual) MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2020

1. Co-Presidents, Meaghan Wrona and Dana Durso, opened the Meeting at 9:01am.
 - a. Quorum was present; Pledge of Allegiance
2. Recording Secretary - Minutes from September 15, 2020 Presented and Approved, as is
3. Presidents' Report:
 - a. Mr. McKillop – address PTA Membership:
 - i. Thank you for Staff Appreciation & Back to School Staff Breakfast
 - ii. Thank you to Parents for joining the PTA
 - iii. Great group of incoming Kindergarteners
 - iv. Everyone is doing a great job acclimating to the new protocols & regulations and thank you for your continued support
 - v. All PTA fliers in the digital backpack
 - vi. Mrs. Licausi is the PTA teacher liaison
 - vii. PTA Walk to School Day was a success
 - viii. Parent Questions:
 1. Fifth Grade Safety – not ready to come back, yet – but we are ready, as soon as we get the go ahead; added additional staff members at doors – EL staff was been great in providing extra help
 2. Issue with blind spots in shields? Children are adapting well, kids may need to adjust a bit – but not a major issue at elementary
 3. Recess & Use of Playground – restrictions of use of playground? I am waiting for the approval – as of now, all elementary schools are not permitted to use playground equipment during day
 4. Safety Drills? 5 fire drills conducted already; conducted lock down drill, lock out drill, & on site evacuation drill. Shelter in place drill will be conducted soon. We do more drills, not less – important for children to be prepared and familiar with drills & safety protocols. Teachers prepare the students (including push-in teachers).
 5. iReady & Reading Assessments: reality is that we weren't in a traditional school setting for 4 months & we expected some gaps & having to do some catch-up work – but everyone is in the same position. We do not have an increase in need for services, but data does reflect some numbers as high as we would like them. Yet, there has not been a need to expand/increase in our staff for services – but we continue to closely review and monitor. In November – data meeting for every student in the area of reading & examine individual learning path. When we review, we will continue to assess and address.
 - b. Book Vending Machine: propose our PTA Board purchase a Book Vending Machine for the school, which will be stocked with Scholastic Books purchased with School Scholastic Dollars. Merit based reward for kids having a good day or

approved 11/17/2020


helping someone, et cetara. Thought is to have each student visit once or twice a year. Promote good behavior & encourage reading

- c. Cost = \$3,500, without personalized wrapper (\$4,000 with personalized EL wrapper) + Shipping Costs (unknown at this time)
- d. At September Meeting – suggested a specific fundraiser for this
- e. 14-week lead time to get machine
- f. Propose to reallocate money from the Budget to advance the funds to purchase the Book Vending Machine
- g. Scholastic Dollars - \$6,000 left (even after creating baskets for PARP)
- h. Motion to Reallocate Funds from & to create a new line item in the Budget for the Book Vending Machine
 - i. \$1,500 from Arts in Ed; \$1,500 from NYS Convention; \$1,500 from Author in Residence = \$4,500 in a new line item under School Programming for Book Vending Machine
 - ii. Motion by Meaghan Wrona; 2nd by Erika Conti; Motion Passed

4. Treasurer's Report:

	<u>September 1, 2020</u>	<u>September 30, 2020</u>
Checking Account:	\$25,182.43	\$24,655.29
Savings Account:	\$2,360.99	\$2,361.09

5. Vice President – Membership Report – 331 paid members – NYS PTA Early Bird Registration extended through 10/20 – if 60% of membership paid, then award issued

6. Vice President – Application for National PTA School of Excellence/Hearst Award (\$2,000 grant)
a. Survey sent out – 140 responses, so far; will develop some goals for the school year; another Survey at the end of the year

7. Corresponding Secretary Report – Band App
a. Class Parents – remind your parents to join the Band App

8. NYS PTA Convention – November 13-15, 2020
a. Voting on who to send to NYS PTA

- i. Meaghan Wrona, as President; Dana Durso, Erika Conti & Danielle Ocuto to attend NYS PTA Convention
 - 1. Motion to Send 4 EL PTA Members to NYS PTA
 - 2. Motion by Meaghan Wrona; 2nd by Danielle Ocuto; Motion Passed
- b. 2020 Resolutions for the NYS PTA Annual Meeting (which include 10 Retentions, 11 Updates & 2 New Resolutions);
 - i. Google Form Voting
 - ii. Motion to Block Vote and Approve the proposed 2020 Resolutions
- c. Proposed NYS PTA Bylaw Amendments
 - i. Google Form Voting - Motion to Block Vote and Approve the proposed 2020 Bylaw Amendments

d. Motion to Approve the Block Voting and Approval of the 2020 NYS PTA proposed Resolutions (10 Retentions, 11 Updates & 2 New Resolutions) & proposed 2020 Bylaw Amendments by Danielle Ocuto; 2nd by Luz Bove – Motion passed

9. Committee Reports:

- a. Health and Nutrition – Walk to School Day
 - i. Great turn out – Kindergarten had ~60% participation & won extra recess time
- b. Staff Appreciation – individually wrapped baked goods from local bakery
- c. Picture Day – no volunteers this year; pictures taken with social distancing protocols; no class pictures; 11/19 – picture retakes (subject to change)
- d. Fall Family Fun – Virtual Pumpkin Contest - \$5 fee – all going to gifts for the winners; awards at each grade level & Eagle
 - i. Submissions due 10/23
 - ii. Voting October 26, 27, 28 – Google Form will be emailed to vote for favorite pumpkin in each grade
- e. Blood Drive – poster contest underway, due 10/23; 10/29 – Blood Drive at Blood Center
- f. Reflections – submissions due 11/6 to classroom teacher
 - i. SEPTA: Special Artist Category – 504 or IEP students
- g. Spirit Wear – get your orders in; will be in before the holidays
- h. Holiday Fair –
 - i. In Person Shopping: ewallet does not seem viable;
 - 1. Can do a gift card option, but it would not be refundable, if the entire amount is not used (remaining balance would go to PTA); or send home a link for payment due, after shopping (if not paid by parent, items will not go home)
 - 2. ~\$350 credit from last year’s Holiday Fair vendor
 - 3. Scale down amount of items & have all items ~\$3 - \$4
 - 4. Look into: Cheddar Up link to load funds, per child
 - ii. OR Virtual Shopping
- i. Board of Education Meeting Rep Report: Meetings on 9/24, 10/8
 - i. Elementary School Relevant Information: difficulty with seeing through desk barriers (Berner is getting new ones, due to this issue)
 - ii. Expanded Free Lunch Program – starts 11/1 – no application needed, available to all students
- j. East Lake won PARP Award for last year – Newsday will be doing an article in November 1st Nassau edition

10. Next Meeting – November 17th at 7:30pm

11. Call Meeting to an End at 10:59am

Treasurer Report-October 14, 2020 Meeting

September 2020 Starting Balances

Checking: 25,182.43

Savings: 2,360.99

September 2020 Ending Balances

Checking: 24,655.29

Savings: 2,361.09

Expenses:

School Planners (Grades 3-5)

Annual website domain renewal

Income:

Membership dues