

East Lake PTA

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2021

1. Danielle Ocuto, Co-President, opened the meeting at 9:06 a.m.
  - a. Quorum was present, meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Recording Secretary
  - a. *Minutes from 9/22/21 presented and approved, as is.*
3. Comments by Mr. McKillop
  - a. PTA: Awarded NYS School of Excellence. Mrs. LiCausi is our teacher liason. All events thus far have been a success and all future events are anticipated to be in person.
  - b. Building: East Lake is the first school to complete renovations. All teaching spaces are completely renovated. Summer Rec/School will be at East Lake.
  - c. Staff/Curriculum: There is no new curriculum. Katie Fernandez is the new STEM Supervisor and will be overseeing STEAM programs, Magnet and both Math and Science curriculums on the elementary level. Children's iReady assessment results will soon be available on the Parent Portal.
  - d. General Updates: It's been a very strong start to the school year, no major issues to report. There have been a few COVID cases, but none that have originated in the building. All field trips and in-person events are resuming following the building's current guidelines. Check Twitter, Instagram and the East Lake website for updates and ensure you're subscribed to the email list.
4. Comments by Mrs. Velte
  - a. The Arts in Education program is booking assemblies for each grade level and already planning for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - b. East Lake celebrated National Fire Prevention Week. The Massapequa Fire Department will be visiting K-2 and the Eagle program on 10/19.
  - c. October 20<sup>th</sup> will be SEPTA Unity Day- wear orange to show inclusion, kindness and belonging.
  - d. October 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> will be SADD's Red Ribbon Week.
5. President's Report
  - a. Raise Craze: We are halfway to our goal of 25k. Class moms: focus on acts of kindness, weekly challenges, emails, etc. Currently at 25% participation.
  - b. NYS PTA Convention: 11/19-11/21 in Syracuse. 4 more volunteers needed to attend remotely and vote for proposed resolutions. Email Danielle or Erika.
6. Treasurer's Report

	<u>September 1, 2021</u>	<u>September 30, 2021</u>
Checking Account:	\$15,268.18	\$18,336.07
Savings Account:	\$2,361.99	\$2,362.03

  - a. Dana Durso volunteered to audit September's records.

- b. The Back-to-School Bash created a budget surplus- all students will receive a gift from the PTA within the next 4-6 weeks.

7. Vice President

- a. Current Membership: 408
- b. Membership Goal: 584 (currently 70% to goal)
- c. Membership Incentive: 1<sup>st</sup> class in k-2 & 3-5 with 100% membership will get an ice cream party.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Health and Nutrition: Walk to School Day a success with 85% participation.
- b. Fall Family Fun: Halloween Bingo 10/29 (2 sessions). Disney on Ice in January either at Barclays or Elmont USB- will check vaccine requirements.
- c. Beautification: Looking at paint options and design logistics for blacktop.
- d. Outreach: Focusing on veterans for November, looking at Toys for Tots and Ronald McDonald House for December. Exciting new programs this year.
- e. Blood Drive: Meeting with new rep, Donna, next week. Flyers will be going up around town and online shortly. Logistics discussed with Mr. McKillop.
- f. Reflections: Mrs. Krakoff will host brainstorming event week of 10/18 after school, submissions due 10/29.
- g. School Picture Day: 11/4 & 11/5, retakes on 12/7.
- h. Holiday Fair: In Person 11/30-12/1. Going to Little Treasures soon to order.
- i. PARP: Kickoff in February with an illustrator assembly.
- j. Representative Report

i. Board of Ed: Iconis last meeting 9/23. BOE 2021 goals include bringing Foundations to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and continuing learning at lunch. Chain of command document will be created to assist parents in knowing who to contact with concerns. Gary Baldinger is our delegate for NYSSBA. Upcoming votes include high school busing for those north of Sunrise and changes in Special Ed testing.

ii. Council Delegate: the Massapequa Council of PTA's primary goal is to have more of a community presence. Some of our fees are being canceled- will discuss reallocation at future meeting.

- k. Box Tops: Going well, strong online campaign.
- l. Girls Social: 2/4, but may be pushed to spring to allow for outdoor event.
- m. Spirit Wear: Flyer going home this week. Due 11/7, no extensions.

9. MemberHub email issues are being addressed, texting option may be utilized.

10. Next Meeting November 9<sup>th</sup>. Proposed by-laws will be voted on. Virtual vs in person  
TBD

11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Approved 11/9/21  
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