**Eastover PTO Meeting Minutes**

 Thursday, February 2, 2023, 9:30am

Attendees:

Margie Turwoski

Katie White

Jennifer Gerback

Libby Bishop

Charma Acheson

Megan Preston

Lisa Goodman

Michelle Callahan

Tanya Pierre

Kristen Yablonski

Caitlin Gibson

Aaron Yon

Julie Hetrick

Amanda Reister

Siglendy Murguia

Harleen Singh

Kristin Haggerty

1. Call to Order Megan Preston
Called to order at 9:37am

1. Review January Meeting Minutes Charma Acheson
Minutes approved by Libby Bishop and second by Jennifer Gerback
2. Principal’s Report Harleen Singh
	1. January is all about assessments, collecting data, informing our teaching, looking for trends, and assessing curriculum strengths and weaknesses. Report cards are coming out Feb 3rd.
	2. A lot of meetings to focus on instruction for the district as a whole. Looking to have a more uniformed curriculum across all the schools in the district. Reps from all schools coming together to work on these plans. Meeting Feb 13th with staff, PTO and parents to brainstorm and discuss plans for the end of the year as well as next year.
	3. District meeting for transition to the new schools is coming up. A lot of things still need to be worked out and planned like staff, furniture etc. The kids at each school have been finalized and faculty from each building are starting to reach out to their community.
	4. At the East Hills building much of it will be undone by the fall. The highest priority is the kindergarten wing and playgrounds. The kindergarten wing will be redone before school starts, which will be housed in the current fine arts area. Lockers are still being decided. They probably won’t be removed before school starts however looking into disabling the locks. Discussion about having the upper grades keeping lockers.
	5. A new lower playground will be installed just off the kindergarten wing and the existing playground will be expanded on for the upper grades. Quoted both new equipment and moving the current Eastover equipment and it was more cost effective to replace. The district is taking ownership of the playgrounds so this will no longer be a school or PTO concern. District wants all four elementaries to have equal playgrounds that are inclusive. The district will also maintain all of the playgrounds.
	6. Also looking into programs offered at the school and what we want to transition over. Want to honor the traditions of both schools, like lockers, no place for hate, ambassadors and other leadership opportunities offered to our elementary students. Won’t be able to keep everyone happy but hoping to mesh the traditions of both schools and create something inclusive and exciting. Happy to have parent input.
3. Treasurer’s Report Katie White & Libby Bishop
	1. On track with the budget
	2. Received two mini grant requests from teachers, which max out at $400. These grants need to be approved by both Mrs. Singh and PTO board.
	3. Need to connect with committees to ensure enough funds are on the p-cards for payment.
4. New Business PTO Board
	1. Transition to new building, Fall 2023 - PTO is only responsible for PTO aspects of the transition. This means events we will be hosting, fundraisers, committees etc. Mrs. Singh and Mr. Watson are the best people to reach with building or staffing questions referring to the transition. The PTO needs to look at all the events we have hosted in the past and decide what we want to keep, revamp or drop all together now that we will become a K through 5th grade school. Some money is coming to us from East Hills as the current 4th graders move back to the elementary level. Looking into sending out a survey to parents about events and what they love, didn’t like or if they have suggestions to help gain data.
	2. Pat Watson will be coming to Eastover to talk about the bond and transitioning to the new school February 16th at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to get more information, ask questions or express your concerns.
	3. PTO Board for next year - There is a ton of opportunity to get involved with the PTO. Board positions are available for next year as well as committees. With more kids, the adult ratio goes up. PTOC is asking for each school to provide a list of PTO officers (board members) by March. All 2nd position seats will be open, like president, treasurer, communications, secretary.

1. Committee Updates Committee Chairs
	1. Spirit Wear Update - Katie Gardner has painstakingly collected all the sizes and ordered the free shirts that will be coming home to each student to commemorate our last year at Eastover. They will hopefully be in tomorrow.
	2. Family Fun Night, March 3rd - 18 hole indoor putt putt spread around the hallways. Sponsorship to decorate a hole anyway you like. $20 per hole. Planning committee has already connected to get things going. Vendor is booked. Will be concessions and a staggered t-time.
	3. Staff Appreciation Week - will be May 8th - May 12th. Again the committee is touching base and information will be sent out as it becomes available.
	4. Publishing Center - Kits are out and some returned. Completed kits are due Feb 24th with the order form signed, even if you aren’t ordering additional copies.
	5. Yearbook - Waiting for new flyers to come in for distribution. Books are on sale now so go and order yours today!

1. Announcements Jennifer Gerback
	1. February FB theme: Love is in the air
	2. Sign up for PTO Communications
		1. E-Blasts: issue with the website - the website is down and there is no contact information. Might want to look into other options moving forward. Clean up communications for the new school year.
		2. Facebook Group: Eastover Eagles PTO
2. Some other district events that are coming up, which require registration. Most are free.
	1. Conflict resolution is Feb 23rd 7 to 8:30pm
	2. Parenting for modern teens is Feb 21st at 7-8pm
	3. Sap Happy at Johnson Nature center is March 4th, 11th and 18th. $12 per person fee.
3. PTO meetings are one avenue of information. The board has to be present so their availability takes highest priority. Over the years the board has tried numerous times, days and alternating morning/evening as well as utilizing zoom but nothing has really impacted attendance. Bylaws don’t really allow for recording of meetings but the minutes provide all the information discussed. All this information also gets out to parents through the principal's newsletter, PTO e-blasts and facebook. There are many ways to be involved with the PTO without coming to meetings like committees, volunteering for specific events etc.
4. Adjournment Megan Preston
Meeting adjourned at 10:47am

**Upcoming dates and events**

Monday, 2/13 - Kindergarten Information Night 6pm at BHHS

Tuesday, 2/14 - Valentine’s Day class parties

Thursday, 2/16 - PTO meeting with Superintendent, Mr. Watson, 7pm Eastover Media Center

Friday, 2/17 - Half Day

Monday, 2/20 - No school, President’s Day

Thursday, 3/2 - Eastover PTO meeting, 9:30am

Friday, 3/3 - Eastover Family Fun Night, 6-8pm

**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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