



Agenda

EAST PRAIRIE PTA GENERAL MEETING

November 1st, 2016

Attendance: Jen Mehr, Kathy Byron, Sue Larson, Erin Stein, May Ibrahim, Jill Kempner, Claudia Lopez, Abby Tumang, Jessica Hornick

1. Call to order/Welcome: Claudia L. called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. President's Report:

EPS Referendum-

Please remember to "Vote YES for EPS!" on election day Tuesday November 8th. If you are a registered voter please visit your polling place either : **Lakeside Church -3939 Howard Street or Emily Oaks 4650 Brummel Street and look for the ballot question at the very end. It will read:**

"Shall the Board of Education of East Prairie School District Number 73, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip a school building to replace the East Prairie School Building, improve the site thereof and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$47,353,147.00 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?"

We are also looking for volunteers on election day to make phone calls to voters, stand outside of the polling sites to hand out buttons and remind voters to "Vote YES for EPS!" If you are interested, please contact Claudia Lopez at clopezeps.pta@gmail.com

3. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Monthly report-October (see attached report):
 - i. Cash on hand 10/31/2016 \$7,452.88
 - ii. Proceeds from Fun Fair: \$608
 - iii. Proceeds from the Family Dance: \$87
 - iv. Proceeds from Spiritwear: \$735
4. Secretary's Report:
 - A. Didn't have printed copies of October's minutes, so we will wait until next month to approve the minutes.
5. School Report-Erin Stein gave the school report.
 - A. There is no teacher parking at Lakeside Church on Election day, November 8th, so teachers will be parking on the streets that day.
 - B. Update on the lunchroom situation. At October's meeting, a few parents expressed concern that their children were not having enough time to eat lunch and being told they weren't allowed to talk during lunch. Ms. Stein talked to the teachers about getting kids to spend time eating rather than socializing. This will also be reviewed at the upcoming team leader meeting. Ms. Stein also met with the teachers' aides who supervise getting students into the lunchroom. They reported that they spend a lot of time getting children to be quiet and this causes significant delays on getting students into the lunchroom and seated. They reported that historically, they have asked the children to be perfectly silent. Ms. Stein explained to the teachers' aides that as long as the children are not disrupting the learning environment, they do

not have to be 100% silent before proceeding into the lunchroom. Ms. Stein advised them that as long as the children are using level 1 voices, that is fine. Hopefully, this will minimize delays and give the children more time to eat.

- C. Also, there have been some reports of children coming home with garbage in their lunch and reporting that they are not allowed to throw their garbage away. Ms. Stein clarified that children are always allowed to throw their garbage away, but there may be specific situations where it does not happen. If this is happening routinely, however, Ms. Stein would like to know about it.
- D. Finally, Ms. Stein has instituted a no-trading toys policy (e.g. pokemon, shopkins, etc). Children need to leave these toys at home.

6. Committee Reports:

- A. Bike Safety
- B. Boo Hoo Breakfast
- C. Book Fair-Kathy Byron: Please note the date correction!! The PTA Calendar says Dec. 7-9 but the correct date is Dec. 14-16th. This is the same week as the Primary Winter Concert. The theme is Bookaneer. Kathy is coordinating and Sara Evans is helping. Kathy would love volunteers for decorating. Claudia L. has volunteered to continue the tradition of making decorations at her house. The date for this will be December 1st. For help with set up, taking it down and working shifts at the book fair, Kathy will send out an online sign up sheet.
 - i. Ms. Mehr requested that all teachers receive a wish list.
- D. Box Tops
- E. Calendar
- F. Cultural Arts-Jill Kempner: The first event will be for grades 3-5 and is coming up on November 21st. This is the same day as the parent teacher conferences. There was a slight confusion about how the event would take place, but there will be 3 45 minute presentations, one for each of the grades. Ms. Stein will be double checking with gym teachers that they know this is happening. The price has also not been settled but it will be between \$600-800. Jill has asked May I. to be a volunteer present for at least one of the sessions.
- G. Family Art Nights
- H. Family Dance – (Abby Tumang)
 - i. Went off without a hitch. We had about 175 people in attendance, including the EPS Panther! Thank you to everyone for their help, especially to our parent volunteers: Christine Trowbridge, Gina Yonan, Claudia Lopez, Kathy Byron, Angel Weiss, Jessica Hornick, Lety Martin, Mia Navarrette, Sidney Stein, and our student volunteers Lindsay Saxe, Kassie Payne, Isabella Lopez, Alexis Castro. Thank you to everyone!
- I. Family Movie Night – (Kim Uribe) We will show Finding Nemo on Friday November 4th from 6-8pm. We will have water and popcorn available for free. We will also sell pizza for \$1 per slice. There will also be a raffle for the new movie Finding Dory. Once the name is picked, the winner will receive the movie after the official release date of November 15th. Thank you to AMC Village Crossing Theaters for their generous popcorn donation. Thank you to Kim Uribe for coordinating this event.
- J. Family Picnic
- K. Family Reading Night

- L. Fundraising – (Cindie Anderson) Fall fundraiser is under way. Reminder letter is being sent out this week and all orders are due November 8th.
 - M. Panther Days-(Erick Tumang)-there will be a Panther Days setup for Monday, November 21st, the first night of parent teacher conferences. Either Dengeos or Lou Malnatis. More info to come.
 - N. Fun Fair
 - O. Gym Clothes
 - P. Health and Safety
 - Q. Ice Cream Social
 - R. Membership
 - S. Reflections
 - T. Room Parents/volunteers-Thank you to Sarah for coordinating room parents for Halloween. Everything went very well. Thank you to all the parents who helped out!
 - U. School Supply Prepacks
 - V. Spiritwear-There will be another spiritwear order in the spring and the company has come up with new designs. These designs will be presented at an upcoming meeting for voting.
 - W. Teacher appreciation week
 - X. Website and Communications –
 - Y. Partners for Learning-Ms. Mehr-Will be November 9th from 6:30-7:45pm. She encourages everyone to attend. This has been well attended and attendance has increased each year. This year, the Bilingual Parents Committee is organizing a special session. Thanks to the PTA for sponsoring the entertainment for the students: Jason Kollum.
 - Z. Volunteers- (Beth Negronida): Volunteers -- The PTA has received a request for parents to help with the school's mock election on Tuesday, November 8th. There are four ninety minute shifts – 8:45 to 10:15, 10:15 to 11:45, 11:45 to 1:15, and 1:15 to 2:45. If you are able to help serve as a school election judge, please contact Beth Negronida at bnegronida@comcast.net.
 - i. Ms. Stein clarified that this will be a mock election for the President of the United States. The student council has organized it and there will be electronic voting. The polls will be open all day so that all the classes have a chance to vote. They should be able to announce the results by the end of the day.
7. Unfinished Business-none
 8. New Business-none
 9. Adjournment: Claudia adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm. The next meeting is set for December 6th at 7:00 pm. Please Join Us!



EAST PRAIRIE PTA
Monthly Treasurer's Report
FY 2016 -2017
October 1, 2016 - October 31, 2016



BALANCE ON HAND as of 10/1/2016 **\$4,350.40**

INCOME

Date	Description	Amount
10/2/2016	Gym Clothes	290.00
10/2/2016	Membership/Calendar	10.00
10/2/2016	Fun Fair	772.00
10/2/2016	Fun Fair	317.00
10/2/2016	Fun Fair	1,787.50
10/12/2016	Panther Days	50.00
10/12/2016	Gym Clothes	78.00
10/22/2016	Family Dance	900.00
10/22/2016	Membership/Calendar	270.00
10/22/2016	Gym Clothes	26.00
10/22/2016	Spiritwear	2,222.00
10/25/2016	Scrip Center, Panther Dollars	3.10
10/31/2016	Interest	0.64
		\$6,726.24

FUNDS NOT BELONGING TO THE UNIT INCOME:

Membership, # @ \$4.25 (state and national PTA) **\$114.75**

TOTAL INCOME **\$6,726.24**

EXPENSES

Date	Check #	Description	Amount
10/1/2016	2517	Ruben Zapata, Fun Fair	200.00
10/1/2016	2518	Jonathan Schoenberg, Jiggle and Giggle, Fun Fair	587.50
10/1/2016	2519	Gus Kuman, Fun Fair	171.01
10/1/2016	2520	Rachel Coppola, Fun Fair	25.95
10/18/2016	2521	Rose Doyiakos, Fun Fair	235.63
10/21/2016	2522	Sound Differential DJ, Family Dance	250.00
10/27/2016		Nonsufficient check	110.00
10/27/2016		bank reversal fee	15.00
10/29/2016	2523	Regina Yonan, Family Dance	49.00
10/29/2016	2524	Educational Products, Inc, Spiritwear	1,487.14
10/29/2016	2525	Abby Tumang, Family Dance	142.53
10/29/2016	2526	Jason Kollum, Partners for Learning	350.00
			\$3,623.76

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$3,623.76**

BALANCE ON HAND ending 10/31/2016 **\$7,452.88**