

Eastwood Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:06p.m. on December 14th 2015.

Attendees included Nicki Opp, Shanna Pelke, Lila Getman, Robin Conrad, Amanda Kuehn, Cynthia Wicks, Rocky Halleron, Nick McKee and Leeza Pelke

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved and downloaded to the PTO Website.

Old Business

- Movie Night last month was a big success. We had 100-150 people attend.
- School staff was very grateful for the meals that the PTO provided during conferences. We plan do to the same for conferences in the spring.
- Holiday Book idea-we will start much earlier in the year next year to put together more funding. Possibly piggy back onto the Book Sale, and possible discount if ordered with Scholastic, or take advantage of the \$1 book option. We will discuss it during the April or May meeting, and we will talk to Mrs. Kulluson for ideas.

Treasurers Report

- Treasurer's report was handed out.

New Business

- Direct Classroom support was discussed in regards to an increase of funds for Mrs. Kulluson and the new Kindergarten teacher, and for classroom supplies.
- The theme for Winter Festival with be Artic Animals. Possible project ideas for the festival were discussed-a milk jug igloo could be a project for the 5th graders. We will set up a hot chocolate bar which will include hot chocolate, marshmallows and candy canes. We will look into getting cupcakes donated from Sherm's.

Grant Requests

- A grant request was proposed for the 3rd grade class for the Scholastic weekly newsletter for up to \$232. Any donations that come in from parents will be paid back to the PTO. The request was approved.

Visiting Teacher

- Mrs. Wicks shared a grade by grade update
K-The schedule has become more routine and mellow for the students now, and great progress has been made with their counting.
1st-All the students have been very excited about the return of Mrs. Pettibone
2nd-Students are participating in a class All About Trees
3rd-Students are working on processing math problems
4th-Students are studying Bones
5th-Students are studying Human Growth Development

Open Forum

- The question was asked how often the parking lot is striped. Eastwood Elementary is in a rotation with 12 other schools. It was suggested to add a second drop off station for A.M. drop off so the line can progress quicker.
- In the future, everyone will have the option to buy Eastwood T-shirts online.
- A field trip for the Kindergarten class was requested again. It was suggested to wait another year for that group of students.

Principal's Minute

- Nicki Opp filled us in on the Labsite Visits. There are people who visit from other school districts to see how Eastwood Elementary School operates on a daily basis. They come from all over Oregon and range from teachers to superintendents. For example, they look at scheduling and reading group assignments. They provide comments and feedback and it has been a very positive experience. They have commented that the school provides a very happy environment.

- There was also discussion about the District office partnering with Head Start in regards to helping children from birth to Kindergarten get ready for school and the issues they could face. Some issues students face that create difficulties for them in school include Chronic Absenteeism. Chronic is considered 2 days per month. Health and Dental problems, Home environment-older, unkempt house could create asthma. Missing immunizations could keep students from attending school. Parental issues, not able to get students to school. These are all very common community wide issues.
- Eastwood Elementary helped out a homeless family by purchasing an RV to renovate for the family to live in. The funds used to purchase the RV were donated by Eastwood Staff.
- The Canned Food Drive brought in over 2000 food items that went to several very thankful families.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for January 11th 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54p.m.