

E. ETHEL LITTLE SCHOOL PTO

MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2017 – 9:30 AM – Little School Cafeteria

ATTENDANCE

Linda Emery, Elena DeAngelis, Gorety Bancarotta, Sabrina Coviello, Kristen Scammon, Kim Lorusso, Nicole Buckley, Wasima Parveen, Stacey DiCarlo, Courtney Mello, Emily Lazure, Amy Darling, Bonnie Miller, Kelly Allston, Robin Taylor, Kate Schulz, Jenny Costello, Jenn Vant, Jennifer Cambray, Mrs. Molle, Mrs. Kastle, Ms. Fleck

WELCOMES AND TEACHER VISITS

Linda welcomed everyone to the first meeting and thanked Robin for a successful welcome back breakfast. There will be a parent meet and greet on October 5 at the Horseshoe.

Ms. Gomez presented information about her peace rock project that will involve the children painting rocks and hopefully creating a peace garden. There may also be an evening for parents to paint rocks. She asked for help collecting smooth rocks for the project.

Mrs. Kastle and Ms. Fleck attended and announced that they are working on activities for Family Literacy Month in November.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Molle reported that the teachers will be trying to make it to more PTO meetings, which is great news. School is off to a smooth start. Global Child programs start at the end of September. Mrs. Molle reminded everyone to contain younger children at pick-up, especially as they cross the parking lot to the playground.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bonnie reminded anyone with credit card auto pays to let her know so the credit card number can be updated.

FUNDRAISING

Kate reported on a number of planned fundraisers, beginning with the Halloween Bash on October 29. Other planned events are Trivia Night (11/17), Thanksgiving Pie Sale (Courtney and Erin taking the lead), Bingo Night (1/19), March adult night out, Mother's Day Plant Sale, and various half day events. Mr. Nackley is helping with ideas for Little Laps, which should make for an entertaining event. Kate reminded the group that our fundraising is primarily to fund Enrichment programs, which cost more for the high quality programs we want to provide; and costs go up every year.

ENRICHMENT

Emily reported that Johnny the K will be coming on January 18. There is potential to split a Magic of Reading program with the Hood. She is also looking into an artist visit from a Salem artist. 4th Grade will go to the BSO this year, 5th grade to the MFA. Emily is looking into a fun end-of-year program such as a game show or flash mob. She is also writing grants.

HOSPITALITY

The ice cream social family fun night is Friday night at IRP. Weather looks good so see you there!

PUBLICITY

Amy is working on the October newsletter. She asked that enrichment coordinators send her pictures and descriptions of enrichment programs since she can't attend them all. She will coordinate with Kerry to ask room parents to coordinate pictures and write-ups from field trips in their classrooms.

BOX TOPS

Krystyn Milone is in charge again so save those box tops.

5th GRADE

Committees are being formed.

APPAREL

Some discussion on offering Little School apparel, everyone agreed it is a good idea. Linda will work with the vendor the Hood used last year to set up a sale.

VOTES

Two votes passed unanimously. \$150 for Mrs. Kerhulas for recess equipment, and \$15,000 for the annual enrichment budget

NEXT MEETING

October 18, 9:30 AM – Little School Cafeteria

/s/ Kristen Scammon
Co-Secretary