

# El Toro Home & School Club

## meeting notes

Date: March 9, 2021

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Attendees: Darren McDonald, Melissa Scatena, Tanya Jones, Danielle Dunio, Ryan Treffers, Amaris Coffman, Lisa Miceli, Viki Neill, Christa Nielsen, Tessa Guajardo, Danna Christensen, Dolores Akin, Hannah, Amanda Vandecoevinger, Allysa Han (names recorded from Zoom ID)

## Discussion items

- 1) **Call to order:** Tanya Jones called the meeting to order at 6:32pm
- 2) **Approval of last meeting minutes:** Viki Neill motioned to approve minutes from last meeting; Tessa Guajardo seconded the motion
- 3) **New Business**
  - a) **Virtual Book Fair:** Scholastic Book Fair online this year! March 15 - 28 please visit [www.scholastic.com/bf/eltoro](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/eltoro). Books will be shipped directly to purchaser. 25% of proceeds will be divvied up amongst teachers to purchase Scholastic books/items for classrooms. Teachers are creating wish lists for student families to consider purchasing from the book fair for their classrooms. Watch for an email from your class senator with your teacher's wish list. Teachers will promote the book fair to their students via classroom apps and a virtual walk through, plus activities such as scavenger hunts and author promotional videos. Watch for emails, Facebook posts, flyers, website updates, and paper flyers to learn more!
- 4) **Principal's Report:**
  - a) **Summary of update:** April 12 is the school re-opening date for those students that choose in-person instruction Mon. & Tues. or Thurs. & Fri. Approximately 370 families have responded with about 130 still to respond. Please fill out the MHUSD commitment survey by March 10. El Toro commits to not moving students to different teachers regardless of decision. The schedule will be consistent with 9am - 12pm in-person/Zoom, 12-1pm lunch break, then 1-2pm on Zoom. Wednesdays is the exception with 9-12pm on Zoom only, allowing for teacher prep time in the afternoon. Areas will be designated on the playground for co-horts and rotated. El Toro encourages all to return, but especially those with limited school resources. The number one goal is to keep students safe.
  - b) **Questions & Answers**
    - i) Will there be any loss of instruction time?  
(1) There will be instruction from 9-12pm and 1-2pm, what we offer now is over & above
    - ii) How will the drop-off process work?  
(1) First, the number of students that will return is needed to determine the process. The current thinking is that all students will arrive at 8:45am and there will be 3 entry points with a required temperature check & health questions. TK & Kinder will follow newly painted lines with escorts to their classrooms and parents will not come on campus.

iii) How will student release/pick up work?

(1) There will be a staggered release schedule. If there are siblings, then the siblings will be released together at the earlier time. Every effort will be made to ensure siblings are on the same cohort schedule.

iv) Will 9am - 12pm be too long on Zoom for younger students at home?

(1) The time goes by rather quickly and teachers will ensure active breaks throughout.

**5) Teacher's Report:**

a) **Summary of update:** The yearbook is now funded at \$4100. The Chipotle fundraiser brought in \$500. There are plans to do a fundraiser in April through Little Caesars for at home pizza kits, cookies, and breadsticks to be shipped directly to homes. A final fundraiser to be determined for May.

**6) Upcoming Dates:**

a) **Virtual Book Fair: 3/15 - 3/28**

b) **Packet Pickup: 3/19**

c) **Packet Pickup: 4/1 (due to 4/2 holiday)**

d) **Spring Break: 4/2 - 4/9**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 13, 6:30pm**