

East Olympia Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023
EOE Library
6pm

6:08 motion to approve October meeting minutes – approved.

Principals Report: Tamara York

-had a Veteran's Day assembly with about 200 families

-things are going well, 618 kids, getting back to more attendance norms. New newsletters from Liz and Tamara.

Parent brought up issue with the PTO board being unwelcoming and not receiving communication. Board will work to let parents know that kids are welcome at meetings, and have the school email about our weekly newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Teres outlined the current balance. Move to Money Minder from QuickBooks, allows a non-accountant to be able to take over the role of treasurer. Bucketed into easier to see groups. Hannah Anderson to take over the funds from Chapman. PTO will create an SOP for teachers to obtain funds. Treasurers report approved 6:29.

Movie night – change in who is chairing the event, Teres and Adrienne will take over. Games in the library. Move Y care out a little early, so maybe by 5:30 to give enough time to set up the screen.

Teacher's appreciation in December – special beverage bar in the break room.

December – Spirit of Giving. 4th to 15th we want to give to local non-profits. Align with what teachers are already doing. Tamara will bring it up at a teacher's meeting tomorrow. Hoping to have it decided by Thanksgiving weekend. Ideas from the group – Diane's feline rescue. Spirit week will align with the district.

Book vending machine – approved last meeting. Hoping to get more books in kids hands. Concerns from parents and teachers at the meeting, so we will be speaking more with staff about how to move forward. The machine will be owned by the PTO. Move the vending machine discussion to the December meeting. Tamara will ask about permissions from buildings and grounds.

Olympia Junior Programs – Dianne explained what OJP is. Hoping to open it to all the grade levels outside of Kindergarten. Busing is still an issue. Tamara talked about how all the other elementary schools will also be attending. Asking about charging for families who can afford it. Possibility of "buy one, donate one". Set up the item in CheddarUp – look again in January.

Popcorn machine – Kristie taught Adrienne and Pam how to use the machine. National Popcorn Day is January 19th – could be used for this and PIBS, Kayla Bell. Tamara talked about how they are trying to

move towards a school wide character trait. Purchasing an air popper for allergies. A good opportunity to have parent volunteers come in to help. Approved popcorn budget of \$400 for the year.

Author visit and read-a-thon. High school buddy for a read-a-thon was discussed. A proposal for older grades to help with the younger ones. Tamara has some local connections with authors, we would have two assemblies for different grade levels. Look into doing a scholastic book fair. Flip grid as an option to showcase students brought up by Sarah Johnson.

Harvest Party recap. Stephanie says it went well. Next year push harder for volunteers, move the snack table out of the cafeteria. More items for trunk or treat. The flow was good for this year. Snacky food trucks did a lot better than the meal foods. Cotton candy should have pre-made bags available. Set up and clean up needs a lot more volunteers. Backup plans for trunk or treat and weather.

Spirit wear – a new company out of Lakewood. No delivery issues, other than small hiccups. Other options were brought up: Minuteman press. New Market program - \$5 a shirt? Spin Tees – ask Jaimie. Use up old inventory – give to Kayla to use at her discretion for students who don't have spirit wear access.

Transportation committee issues – Teres worried that no parents are on the committee.

Add co-signers to bank account:

Remove Desirea Marrs as a signer and add Pamela Fenstermacher, PTO President, and Adrienne Quintana, PTO Vice President, as signers to the account at Olympia Federal Savings. – Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm