

East Olympia Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2021 - 4:00 pm
EOE Library

These minutes are a draft until approved

1. Call to Order 4:03pm

2. Welcome - President Desirea Marrs 4:04pm
 - Introduction of Officers and members present: Rachel Cox, Teres Stricklett, Diane Murrey, Rana Longworth, Penny Kocan, Helena Rice, Meghan Borden, Phallon Cavelli, Liz Masunaga

3. Laurie Sale - School Board candidate 4:05pm
 - Diane Murrey read a statement from Laurie who was unable to attend the meeting as planned. Laurie is a current School Board Director who was unanimously appointed in April of 2021 when the former Director resigned. She has 3 kids in the Tumwater School District. She's happy to take any questions at lauriesale@tumwater.k12.wa.us or laurie4tumwaterschools@gmail.com or by phone at (360) 915-9100. Helena encouraged everyone to look into Laurie's opponent. She already voted for Laurie.

4. Assistant Principal Liz Masunaga is back. She took a leave to have her second child, but is excited to return to EOE. She's splitting her time with Tumwater Hill Elementary as well. 4:10pm

5. Approval of September Meeting Minutes 4:12pm
 - Minutes were approved with an addendum regarding the special meeting to approve the Harvest Party funding, which was attended by Desirea Marrs, Helena Rice, and Diane Murrey.

6. Principal's Report - 4:13pm
 - Liz reported that we have 523 students and we were projected to have 467 students. The district is still struggling with staffing bus drivers. The kids are doing amazing things and are happy to be back! The teachers are doing a great job as well.

- Desirea asked about after-school pickup and people cutting the line. Liz said they've continually tried to find solutions. Teres said the State Patrol has come by. Meghan said education is important. Could we put a sign out?
- Helena asked what the number of covid cases would have to be for our school to be shut down. Liz said it's 10% of the school. Also, she stated there is a new MOU from the Dept. of Health saying it's now 7 days to quarantine.

7. Treasurer's Report -

4:24pm

- Harvest Party brought in \$1,122.12. Amazon Smile brought in \$129. Diane gave Teres \$160.09 for the Limeberry fundraiser.
- We have \$20,273 in the bank.
- Teres does not have Quickbooks. Meghan can get a deal to purchase for about \$400, which would be for a 3-year version. We need to purchase now as they will be moving to a subscription model.
- Motion was approved for up to \$400 to purchase Quickbooks for 3 years.

8. Current Business

4:31pm

- Fall Fundraiser - The vendor extended the deadline twice, which was great. We raised \$25,853 and \$11,088.30 of that goes back to the classrooms. Next year we will have all products shipped directly to homes. It was supposed to happen this year, but didn't. PTO will write checks to the teachers. Liz mentioned the Building Budget was cut 25% this year so this will help a lot. Meghan said the trinkets will be delivered to students on Monday. The fundraiser was a big success!
- Teres asked Safeway about donations for Staff Appreciation and she is able to take anything out of the dry area and also pick some refrigerated items. Also, she asked about Safeway Rewards, but they don't participate. Diane spoke with someone at Fred Meyer about the Rewards program - they have the paperwork but are backed up.
- Fun Run/Read-a-Thon - We discussed the idea of doing one of these

online programs, but no decision was made. During the discussion a question was brought up about field trips. Liz said it costs a lot and there are transportation issues. The Tumwater schools are in a deficit. All \$6 million of the stimulus money is being used this year (it was supposed to last 3 years). Helena said she asked Patty about the \$1100 per student and she said it all went to Diversity. Liz encouraged going to board meetings and said the admin team at EOE is advocating for our kids.

- Gaga Ball pit - It's falling apart, but the kids love it. Kaci Anchors built it herself and it will cost approximately \$2500 to replace. Rana will talk to New Market. Phallon said her husband might be able to rebuild it. Lowe's has a program and maybe we could get supplies donated. Rana and Phallon will talk to Kaci and figure out a plan. Helena said their company will donate materials.
- Book Fair - Teres is Chair. She will contact Scholastic to find out available dates to do one before Winter Break. It was discussed doing it all online and having everything delivered directly to homes.
- Limeberry - It did very well! Diane stayed the whole time to oversee and brought decorations (balloons, table wraps). Phallon brought up the idea of doing one a month. Mod Pizza and Chipotle were suggestions. Helena suggested the first Friday of every month and wondered if it should be at the same place so it becomes a routine. Diane and Phallon will work together to come up with a plan. Helena mentioned we need a banner. Diane says Kristie has one, but we should buy our own.
- Harvest Party wrap-up - It was a great success! 360 tickets were redeemed and Robbie at Rutledge Farms said he thought there were 1,000 or more at the event. Phallon did the tickets and flyers and they looked great! Ideas for next time: Needing a map on the flyer, stating ticket price is \$10 donation towards EOE PTO, getting sponsors, connecting to Venmo for donations, changing time to 4-7pm.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation - Decided on a date of Wed. December 15th, before school and through the morning (coffee, Starbucks treats donated by Safeway which Teres will pick up). Rana will find out what kind of coffee pot is in the teacher lounge.
- Pacific Northwest Theatre - Diane emailed with the owner who said we cannot get the \$2500 back for 'Annie Jr.,' which was 2 weeks into rehearsal when the covid shutdown began. The owner said he had to pay for the licensing rights before rehearsal started therefore they can't be refunded. Major questions about why we aren't able to get a refund. Rachel stated this is a lot of money and we need to push them more.

Were the licensing costs actually \$2500? Diane recommended someone else speak with the owner. Meghan or Helena will take this on.

- Spirit Wear - No totals yet for sales. Phallon offered to come up with a new design. Helena said we use Tom at Sound Apparel and he's great. They set up a website specifically for our spirit wear and they're a local business which is good to support.

9. Next Meeting Date - November 17, 2021

5:31pm

10. Adjournment

5:32pm