

East Olympia Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2021 - 4:00 pm
EOE - outside

**Final Draft*

1. Call to Order 4:00pm

2. Welcome - President Desirea Marrs 4:01pm
 - Introduction of Officers and members present: Rachel Cox, Teres Stricklett, Diane Murrey, Rana Longworth, Penny Kocan, Helena Rice, Patty Kilmer, Meghan Borden, Phallon Cavelli, Kristen Brown

3. Approval of June Meeting Minutes 4:04pm
 - Minutes were approved as presented

4. Principal's Report - 4:05pm
 - Patty reported that we were projected to have 477 students and we have 522. We have 16 new staff. Every grade level has had a change. There is a focus on social/emotional and getting a handle on where kids are with regards to learning. Patty has requested a full-time Assistant Principal. We have one daytime custodian and 2 at night. With regards to the theatre, Patty suggested we cancel for now and revisit in February for the following year. Diane will follow up with Nicole to find out the cancellation policy and getting our money back.

5. Treasurer's Report - 4:18pm
 - Teres didn't have much to report as she needs access to everything - bank statements, etc.
 - Meghan explained the scholarship program
 - We discussed the purchase of the welcome back decorations - an inflatable and sign. Motion was passed and approved (Sept. 1st via email) for the purchase of the two welcome back decorations as requested by Kristie for the school in the amount of \$169.22.

6. Current Business 4:24pm
 - Fall Fundraiser - This raises funds for classrooms. We partner with 'Believe' fundraising group to sell items such as wrapping paper, cookie dough, and more. This starts on Monday, Sept. 20th. We discussed doing this online only and it was agreed that this is a great idea.

- Limeberry fundraiser will be on Sept. 29th from 4-8pm. They'll give 20% from everyone who comes in during this time - they don't need to attend EOE. College Street location.
- Harvest Party - PTO bought all new games a couple years ago and we've had a hay maze in the past. The issue with the hay maze is finding people to unload the hay bales. They're extremely heavy and the labor we've used in the past with Helena and Rob's company isn't available this year. The other issue is the location and Covid restrictions. Will we be able to have it outside on campus? What about weather - if it rains we can't use indoor rooms. Helena will research Rutledge and some other places to see if those are viable options.
- Calendar of Events - Rachel and Helena will work to create a provisional calendar. Patty will ask teachers about Spirit Week ideas and days/weeks that would work. Patty will also ask Mrs. Tobeck about the Hoedown. For Staff Appreciation, Teres offered to ask Safeway about donations. There are about 74 staff members.
- PTO Shed - It's been left open a few times so we need to make sure it gets closed.
- Community Rewards - Rana will publicize and Teres will ask if Safeway has a rewards program for schools.

7. Additional Agenda Items

4:54pm

- Diane brought up that the signature card at the bank needs to be redone. Teres Stricklett, our new Treasurer, will be added to our checking account at Olympia Federal Savings. Desirea Marrs, our PTO President, will be added to our checking account at Olympia Federal Savings. Brandel Aguirre will be removed from our checking account at Olympia Federal Savings. Diane Murrey will be removed from our checking account at Olympia Federal Savings.
- Phallon Cavelli offered to be in charge of sign-up genius.
- Teres suggested using the Band app.

8. Next Meeting Date

5:02pm

- October 20, 2021

9. Adjournment

5:03pm

*Addendum - A special meeting was held to approve the Harvest Party funding, which was attended by Desirea Marrs, Helena Rice, and Diane Murrey.