**Eisenhower PTO**
**General Meeting Minutes**
**September 8, 2023**
**9:30 a.m. (virtual)**

**PTO Executive Board:**
**President** – Jen Zofchak
**1st Vice President** – Rebecca Thornsberry
**2nd Vice President** – Mark Miller
**Board Advisor** – Jenny Hecht
**Treasurer** – Katie Heitman
**Secretary** – Jolien Geis

**Welcome:** Jen Zofchak

**Attendance:** Executive Board, 21 PTO members

The meeting was called to order by President Jen Zofchak.

**Approval of Minutes**: All

**Treasurer Report: Katie Heitman**

- We are currently collecting money for PTO memberships.
- Current bank reserve is a good start.
- Paid for New Family Welcome Breakfast and Lunch for Staff.

**President's** Report: Jen Zofchak

- **Welcome Breakfast**
  - Close to 200 people came. Guests were invited to speak with Mr. Miller, tour the building and have breakfast at Café Ike.
- **Teachers Luncheon**
  - Utilized Brick and Mortar
- **Fall Book Fair – Missy Nicula, Co-Chair**
  - The Book Fair's last day was at Open House last night, September 7.
  - Thanks to the many volunteers who helped during the fair, with set-up and tear down.
  - Raised Over $13,000
  - Purchased all the books from Teacher Wish List Baskets which will be utilized for Reading Night in the Spring.
  - ***Volunteer Opportunity*** - Seeking 2 NEW chairs for next year.
- **Volunteers:**
  - Link for obtaining clearances: https://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/Domain/755
  - Link also provided in an email from Mr. Miller.

    - Please sign up for opportunities as they arise via google documents emailed to parents/guardians throughout the year.
- **Room Parents**
    - Randi Rumbaugh is the chair and is working on assigning Room Parents.
    - Meeting to be held next week.
- **PTO Membership:**
    - 138 current members.
    - Benefit of membership is access to the directory.
    - Link to join
- **Picture Day**
    - Scheduled for September 21.
    - Utilizing a new vendor and pictures will take place inside.
    - Make up day in October.
- **Eisenhower Extras**
    - This is an after-school activity group kids can join.
    - Typically, Eisenhower Extras are in February, but the PTO is working to add a new session this fall (October.)
    - There is a fee.
    - Extra Programs include robotics, Mad Science, Scoring Factory, Yoga and Chess.
    - ***Volunteer Opportunity*** as chair or co-chair still needed for the project.
- **Eisenhowler, Alex Fadick, chair**
    - The Eisenhowler is our biggest fundraiser of the year!
    - Event date: Friday, October 13, 2023, 5:30 PM – 7:30PM
    - The event needs approximately 300 volunteers to make it happen.
    - Forms will go out next week for volunteers, bracelets, tickets, raffles, and sponsorships.
    - Another round of information will be distributed on September 18, 2023
- **PTC Updates**
    - The PTC has a Facebook page to keep you informed of what is happening in our district.
    - Currently, the PTC is advertising Odyssey of the Mind & registration is open until Sept. 22.
        - Last year, we had 22 teams with 144 kids and one team went to World Finals.
        - Website provided: www.uscootm.com
    - PTC is working towards a buddy group for ESL students.

**Vice President's Report: Rebecca Thornsberry**
Hello, welcome and introduction. First year being on the Executive Board and excited to give back to Eisenhower in this way.

**Principal's Report/Eisenhower Update: Mark Miller**

- The school year is off to a great start.
- Thank you for everyone on the PTO.
- Eisenhower would like to increase field trips and assemblies which the PTO pays for.
- Eisenhower is proud of matching instruction so that kids feel like they can be successful and tend to be more engaged.
- Eisenhower takes a balanced approach to reading. This balanced approach then weaves into the curriculum.

**Dates to Remember:**

9/21 Fall Picture Day
10/3-10/25 – Fall Extras
10/13 – Picture Re-Take Day
10/13 - Eisenhowler
10/31 – Harvest Party and Parade

Eisenhower PTO website: https://www.uscsd.k12.pa.us/Page/4374