

Eisenhower PTO
General Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2023
9:30 a.m. (virtual)

PTO Executive Board:

President – Jenny Hecht

1st Vice President – Jen Zofchak

2nd Vice President – Mark Miller

Board Advisor – Justine Walker

Treasurer – Katie Heitman

Secretary – Lisa Whitman

Welcome: Jenny Hecht

Attendance: Executive Board, 9 PTO members

The meeting was called to order by President Jenny Hecht.

Approval of Minutes: All Guest Speakers: Boyce Middle School

Dr. Dan O'Rourke, Principal

- The staff works very hard to make the transition to middle school as smooth as possible for the students. The transition tends to be more difficult for the parents than the kids.
- Monday, June 5 there will be formal presentation for incoming students. Tuesday, June 6 all kids will come to Boyce for move up day.
- There are 4 teams for 5th grade. Teaming at Boyce helps keep all their classes close together. The administration tries to balance teams with kids from each elementary school, and makes the placements after considering a number of factors.
- Boyce uses a schedule with a 6-day rotation. Kids will understand their schedule really quickly. The typical day has three core classes of 70 minutes, a 30-minute lunch, a 20minute recess, and two specials classes.
- In August, the PTO hosts a family welcome event to bring your kids to Boyce and walk their schedule.

Ms. Tonia Autieri, School Counselor

- Ms. Autieri will be the 5th grade counselor next year, and will stay with the students for 6th grade too. Ms. Autieri will see the kids once every 6 days for guidance class.

- Guidance has a curriculum, but also serves to help the counselors establish a relationship with the kids so they feel comfortable to come see their counselor as needed.
- Ms. Autieri will be going to the elementary schools to meet the kids at the end of May and will also see them for move up day.
- Counselors help work on the scheduling over the summer. Any information you can share about your student to help with scheduling is appreciated. A form will go out at the end of April. Many factors go into the scheduling, so it is not always possible to honor every request to put kids together with their friends.

Treasurer Report: Katie Heitman

- March balance was \$47,000. Current balance is \$41,000.
- There are a number of expenses coming up that the PTO will be funding, including staff appreciation, the fourth grade farewell, and field day.

President's Report: Jenny Hecht

- Upcoming events and activities
 - Arts in USC: The theme this year is "Pittsburgh." Art will be collected May 8 through May 12. We will send out a form to tape to the back of your artwork. This year, Arts in USC is not a contest, just an exhibition. All art will be displayed the evening of May 22 at the High School LGI. Students can use any medium, just no glitter please. All art will be returned to the students by June 1.
 - Staff Appreciation Week: Staff appreciation will be held May 8-12. The theme this year is "Thanks Around the World." Please send any donations or contributions.
 - Field Days: First through fourth grade field day is May 25. Kindergarten field day is May 23.
 - 4th Grade Events: The memory book and class shirts are in progress. The fourth grade farewell is being planned for June 2. The fourth grade chorus will sing at Wild Things game on June 4.

Introduction of Proposed Officers: Jenny Hecht

- Rebecca Thornsberry, Vice President
- Jolien Geis, Secretary

Vice President's Report: Jen Zofchak

- Looking forward, the main fundraising event next year is the Eisenhower. We are already starting to work on that. Information on that will be coming out soon.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Book Fair: Missy Nicula:** Book fair will be held May 9-11. We will need volunteers and will be sending out a signup genius. There are three payment options: cash, check or ewallet. We will be sending information on setting up ewallet as well as the student schedule to attend the bookfair.
- **Spirit Wear: Jolien Geis:** We are working on field day tee shirts for each grade. We are hoping to send out a form soon to request student tee shirt sizes.
- **Outreach: Randi Rumbaugh:** The food drive was very successful. Eisenhower collected 1200 pounds of food that was donated to SHIM. Next week there will be an Ike Crawl and a Walk-A-Thon to benefit Trucks for Maddox. All classes will be walking laps over the next two weeks. There is no obligation to pledge a financial contribution—all kids will participate in the walk. Money raised will help purchase glasses for children in need.

Principal's Report/Eisenhower Update: Mark Miller

- The PSSAs are coming up. The school tries to emphasize that kids should try their best, get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast on the day of the test.

Dates to Remember:

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| • Staff Appreciation | May 8-12 |
| • Arts in USC | May 8-12 |
| • Spring Book Fair | May 9-11 |
| • STAR Night | May 11 (Early Dismissal) |
| • PTO Meeting | May 12 |
| • Kindergarten Field Day | May 23 |
| • 1 st -4 th Field Day | May 25 |
| • 4 th Grade Farewell Party | June 2 |
| • National Anthem at Wild Things | June 4 |