

October 6, 2021  
PTA Meeting  
Began 7:02pm

Speaker 1: Mr Barrow

McKenzie had picture day this week. Thanks to B&L, Mrs Green, and volunteers! Everything went really well. All students took their picture. Make ups will be in December. PTA Fundraiser, Book Fair. Virtual Book Fair flyer went out virtually. Halloween: Planning on having a parade. Will do some classroom celebration, but with no food. Thank you parents for sending in the beach towels. Hopefully we will start on Tuesday to start eating outside. Parent conferences coming up November 11th. If you have not made an appointment, please make one with your child's teacher. No school on Monday, 10/11. Teacher development will be happening. Week of 18th, Spirit Week. Reminders will be coming prior to the week.

Speaker 2: Mrs Barrale

Thank you PTA for picture day. It went very smoothly and the company was great. They followed protocol and worked well with the students and teachers. Back to School night went well at St Marys. Progress reports are going out next week. Thank you to the PTA for the teacher and staff breakfast. This Friday, there will be a Spanish heritage Assembly at 1pm at eh St Mary's High School. Book Fair coming up on 10/18-10/31. More information will be going out. Everyone have a great school year!

No questions were asked to Mr Barrow or Mrs Barrale

Speaker 3: Mr G

Thank you PTA.  
Mr G attended both back to school nights. Heard many compliments, but also some concerns. Parents had some suggestions and concerns at the BOE meeting. Mr G welcomes all dialogue from any parent.  
Thank you administrative team.  
**McKenzie school gym floor:** floor is finished. Needs it finishing touches. November 1st is the tentative day to be opened to the students.  
**Bussing:** Currently or in any given school year we have about 50-55 that ride the bus. ER is not mandated to have bussing. It is courtesy bussing. Only for students outside 2 mile radius, special needs students, or that live in the Monarch on the other side of Rt 3. Now bussing over 235 students due to students going to St Marys. We are not able to find more bus drivers to fulfill the need of the extra transportation. Working with the county and NJ department of education. Buses are currently making it to class on time. Children at the YMCA are tending to be late in the morning. Parents are upset, but YMCA leadership is willing to hear the concerns. Mr G asked the YMCA for the arrival log to school and departure time to present to parents. Mr G and staff took the parents comments/concerns to help re-vamp the bussing system.  
**Maschio's Food Service:** Heard from Facebook group that there were concern, ie expired milk. Maschio's was contacted. Parents had concern about choices. ER had to opt for cold lunches, because of lack of staff and kitchens. Wallington and Garfield was asked to help out with hot lunches. Maschio's is trying their best to help with everyone's needs.

**Communication to parents:** We try to make sure all parents have correct information for the Genesis blast. If you don't receive any communication, please reach out to building secretary to make sure the correct information for the students that are on file.

Mr Vilardi : To edit contact information, log in to Parent Portal. Or reach out to school directly.

Looking to open a new email send to address to ensure all messages are sent.

Mr G asking Mr Vilardi to look for technology for Kindergarteners for a touch screen computer/tablet. Less bulky for them.

**ADA compliance regarding the website:** Meeting with BlackBoard who manages the website. Ally is a software program for anything uploaded to the website, that is ADA compliant. Looking into the cost for additional scan/protection.

There are legal limits for the information about the **construction of Faust School**. Tentative date of re-opening is November 14th, which is not happening at this time. . ERBOE meeting with construction company manager & architect on Thursday 10/7 to confirm can open Faust on December 6th. 2nd week of November new furniture will be delivered for all classrooms. Week of thanksgiving, half day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Off Thursday & Friday. Half day all week the following week to help the construction have more time to set up Faust in time for December 6th. Together needs to work with Mrs Barrale as to if new scheduling has to occur for the reopening of the building. November 5 or 6th, Mr G is hoping to get all communication out.

<Pictures were presented of the Faust construction progress>

No questions for Mr G

Treasurer Report: For September received missing fundraisers from last year picture day. We are balanced

Membership: Current at 120 members. 30 are parents. Membership drive, first 100 parents receive a goody-bag for their children.

8th Grade Committee: Met for the first time Tuesday, 10/5. First fundraiser is the pumpkin patch at the Fall Festival, partnering the ER foundation with decorations for the pumpkins. Looking to do a fundraiser in November, cupcakes or treats. Meetings will be monthly.

No Correspondences

Old business: June meeting is on the district website.

New business: Welcome back! It is an election year, all PTA board seats are up. Fall Wildcat gear fundraiser was successful. Another gear fundraiser in the spring. Picture day was held and went well. Currently working with BL photography on re-take day. Virtual book fair is currently being held with McKenzie students. Faust is 10/18 - 10/31.

Halloween: Currently have "You've Been Boo'd" fundraiser. Trick or Treat map will be made this year. Trunk-or-Treat will be held this year. Partnering with the town and ERPD. The event will be 10/30 with rain date of 10/31. Looking for volunteers.

In November will be Double Good Popcorn fundraiser.

<Mr G interjecting that he was not aware of genesis blast for 8th grade committee, he needs to approve all communication. He doesn't want to miss any approvals>

Next meeting is November 3rd. All meetings will be virtual until further notice. The Zoom link will be the same for all meetings.

Open Floor for any questions :

How do we purchase wildcat merchandise for students? Also, where is the PTA website?  
How do you go about the fundraisers ? Parents being notified about it?

Mrs Green answered all. As of now, next merchandise fundraiser will be in the spring. PTA website on ERBOE.net.

How to make family \$20 pledge - TBD

What is our social media? Only facebook. Not instagram or social media.

[Maddie709@gmail.com](mailto:Maddie709@gmail.com) to sign up to volunteer for Trunk or Treat

Thank you!