Eisenhower PTO
General Meeting
Friday, April 11, 2025, 9:30am (Virtual)

PTO Executive Board: President – Rebecca Thornsberry
1st Vice President – Juli Kosovec
2nd Vice President - Mark Miller
Board Advisor – Jen Zofchak
Treasurer – Katie Heitman (unable to attend)
Secretary – Jolien Geis

Attendance: 14 Total Attendees

The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Thornsberry

Welcome: Rebecca Thornsberry

Approval of Minutes – All (Approval by Juli Kosovec and Missy Nicula)

Treasurer Report: Jolien Geis, filling in for Katie Heitman: Our balance at Dollar Bank is $33,287 and Quicken is $31,350. We anticipate our cost for the rest of the year to be around $18,000 for our end-of-year activities including field trips, assemblies and staff appreciation week. This will leave our balance for next year at approximately $14,900.

Introduction of Proposed Officers: We're excited to announce our proposed officers today. After today's announcement we have 30 days until our next General Meeting where we will vote. Last year, thankfully, our treasurer, Katie, stayed on the Board for an extra year. With her leave next year, we have 3 positions to fill.

- Samantha Keller- proposed Vice President. This will be my 2nd year in this district. I have kids in 1st grade, 5th grade and 7thgrade. I have been on previous PTO/PTA boards in other districts. I have tried to jump in and help when needed this year.
- Sarah Hollihan- proposed Treasurer. I have a 4th grade son and 1st grade daughter. I have filled on committees and have been a room parent.
- Missy Nicula- Secretary. I have 2 daughters in 2nd and 4th grade. I help with a variety of activities and Chair the Birthday Book Club.

President's Report: Rebecca Thornsberry
Recent and upcoming events/activities

- **K-3 Socials** Completed. Our Socials went well. They were well attended and the kids had fun.
- **Walk-A-Thon**: Rebecca filling in for Chair Randy Rumbaugh. We have 2 outreach programs at Eisenhower. Our SHIM food drive generated 1,756lbs of food and personal care items to donate. Our Walk-a-thon logged over 800 laps and raised $9,300 for eye care for those in need. We appreciate the staff and families who helped make these outreach events a success.
- **Reading Night:** Jenny Hecht: Our theme was "Come with us, Around the World." Our teachers and readers were great again. Mrs. Hart does a wonderful job. The format was the

same as last year. Each room had a stamp for the kid's passports. Kids received a scholastic book from the PTO. The event was well attended with 203 kids participating, similar to last year. The Bookmark Contest was successful, and each grade had a winner. Miss Colleen from the USC Public Library came and offered a bookmark craft that was a highlight for the kids as well.

- **Kids of Steel** – Chairs: Jennifer Beam, Lexi Furlani & Lisa Carrabine: KOS is new to Eisenhower this year. Currently, 82 kids have registered for the Kid's Marathon downtown. We offered KOS participants the chance to purchase t-shirts to represent our Eisenhower team downtown on May 3. We have some unregistered bibs that we can offer to staff or parents to run along with the kids. Also, kids can register for the Kid's Marathon even if they didn't participate in KOS.
- **Staff Appreciation- Lego Theme** – Last week our Staff Appreciation packets went out. Teachers are appreciative and look forward to the week. Packets offer volunteer or donation opportunities. We'll send another reminder after spring break. Kids can complete the Lego bricks and Lego teacher to help decorate our school.
- **Book Fair** – The book fair flyers will be sent as soon as they come in. It'll run Tues-Wed starting 5/6 and will be open for star night. Parents, please look for the sign-up genius to volunteer.
- **4th Grade Activities**
    - Shirts – We need about 10 more sizes from our 4th graders to finalize shirt ordering.
    - Farewell Pool Party- It is late as always, 8pm-10pm. This is due to the rental facility's availability.
    - Yearbook – The committee are continuing to look for pictures. Parents are encouraged to send in pictures. Every child will receive a book, paid for by the PTO.
    - Chorus sings National Anthem at The Wild Things – Friday, May 30th – Everyone is invited to come out and see them.

Looking ahead: After spring break we'll offer this year's chairs the opportunity to continue. Our school calendar is complete so the current chairs can check availability for the next school year.

Vice President's Report: Juli Kosovec – No report. Thank you for all the volunteer support.

Principal's Report/Eisenhower Update: Mark Miller:
When we return from spring break the school year will move fast. PSSA testing is the week we return. We try to not make a big deal about PSSAs. We ask parents to help their child get good sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and try their best. Our philosophy is that if we do good instruction throughout the year we don't need to teach to the test. Finally, thank you to all of you for your help and chipping in this year.

Open to questions: No questions asked.
We have one last meeting in May. We'll see you then!

Dates to Remember:
5/3- Kids Marathon
5/5-5/9- Staff Appreciation Week
5/6-5/8- Book Fair
5/8- S.T.A.R. Night
5/16- General PTO Meeting
5/28- Kindergarten Field Day
5/30- Grades 1-4 Field Day
5/30- Chorus Sings at Wild Things Game
6/4- 4th Grade Celebration