East Rutherford PTA Meeting
Location: Faust Media center
10.6.26

Called to order: 7:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PTA Mission
Our websites:
East Rutherford PTA: http://www.erboe.net/domain/124
NJ PTA: http://www.njpta.org/
National PTA: http://www.pta.org/

PTA Who's Who:

President: Christine Green

Vice President: Jillian Cawley

Recording Secretary: Natasha Bonilla

Corresponding Secretary: Shannon Cowan

Treasurer: Paola Restrepo

Membership: Charise Brown

Bylaws:

Ways & Means Fundraising: Linda Lyon

Cultural Events: Elyssa Foster

Social Media & Communications: Kevin Lyon

McKenzie Rep: Natasha Bonilla

Lincoln Rep: To be Determined

Faust Rep/8thGrade Committee: Nina Hoxha, Emily Landolfi

Agenda

● Approval of Minutes:
● June Meeting Minutes - Approved

● Administration Updates:

○ Mr. Barrow (Superintendent)
■ Welcome to 1st PTA meeting 19 participants here as of now we appreciate it
■ Would like to thank the PTA board and special Thank you to Kevin Lyon and Christine Green for making this possible and becoming president for the PTA
■ update virtual backpack Mr. Higgins and Mr. Vilardi consolidated all schools with one virtual backpack which is on school website
■ If anyone has flyer to send it has to be approved by all school principals and myself before being posted or handed out
■ any zoom link or QR code will have to be as pdf file if it needs to be posted and make sure it works before sending
■ all schools are having spirit week this week for week of respect
■ Parent square is aligned with all schools, download the app to keep up to date and receive notifications
■ Board and district table will be at the Fall Festival
■ busing delay will be tomorrow again
■ Small power outage last week we had ERPD on site
■ Join the PTA 1 per person it goes beyond from book fairs, holiday shops please support fundraisers and support the 8th grade committee

○ Mrs. Barrale (McKenzie)
■ It's been a pleasure warm welcoming in Mckenzie school
■ Thank you to the PTA for ice cream social my first one here
■ September 11- red white and blue for remembrance
■ Back to school night very well attended thank you to parents for coming
■ book fair so many books were bought kids loved it
■ Picture day October 23
■ Halloween first one here in Mckenzie for me there will be a parade more detail will come out possibly this week but the date for it is October 30th

○ Mr. Vilardi (Lincoln/ Faust)
■ Patriots day , Lincoln school had virtual tour on 9/11
■ Fantastic turn out back to school night
■ 8th grade committee lots of good things coming
■ Week of respect this week we had blue for anti-national bullying. We also had NY giants football players come and speak to the kids about staying active. Would like to thank them for coming and Thank American Heart association and NY play 60 for donation
■ Cyber bullying and Suicide awareness Presentation
■ School full blown evacuation to becton high school

■ Red ribbon week coming soon
■ 8th grade rings during picture day
■ 8th grade cap and gown pictures during the retake picture on December 18th
■ PTA book fair successful and continuing this week
■ October 28th we have our fall Parent conferences
■ Thanksgiving feast will continue
■ National elementary honor society November 19th
■ Chromebook distribution
■ Thank you to the PTA for the teacher breakfast

○ Mr. Cocozzo
■ Appreciate the community and PTA board with the transition and moving both building together

● **Reports of Officers:**

● Treasurer's Report
● Reports are posted on the PTA page on the district website
    ○ http://www.erboe.net/page/1630
○ next month will have it and we are balanced

● Correspondence
○Thank you to the PTA for volunteering for book fair at Mckenzie , Mrs. Barrale
There was 5 correspondence

● By Laws & Standing Rules
    ● Report on PTA page of District website

● Membership Report
    ● The committee helps spread word about all the amazing things our PTA does and solicits new members to join our organization. The committee is year long, the primary activity occurs during the first few months of School.
    ● Sign up Links are available on PTA on the district website and on the PTA Facebook page.
    Individual Member = $10 Staff- $6
    ○ http://weareerpta.givebacks.com/shop/items/22709
    ● Currently 176 Members
    ● We remit $5.25 to County, State, and National PTA

● **Reports of Committees**
    ○ *Fundraising*
    ● We are dedicated to ensuring we have enough funding to accomplish all our goals. This team plans and executes events and causes throughout

the year.
- all school photos on October 23rd

- Book Fair- Mckenzie 25% profit $2k
  - Lincoln/Faust book fair this week
  - Holiday shop
    - Lincoln/Faust- December 7th to 11th
    - Mckenzie school- December 14th to 17th
- Gertrude Hawk early spring flyers should go out in January since Easter is early this year
- no greeting cards this year

- Dine & Donates:
  - is up for discussion possibly 8th grade committee

- Givebacks shop
  - Sign up, put on your phone, a small percentage goes back to PTA, but it adds up!

- Spirit Wear
  - Proceeds back to PTA
  - Sale is still on
    - Shop at: http://1stplace.sale/107768

- *Cultural Events*
  - 2026/2027 Events - Welcome to Ideas
  - PTA Cultural Events Committee celebrates the diversity of our ER School District by planning and executing fun filled activities for our families
    - Pumpkin decorating contest (entries should be submitted by 10/26 for all schools) winners will be announced 10/30
  - Trunk or Treat October 23rd If anyone would like to sign their trunk up the QR code is on flyer and on PTA site (residents only)

- *Social Media & Communications:*
  - We make every effort to keep the public and our school community informed of the PTA activities and happenings through our Website, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, Newsletters and Emails.
  - Information and events are constantly posted and updated on our socials. Updates when made available from the schools & important PTA info is posted in real time. Great resource to stay up to date on what is Happening.

    - http://weareerpta.givebacks.com/

- Instagram: @erptahost
  - http://instagram.com/erptahost

● Facebook: “East Rutherford NJ PTA -Members Only” & “East Rutherford NJ PTA”
    ○ http://www.facebook.com/ERNJPTAHost
● YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/@eastrutherfordnjpta4627

○ *School Reps*
    ● McKenzie (Natasha Bonilla)
    ○Spirit week this week tomorrow is Pajama day
    ○October 23rd school pictures
    ○ Class parent forms and sending emails out Wednesday morning to teachers/parents
    ● Lincoln (To be determined)
    ○

    ● 8th Grade Committee (Emily Landolfi)
        ●Music Bingo October 8th at 6pm at the community center
        ●Car wash over summer made $2000
        ●Fall Festival this weekend selling pumpkins come by and support 8th grade
        ● Soccer game 8th graders against Soccer coaches October 16th
        ●Possible school dance Faust school in November
        ●Volleyball game against teachers In November

East Rutherford Recreation
    ● Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)
    ● esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net
    ● 201-207-6501
        - Events on town website, flyers in backpack
        - http://www.eastrutherfordnj.net/

*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

*Friends of East Rutherford looking for more members if you want to join

● Town Events/Dates:
- October fall fest- October 9th-11th
- October 30th Haunted hall any children want to volunteer they can and looking for volunteers
- Reschedule movie night

Upcoming Events
http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/Events
http://www.eastrutherfordnj.net/

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Upcoming School Dates: (Calendar is on ERBOE site)

- October 12th- Schools are closed
- October 23rd - Picture day for all schools
- October 28th - Fall Teacher/Parent conferences

New/Other business & Open discussion:

- none

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Check ERPTA page, volunteer tab
  - http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/volunteer

  - Mckenzie/Faust/Lincoln picture day
  - Mckenzie/Faust/Lincoln Holiday Shop
  - Trunk or Treat

Next Meeting: November 3rd 2026 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58 pm