

## MINUTES

### EC Stevens/Pond Hill PTO Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2025

#### IN ATTENDANCE

A.O'Brien, G. Dirkson, J. Panzarella, M. Whitehouse, K. Kiely, T. Kingston, K. Daly, A. Myers, D. Monroe, C. Singer, E. Clark, M. Somuk, M. Bivelac, B. Willis, B. Velleca, J. Garogalo, J. Lamson, L. Migliore, N. Castelli, E. Kawczynski

#### OPENING DISCUSSIONS/PRINCIPLE COMMENTS

- Motion to approve December meeting minutes–B. Velleca, 2nd motion–N. Costelli/A. Myers
- Greg D. discussed field trips that are in the works for Pond Hill including: 3rd Grade-Peabody at the end of April, 4th Grade- CT Science Center, 5th Grade-Sound Waters which is science/stem focused. Will hold a Nature's classroom type day at Wharton Brook. Teachers/staff would design their own activities. May need some funding from PTO for supplies. Will continue to work with 5th grade teachers to finalize those plans. Both PH and ECS students were so generous and collectively were able to donate 600 items including crayons and coloring books to CT Children's medical center, and Childrens New Haven Hospital. An additional \$258 dollars was raised from pajama day and donated to the hospitals. 5th Graders spent some time making personalized ornaments that were then delivered to Regency House (an area nursing home). On Friday, will host Crazy Hair day to raise money for a PH family recently impacted by a fire. Cultural celebration night, it was an awesome night!
- K. Kiely- winter universal screening window at ECS- lots of students meeting criteria to exit intervention, overall great growth, excited to see the growth from fall to winter. Next Thursday, January 23, ECS/PH family STEM night, sign up link went out to families- last year was awesome. Lots of hands-on opportunities for students/parents to engage in. Upcoming "town-hall" meeting Friday, January 24. Lindsey McKurdy–teachers are taking information and looking at best fits for their grade level and will circle back regarding field trips.
- Brittany V.- suggested hosting a Spirit day to raise money for those impacted by fires in LA. Red Cross. Jessica offered to make a flyer for the event.
- E.Clark- thank you always for supporting us! Everyone feels it and appreciates it! -J. Lamson Seconds that!
- Theresa K. -Mentioned replacing the raised garden beds in the PH outdoor classroom as they are falling apart– in contact with Mr. Maglione as he takes his students out there to plant vegetables. Great way to utilize outside space. Mr. Maglione has a method on how to fill them cost effectively -K. Daly volunteers should be able to help too. Put on the agenda for February. -Gregory D. tried purchasing beds in the past with donations he has received. He will revisit his initial request and seek approval by the Central Office and Board of Ed.

## BUDGET/TREASURER'S REPORT

- December report reviewed

## LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

### January

- Recycling Drive & Fundraiser- PH Parent, M. Somuck organized the event. Drop off event, earn .08 cents a can. You can drop off cans/bottles to Yalesville Bottle Redemption Center with a note that it's for ECS/PH schools, or drop off at school and the school will notify Matt to pick up items. Jessica reached out to Greg and Kristina today to secure a location at schools for cans/bottles.
- Zupardi Fundraiser starts on Friday. Pick up will be last Friday of February at ECS. Sign up Genius for a time-slot to pick up pizza orders. Brittany V., and Nicole C. offered to help at pick up.

### Future Events:

- Field Day- K. Daly is leading FD planning. Everyone is excited about FD. Replacing the ice cream truck. K. Kiely talking with food service for an alternative.
- Volunteers- a sign up genius will be posted that will include all PTO events for the remainder of the year. This will allow parents/guardians to sign up and volunteer for events they are interested in. Field Day volunteer sign up list will be separate from this.

### Next PTO Meeting, Feb 19, 2025

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19PM