

MINUTES

EC Stevens/Pond Hill PTO Board Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE

A.O'Brien, B. Willis, C. Tillbrook, D.Monroe, G. Dirkson, J. Panzarella, M. O'Neill, M M. Whitehouse, K. Kiely, M. Mercado, E. Kawczynski, B. Velleca, C. Singer, A. Myers, K. Kingston, C. Ruiz, J. Pacheco, K. Daly, L. Riveccio, C. Zurlis, L. Gerbe, M.Germond

OPENING DISCUSSIONS/PRINCIPLE COMMENTS

- Board introduction slide- acknowledging new and returning members
- K. Kiely voiced appreciation for the slide donation and new playground equipment. She felt the staff appreciation breakfast was a nice way to kick off the school year. ECS is currently in the screening window and students are displaying great stamina and putting their best self forward.
- G. Dirksong voiced appreciation for the staff breakfast and felt it was a great way to start the school year. The gaga pit boards have been replaced and a permanent floor was installed. PH also in the screening window. Lots of positive things going on at Pond Hill. Looking ahead, will “rebrand” the Pond Hill Lion. The goal is to focus on ways to positively reinforce all the great things kids are doing and to promote a positive school culture. Also working with the Nurtured Heart Program, more details to follow.
- B. Velleca motion to approve August minutes- 2nd Kathleen Daly

BUDGET/TREASURER'S REPORT

- E. Kawczynski reviewed this year's proposed [2024-2025 budget](#).
- M. Whitehouse motion to approve budget, 2nd—B. Velleca
- E. Kawczynski shared how each school received \$5,000 towards special project funds thanks to contributions from Microsoft and Travelers for matching volunteer hours.

LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

- Pre-K/Kindergarten Meet & Greet 8/22
- Staff Welcome Breakfast at both ECS & PH 8/26
- Slide at EC Stevens was installed
- Gaga Pit ordered for Pond Hill

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS:

- **Pond Hill Open House- 9/24**

- **Ice Cream Social-** 9/20, rain date 9/27
 - Where: EC Stevens School 5:00-6:30PM
 - Event Chair: M.Whitehouse
 - One free ticket per student, \$4 for additional ice cream
 - Great representation from community organizations including: YMCA, karate studio, dance school, soccer club, and other organizations
- **Scholastic Book Fair-** 9/30- 10/3
 - Event Chair: L. Miglore
 - Pond Hill: 9/30 & 10/2- 9:00AM-3:00PM
 - EC Stevens: 10/1 & 10/3- 9:00AM-3:00PM
 - Still looking for volunteers to fill remaining time slots at both EC Stevens and Pond Hill
- **Beaumont Fundraiser-** 9/15-10/31
 - Bring flier or mention ECS or PH school at Beaumont Farms and PTO receives 20% of all sales.
- **Lyman Orchard Pie & Cookie Fundraiser-**
 - Event Chair: T. Kingston
 - Forms go home with students next week
 - Volunteers needed to pull orders for pick up-11/19
- **Trunk or Treat Event-** 10/20
 - Where: EC Stevens Parking Lot
 - Event Chair: K. Daly
 - K. Daly has pursued candy donations. Secured a \$100 Walmart GC, \$25 Bjs GC, and 2 movie tickets (raffle item).
 - Donation boxes at both schools for candy donations
 - Volunteer sign ups will go out next week for candy runners, and those who want to decorate a trunk
- **Outdoor classroom/garden**
 - Committee Chair: C. Tillbrook
 - Garden beds are ready for students to use
 - Committee performing regular maintenance, recent garden mums planted and will plan for spring plants
 - Will need larger amount of volunteers in spring time to mulch

UPCOMING MEETING:

- **Next PTO Meeting: October 16th, 6:30PM**

PTO MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- M. Mercado shared current members. A total of 22 families that have signed up/paid PTO dues, with 7 families signed up/pending payment.
- A. O'Brien looking for ways/ideas to increase PTO membership
- \$20 a year allows you to be on any PTO committee, voting rights, and the chance to hang out with us every month at our PTO meetings!
- You can also support the PTO by making a one-time donation

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Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM