

# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Brian Funk- CO President  
Rachel Hardy -Vice President  
Jason Voelkl - Treasurer  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Meeting was called to order:

## **Report of Committees:**

Kris Weltman, representing the tragedy committee for families in district, proposed donating a tree in memory of Officer Daryl Pierson. She reports the ER village will purchase the tree and plant it in Edmond Lyon park. The committee would also try to create a meal tree in a month or so for the Pierson family.

Interim Superintendent Richard G. Stutzman reports he needs representation for the elementary principal search with a hire date of January. As part of search he would like parents to meet and question the candidates. For the superintendent search a meeting was held with Dan White who will help with the search. Mr. Stutzman would like the BOE to appoint a new superintendent at the April Board Meeting.

Principal Mr. Casey van Harssel thanked the PTA for the ER crew shirts. Regarding the new mentorship program, Mr. van Harssel reports the students felt the program was successful. He will expand the program next year for the 8th graders to mentor the incoming 6th graders. He reports the 6th through 8th grade middle school is working. Upcoming block parties are as follows: k-2, 3-5 (parents only), and 6-12 (students may come with parents if they wish).

School Site Based teams: High School Team: Kris Eaton would like to be considered to be on team. Elementary Team: May need another representative, Molly Rountree reports she would be interested if needed.

## **Report of Officers :**

Treasurer Report: Jason Voelkl distributed and reviewed the end of last year report. He noted predictions were below where they should be. He will discuss these questions regarding the predicted budgets with previous PTA treasurer Lafayette Easton and will have finalized budget at next meeting.

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President's Report: Brian Funk reported the PTA needs to focus on fundraising and membership. He notes the membership numbers have been declining. Mr. Funk would like to have school staff participate. He would like to invite teachers to join and have an active membership. The PTA will participate in membership tables at Curriculum night, K-2 Block Party Open House and 6-12 Block Party Open House.

SEPTA: Jenny Wing and Laura Connors presented on behalf of SEPTA regarding the middle school activity night. It was a well attended event last year and they would like to repeat the event this year. Shared specific details of how the activity was planned and ran. Would like to have activity night this year during 2nd semester and are interested in having support from PTA. They would like to make events inclusive for all students. Report SEPTA's main goal is to teach parents to advocate for their student. Ms. Connors shared information regarding a program names TIES for children with developmental disabilities. This program pairs high school students with a student with developmental disabilities. This "buddy" is then available to participate in activities with the student, instead of their parent or family member.

## **New Business:**

PTA needs to focus on fundraising and membership. Ways to fundraise included possibly having a pie fundraiser around the holidays. Rachel Hardy may be able to make the pies herself for this. Logistics were discussed and she will look into this. Sale of Bombers umbrellas in the spring were mentioned. Membership last year was low. Ways to increase membership including school staff was discussed.

## **Announcements:**

The PTA is interested in posting the agendas on Facebook page and website.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday October 7, 2014 @ 6:30 pm

# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2014

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Funk- CO-President  
Rachel Hardy -Vice President  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Meeting was called to order:

## Report of Officers :

**President's Report:** Brian Funk reported the Site Based Committee representatives are as follows: Elementary - Molly Rountree and Tiffany Cotsonas, Middle Level - Karen Chiccino and Jennifer Flanigan; High School - Kris Lansky-Eaton, John Griffith and Gail Hanss; District- Joanne Dall and Rachel Hardy. Representatives for selection committees are as follows: Kelly Lewis- elementary principal search; Ed McCarthy- superintendent search.

On November 20th, the PTA and SEPTA will be meeting the candidates for elementary principal. Questions to be asked will be discussed at the November meeting.

The PTA has received an offer for a free Skate Night at Bill Grays' Iceplex. This would be open for ER Students of all ages and their families. Discussed when this may occur. Brian will follow up with this offer.

Book fair will be set up on October 31 and will be the first week on November. Chairpersons are Tara Wilks and Brian Funk

**Vice President's Report:** Rachel Hardy reported on the PTA Pie Fundraiser for Thanksgiving. Rachel reports she has permission to use the school kitchen. Discussion on logistics was held. How much pies would cost, packaging, freezer space, pie flavors and order forms. Rachel reported the pies can be made the weekend before Thanksgiving and orders could be picked up on Tuesday (prior to school closing on Wednesday for the thanksgiving holiday). The goal is to have the order forms sent out end of October (3rd week) and ask for all to be returned by 11-15-14.

Additional fundraising ideas were discussed including possibly offering wrapping paper around the holidays, and bomber umbrellas in spring. Mrs. Konar suggested having a silent auction where people could donate items they don't want or to have the PTA get donations.

# **EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2014**

## **Report of Committees:**

Tragedy Committee: Brian Funk shared Kris Weltman reported everything was approved and a tree was being planted in Edmond Lyon Park in memory of Officer Daryl Pierson. The tree will be placed close to the playground and will be put in this week. A plaque will be placed by the tree as well.

School Site Based teams: Elementary team: The team is working on a code of conduct for parents who want to come have lunch with their kids. They may have a guest table where the parent could sit with their child. Discussed concerns with playground and the outdoor space is for only students/classrooms to use during the day. New Family Dinner will be held on November 6th. They are inviting new families with students of any age and anyone in preschool/kindergarten. There will be a dinner with activity/clubs present to discuss what is offered as well as tours and an open swim sponsored by the Seadragons.

Membership committee: the memberships are due 10-31 to the state. Karen Chiccino will give the money to PTA treasurer for members. Discussed how many parents that have joined PTA are those with students in the younger grade levels.

## **New Business:**

Anita Ricci presented on teaching yoga to kids. She has recently trained and become licensed to teach yoga to children and is interested in starting a group at ER in the schools that would be offered as a free club. More details to follow.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday November 4, 2014 @ 6:30 pm

# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING November 4, 2014

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Funk- CO-President  
Rachel Hardy -Vice President  
Jay Voelkl -Treasurer  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Meeting was called to order:

## Report of Officers :

**President's Report:** The PTA would like to hold a silent auction for fundraising this year. Dates of when would be the best time were discussed Should it coincided with an other activity or be held on its own? Brian reported he envisions having the jazz band play and the culinary students making food....it could be its own event. Members in attendance who were interested in being on a silent auction committee volunteered to help out and will be contacted in the near future.

**Vice President's Report:** Rachel Hardy reported on the Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser. She reports it is not going as well as they had hoped only 14 orders have been submitted thus far. Discussed sending out order forms again will send out in email blast. High school office will help forward email out to high school students. Brian will send out an all call reminder. Rachel asked for volunteers to help make the pies during the weekend of November 23-24.

**Treasurer Report:** Jay presented the current budget and reports he is in the process of finalizing some expenses. There are some expenses still need to budget for. Currently we are below budget. This report is for the current fiscal year. Book fair was discussed. A portion of the profits are split between libraries. Also could ask what items for school may be needed that would be difficult to obtain thought the current budget. PTA could also hold onto money and as the PTA earned points form Scholastics for rewards after the book fair can ask the school what would be needed for the rewards catalog.

## Report of Committees:

**Membership:** Forms were sent out to teachers and the PTA received a positive response. At this time there are 76 members (parents and teachers). Memberships are still coming in.

**School Site Based teams:** Elementary team: New family dinner will be held tomorrow, November 6th. There are 61 people signed up. There will be dinner to start with and

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there will be teachers present to give tours. The evening will end with the storyteller who will be in the building for the book fair. The PTA will be donating items for the raffle. In addition the elementary team has been discussing the school dress code.

Mid level team: Will hold their first meeting on November 13th.

High School Team: Will hold their first meeting November 10th.

## **New Business:**

Jay reports he is working with Officer Moncrief to host an evening where there will be representatives from the Police and Fire departments. Child IDs will be taken (parent will need to be present for this). This will take place on December 4, 2014. Time will be finalized soon, tentative time from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Jay will have a flyer made up and sent out and possibly send out an all call to let family's know about this event.

November 20th at 6:00 pm is meet the candidates for the elementary principal position attended by the PTA and SEPTA. There are currently 7 candidates down from originally 55 and there will be 2 or 3 by the time the meet the candidates meeting is held. The meeting is scheduled for the Midl level LGI but may be in the elementary library. There are 4 questions that will be asked form these groups. Those in attendance tonight brainstormed questions they would like to ask candidates. Ideas/concerns are as follows: \*administrative response for students who are advanced/gifted? \*how to engage students at all levels? \*plan to support teachers and problems \* What about students who need more support? \* How do you address ALL learners, what is administrators role??\* what do you the PTA role is and how to partner with PTA? \*Communication with parents. How do you plan on communication? \* what about safety and communications especially as ours is a walking district? \*in the relm of safely and securely but still engage parents? \* concerns regarding testing that is partnered with common core \*we are looking for a personal who wants to stick around - why are you a good fit for a small district? \*how do you engage students to be friendly and also a disciplinarian.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday December 2, 2014 @ 6:30 pm

# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING December 2, 2014

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Funk- CO-President  
Rachel Hardy -Vice President  
Jay Voelkl -Treasurer  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Meeting was called to order:

## Report of Officers :

**President's Report:** Brian Funk announced Chris McCarthy needs help setting up Breakfast with Santa this Saturday from 9:30 to 11:00.

Brian reported he would like to begin planning the silent auction fundraiser. There are 7 people signed up to be on this committee and the goal is to get together in the next few weeks. He will send out a text to those who signed up for this committee. Molly Rountree offered to design a flyer to reach out to teachers for class projects to donate. Brian reports Theresa Funk may be able to plan a mosaic with a school theme for students to complete which would then be donated.

Lastly, Brian gave his feedback on the elementary principal search and felt there was an overwhelming decision for one candidate from all involved. He expressed he is hopeful the same process will be completed for the upcoming superintendent search.

**Vice President's Report:** Rachel Hardy reported on the Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser. She reports that the profit margin was good for this type of fundraiser (52%) however only a small number of people participated. The PTA raised \$217.88. Rachel reported she had 5 people helping and it took them approximately 2 1/2 hours. Rachel reported she did receive feedback on ideas to increase the fundraiser for next year. She learned only 18 sales came from the paper flyer, the digital advertising such as the email blast was more successful. Next year she suggested sending an email to school staff. The pick up could be earlier and extras could be available for purchase without preordering.

**Treasurer Report:** Jay presented the current budget and reports he is in the process of finalizing some expenses and there are some expenses that still need to be budgeted for. For the current fiscal year we are below budget. The Book fair fundraiser was discussed. Earnings from Scholastic can be either in cash or points to buy from scholastics. Discussed the splitting the earnings into both. Jason reports each ear we have \$700.00 in the budget for free books.

## Report of Committees:

**School Site Based teams:** Elementary team: The team discussed substitutes for professional development and long term substitutes for teachers on assignment. The

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team is planning on reaching out to parents whose children may need additional support. In addition, there has been a recommendation from teachers to have the kindergarten students begin school with 1/2 days for the first week. This would begin next school year. The rationale for this change as the teachers report the students are tired from the new routine. This will be going to administration for approval.

**Fundraising committee:** Box tops contests update. The PTA has earned \$1800.93 from box tops collected during the June and October contests. There will be two more drives this year, one in January and then in May/June.

**Membership:** The PTA has gained six new memberships from the October meeting.

## **New Business:**

**2014 Book fair:** Tara Wilke reported in depth on the Scholastic book fair. She reports the book fair profits can be obtained by either receiving scholastic dollars (which give 50% of profit or \$4000.00) or cash (which will be 25% of profit or \$2000.00) OR can receive a combination of both. How does the PTA want to receive the profits? Discussed the scholastic points PTA has (currently we have 1300), and \$700.00 is in budget for buying scholastic products. Books are purchased and given for free during book fair, new family evening and breakfast with Santa. Discussion with librarian, Ms. Willard on need. The PTA decided they will take the profit from this book fair in all cash. The 2015 book fair will be held the first week in November in the new LGI room.

**Salvatore's Reading Achievement:** Brian reported the owners of Salvatores would like to support students in their reading achievement. Has offered for students to "earn" free pizza for their family (or class?) by reading. Discussed with PTA members how this could be done, what program may entail and how to keep track of students reading. May check with public library on how they run the summer reading program for additional ideas. Brian will clarify with Salvatores how much pizza they would like to donate for this program before coming up with finalized program.

**School Pictures:** Wendy Doll from Paige photography, presented the PTA with a check for 1500.00. She reports she is willing to do the school pictures next year. She reported it was early this year but worked well as she secured the space for the stage. Ms. Doll reports she gave Doreen Denardo staff photos for mailings and the yearbook CD should be in this week. She will give each student a class composite photo even if it was not ordered. Ms. Doll reports she will work with families if the school photo package size is an issue or cost is an issue. She asked that the parent contact her. Ms. Doll will be at Breakfast With Santa and will offer 4x6 photos with Santa for \$1. She will bring the background for the photo as well.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday January 6, 2015 @ 6:30 pm



# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING January 6, 2015

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Funk- CO-President  
Rachel Hardy -Vice President  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Meeting was called to order:

## Report of Officers :

**President's Report:** Brian Funk reported the committee for the upcoming silent auction fundraiser will have a meeting in the near future. As Jason was unable to attend the meeting he had shared with Brian information for Treasurer's report.

**SEPTA Report:** Laura Connard, representing SEPTA, reports she would like to come to a conclusion on the mid-level academy fun night. Laura reports she and Jenny are willing to head up this event however as SEPTA is not set up for fundraising they will need monetary assistance. They need to start planning. PTA shared they can not give the same financial commitment as last year but could give \$150.00 to \$200.00 Laura reports she will speak to Mr. vanHarssel to set a date and will also ask the mid-level students what ideas they have and what they would like the event to be this year. Laura extended an invitation to anyone who is interested in helping with this event is welcome. She spoke on the history of SEPTA and how the district previously did not have a continuum for special education and things were done year to year. She said there is now discussion of a 5 year plan and SEPTA is getting together to discuss this. Reported SEPTA is also working on offering a presentation on Executive Functioning as there is a local resource.

**Treasurer Report:** Jason Voelkl was not in attendance but had shared with Brian he had no updates regarding the budget at this time. Jason had reported the DARE night would be postponed and held in the spring due to a number of factors including the retirement of Officer Moncrief.

## Report of Committees:

**School Site Based teams:** Elementary Site based team: The team did not meet this evening however Molly Rountree reports if there are any concerns to bring them to her and she can share with the team in February.

Mid-level site based team: Casey vanHarssel reports they are meeting regarding the 6-8th grade identify. The "ER Crew" mentoring program will be implemented at the mid-level with the 8th graders linked to the 6th graders for orientation.

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High School site based team: The high school team is looking at bringing in people in different careers (with college degrees and non college degrees) and bringing in colleges. The counselors are working on this project and will poll students to see where interests are to find people in the community to help answer any questions they may have. The team is looking at bringing business teachers back and offering a "shadowing" for students. The team discussed raising expectations of students and how to prepare student for college. Also in discussion was having parents support students. The team is working on the parent portal and how it can be utilized more. Currently there will be a pilot program on how to use this portal as a positive tool and will ask parents to use it as well.

## **New Business:**

Kris McCarthy reported on the breakfast with Santa. They calculated there were 336 breakfasts and 150 pictures with Santa (taken by Wendy Doll). The breakfast has been put together and supported by Mr. Reitz who does all the activities and works with the 6th 7th and 8th graders. Kris reports she feels committees will need to be formed that can assist/take over for Mr. Reitz in completing all of the planning, setup and follow through (like Santa's letters). The planning for this event begins in October and the student helpers are ready by November. The PTA felt a committee to plan the 2015 breakfast should be together by June. Kris felt that pairing the breakfast as the same day as the community events worked all. The event was promoted on channel 12 which was a benefit. Kris also discussed the food that is served (doughnuts/muffins) and this works well as kids are too excited to really eat and Wegmans and Tops provided doughnuts/muffins for a good price.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday February 3, 2015 @ 6:30 pm

# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING February 3, 2015

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Funk- CO-President  
Rachel Hardy -Vice President  
Jay Voelkl -Treasurer  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Meeting was called to order.

## Report of Officers :

**President's Report:** Brian Funk reported he is looking for a person to spearhead the auction (fundraiser) committee. Molly Rountree and Rachel Hardy volunteered to take this on. Brian mentioned Joanne Dahl has also expressed interest. They are looking for the silent auction to be held in the spring but not during TV turnoff week. Discussed scheduling the silent auction on a Friday evening in May possibly the 8th, 15th or 22nd.

**Treasurer Report:** Jason Voelkl reported the PTA is doing well as far as the budget is concerned. He still needs to write the check for the Scholastic Bookfair. The Box-Top money should be up to date in the current balance sheet.

## Report of Committees:

**School Site Based teams:** Elementary Site based team: The team is working on a contract for lunch visitors that will provide the visitor with school expectations including (but not limited to) no food sharing and no cell phone use in the cafeteria. The visitor would need to sign this form once. The team is working on signage for the playground/ track to note these areas are not available to the community during school hours. The team reports the teachers' professional development has been beneficial in the areas of math, and ELA. The sub rate has been increased for the district to be competitive in obtaining substitute teachers and this has helped with sub shortages. Discussed Governor Cuomo's budget and the need to let parents know what is happening in terms of funding that will impact students. Maybe an informational meeting would help parents learn what the issues are. The legislature will vote in April.

Mid-level and High School site based team: No representative present.

## New Business:

Brian Funk discussed the 4th-5th grade dance. This was held last year as an information dance that included the students assisting in the planning. Lily Funk has volunteered to come up with the theme and decoration committee. The general plan would be to have the dance on a Friday evening for approximately an hour and a 1/2 (6-7:30) in the elementary cafeteria. The PTA will ask for an email to be sent out to find

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volunteers for help and chaperones. May ask for donations for refreshments.  
Discussed music playlist and ways to obtain music for the dance without hiring a DJ.  
Rachel volunteered to put together a playlist.

### **Announcements:**

March 3rd at 5:30 pm, Interim Superintendent Mr. Stutzman and Mr. Green, Senior Director of Business, Finance and Operations will present on East Rochester Schools participating in the Urban-Suburban program and the budget.

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday March 3, 2015 @ 6:30 pm**

# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING March 3, 2015

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Funk- CO-President  
Rachel Hardy -Vice President  
Jason Voelkl -Treasurer  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Interim Superintendent Mr. Stutzman presented on the Urban-Suburban program. Students from the Rochester City School District who are interested in attending school in a participating suburban district apply to be part of this program. East Rochester School District, as a participating district, would select the students and offer them the opportunity to attend East Rochester Schools. Mr. Stutzman presented on the details of this program and why he feels East Rochester should join this program.

Meeting was called to order.

## Report of Officers :

**Treasurer Report:** Jason Voelkl reported currently the PTA fundraising money is lower when compared to last year. He attributes this to the fact that the PTA did not participate in the Entertainment Book fundraising and the silent auction is coming up. Jason reports he is in the process of sending the check to Scholastic.

**Vice President Report:** Silent auction fundraiser is scheduled for May 8th, 2015. Rachel Hardy and Molly Rountree are working on getting donations and have discussed food that will be served. Roisin Dubh may be performing. They are planning on the event being held in the high school cafeteria.

## Report of Committees:

**School Site Based teams:** Elementary Site based team: Meeting tonight was centered around Urban-Suburban program. However the team thanked the PTA for their donation to help pay for the upcoming faculty basketball game shirts. Mrs. Philp has made a commercial with Mr. vanHarssel for student viewing to advertise the game. The basketball game will be on March 20th and will benefit the Community Resource Center and My Friends Closet. In addition, the team had letters prepared for interested parents to send to their assemblyman regarding Governor Cuomo's upcoming budget and school funding.

Mid-level School site based team: No representative present.

High School site based team: No report this evening.

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## **New Business:**

Anita Ricci reports the Fairytale Ball is scheduled for Friday March 28th for students in preK-3rd grade. The students are considered "guests" for this big event and get dressed up. This is the 4th year and Anita reports some of her items may need replacing and she may need money to do this. She has secured donated food items from Applebee's and Panara bread, both donated last year.

TV turnoff week was discussed. It will be March 23-27th. Rebecca Mervine and Molly Rountree have agreed to take on this event. They are in the process of getting the family fun events scheduled and raffle items donated.

Michelle Michalski representing the Tragedy committee proposed several donations to families in the ER community. She proposed making a donation to sing out for Lisa Romach, a donation of gift cards for Mrs. Kushner; and a donation to a garden center for the Hendy family.

## **Announcements:**

Teacher appreciation is scheduled for May 8th.

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday April 7, 2015 @ 6:30 pm**

# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING April 7, 2015

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Funk- CO-President  
Jason Voelkl -Treasurer  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Meeting was called to order.

## Report of Officers :

**Presidents Report:** The 4th/5th grade dance will be held on May 22 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the elementary cafeteria. The students will be in charge of the theme and decorations. Mr. Polvino will provide the healthy snacks. There will be no admission charge as the cost to hold this is minimal.

**Vice President Report:** Silent auction fundraiser was discussed. Molly Rountree reports she has sent out an email to teachers to find out if classes wanted to participate. She reports Rachel Hardy spoke to Mr. Mandera and he maybe able to donate art projects for auction items. Molly has some items donated but asked if any PTA members knows others who would be willing to donate an item or service. If anyone has any donated items please contact Molly; her email is [mol1593@yahoo.com](mailto:mol1593@yahoo.com) The auction will be May 8th, 2015.

**Treasurer Report:** Jason Voelkl reported currently the PTA has a surplus of funds of approximately \$1200.00. He reports however the biggest expense is coming up (the luncheon).

## Report of Committees:

**School Site Based teams:** Elementary Site based team: Kudos was given to Anita Ricci as the Fairytale Ball was a wonderful event and enjoyed by all. The team reports The Interim Superintendent, Mr. Stutzman met with them regarding the proposed changes to kindergarten students starting schedule. Due to the upcoming calendar schedule, and the number of days needed, they will leave the kindergarten start as it has been in the past for the next school year. They report that currently the school, has been notified by parents of approximately 50 students that they are choosing to opt out of the upcoming NYS exams. Also the team reported that the Urban-Suburban program will start next school year and finally, the current superintendent search has now been narrowed to two final candidates and the Board of Education is hoping to have a decision by next Tuesday.

Mid-level School site based team: No representative present.

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High School site based team: Reports their last meeting was canceled but they have been working toward the upcoming career day where they were having people in the community come in to share what they do with students.

### **New Business:**

Brian wrapped up on TV Turnoff week and the Fairy Tale Ball. In addition, he reports the PTA has been approached to help with a donation for t-shirts for the 5th grade kickball game. They have asked for a donation of \$230.00

Anita Ricci reports she bought in the extra photo paper from the Fairy Tale ball as a donation. She reports the decorations for the ball are becoming older and worn and may need to be replaced for next year. Anita reported on the free yoga classes she offered at the School on Saturdays. There were three sessions which included preK to 5th grade students (girls and boys), boys 6th grade and up and girls 6th-12th grade. In the first group of student she had approximately 25-30 kids, in the boys group 3-5 students and in the girls group 5-15 students. She reports she may try to get this yoga club to continue.

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday May 5, 2015 @ 6:30 pm**



# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING May 5, 2015

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Funk- CO-President  
Misty Boldt -CO-President  
Rachel Hardy- Vice President  
Jason Voelkl -Treasurer  
Rebecca Mervine- Secretary

Meeting was called to order.

Principal Mr. van Harssele reports moving up day is an event for 9-12 graders and the school is interested in having something for grades 6-8.

The new Superintendent of East Rochester Schools, Dr. Mark Linton, stopped in to introduce himself. He reports he is interested in learning about PTA goals and what role the superintendent has in supporting the goals. Dr. Linton reports he is planning on providing community members with a survey to gather information. In addition, he reports he would be happy to meet with people as well and this could be done at the school, in different community spots or peoples homes. Dr. Linton shared his background and the different positions he has held prior to coming to East Rochester. He is currently the principal at Geneseo and feels there are many similarities between Geneseo and East Rochester. He reports he has a positive and hopeful feeling about what is happening in the ER schools. Brian Funk welcomed him on behalf of the PTA.

## Report of Officers :

**Presidents Report:** The 4th/5th grade dance will be held on May 22 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the elementary cafeteria.

**Vice President Report:** Silent auction will be held this Friday May 8th. There are approximately 93 items. Rachel and Molly report their biggest concern is getting people there!

**Treasurer Report:** Jason Voelkl reports the PTA appears to be in pretty good shape financially. Everything is down this year, there was less money that was raised but we reduced expenses as well. Jason reports the PTA presents two \$500.00 awards for seniors and asked who would like to present these. They will be presented at award/scholarship night. Misty reports she can present.

## Report of Committees:

### School Site Based teams:

High School site based team: Reports career day was main focus for meetings. The team did discuss having Wendy Doll -Paige Photography present on graduation day to

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take photos as students are picking up their diplomas. The team is planning discussions for next year including what grades mean, what makes a grade of "A" work, etc. Feels grades should be revisited occasionally for continuity. The team is also discussing "bad language" that is heard in the hallways and how to deal with it. They have brainstormed some ideas such as having a lunch group but will discuss in more detail. The team will meet this coming Monday.

Mid-level School site based team: No representative present.

Elementary Site based team: The elementary team has been wrapping up as the school year is coming to an end and they report they have discussed many topics this year including the changes in curriculum, benchmarks, lunchroom, substitute shortage (and how to entice people to sub in ER including having a competitive wage), the bee buck program, assessments, air conditioning (which is currently not working), door monitor program, summer school, mentoring programs, playground guidelines, and guidelines for special visitors in the lunch room and code of conduct form.

**New Business:** PTA fundraiser with Rochester Rhinos game is scheduled for May 30th. Where are we in process? Rebecca reports she has not heard anything yet regarding handouts that should go out to families through school folders. She will check in with the contact person at Rochester Rhinos and get back to the PTA with updated information.

**NEXT MEETING** Tuesday June 2, 2015 @ 6:30 pm