

# **EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 21015**

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Misty Boldt- CO president, Rachel Hardy- CO president, Rebecca Mervine- Vice President, Molly Rountree- Secretary

Meeting was called to order:

## **New Board Member Introductions:**

Each member discussed background and school involvement prior to joining the PTA board.

## **Reports of Committees:**

Casey vanHarsel discussed the success of the ER Crew this summer and their involvement in welcoming the lower classes. He reported that the Senior Lounge was well received by the students. The seniors are allowed to take advantage of this during their study hall times. Casey also discussed the system of Advisors being implemented where the student will stay with a staff member for three years to build trust and having someone to go to if needed.

Marissa Philps discussed the district goal for the year is family engagement. She discussed that the Elementary Shared decision making team will host a new family dinner. Marissa also discussed a new program called "ER connection" that will match kids with volunteers to play games and help foster positive role models and relationships at school. Shared decision is also planning a January Literacy dinner which will have reading activities to teach family engaging and fun ways to promote literacy at home. She will be continuing the monthly newsletter which will include a section for literacy activities.

Marisa also mention the District Shared Decision making team plans to introduce a Parent University, which will offer several courses/classes directed to parents to help guide their students throughout school and be successful at East Rochester.

**Budget Review:** Any questions regarding the budget can be sent to Jay Voelkl

## **Minutes Review from Summer Meetings:**

An email has been sent to Jenny Wing regarding possibly rejoining SEPTA and PTA, have not heard a response. Molly Rountree will reach out again, briefly discussed why we felt this might be an appropriate time to bring them back together. No concerns noted.

Updating the PTA Website, shared our concerns and Joanne Dall is going to reach out to Lafayette Eaton regarding possibly reaching out the membership to see how they would like to receive news, ex. email, facebook, website.

We discussed having a new meeting location and possible door monitors to assist with kids during meeting. Casey supported the idea and suggested the High school cafeteria/lounge.

**New Business:**

Discussed upcoming events and individual PTA member committee chair needs. Silent Auction and TV turnoff week was discussed as needing more volunteers by Molly Rountree and Rebecca Mervine.

**Open Discussion:**

Misty Boldt addressed the new parents and the rest of the PTA to discuss their hopes for this year and any new ideas or suggestions. We discussed past events and ideas to fill in everyone present. Fundraising was discussed: coupon books, pie sale, school store.

**NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2015 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA AT 6:30- CHILDREN WELCOME**

# EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING OCTOBER 6, 21015

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Rachel Hardy- CO president, Rebecca Mervine- Vice President, Molly Rountree- Secretary

Meeting was called to order:

**Budget Review:** Any questions regarding the budget can be sent to Jay Voelkl

## **Open Discussion/New Business:**

Mr. James Gears- Advisor for the National Honors Society came to discuss Red Ribbon night and to request money for prizes and craft. It will take place October 29, 5:30-7:30.

Kathrine Basal came to the meeting to introduce herself and to ask for our ideas on how to engage with parents in our district. Some ideas suggested: Possibly bringing back parent project and other workshops that could address transition to middle school, how to handle being a single parent, cyber bullying, how to make kids successful at school, common core night, study habits.

Casey vanHarsel discussed parent university which may address some of the topics mentioned above.

PTA committee membership chair needed, please contact Misty or Rachel if interested.

Tragedy committee (Kris Weltman) has requested that we discuss ideas of how to show our respect/support to the Cady family. Some ideas mentioned: tree, Wegmans gift card, guest speakers. Casey vanHarsel suggested that reach out the family and see what the family needs and what they would want, he said that they are a very private family.

Michelle Michalski wanted to inform us that she would like to pass on the yearbook responsibility next year. She also asked for theme ideas for the artwork for the yearbook cover. One suggestion was ER SOARS.

Casey vanHarsel discussed the school store. That there are two options: 1-PTA does everything or 2-School runs with PTA supports with funding initially to get things up and running, with an adult advisor. Plan is to start in the fall, students will have input on what will be in the store and will be learning how to run a business.

Fundraising ideas were discussed and hopes to think more outside of the box. Ideas mentioned: Pies, Lemoncello fundraiser, shirts/apparel, Silent Auction, book fair, coupon books.

Rachel Hardy mentioned that some students have negative lunch balances due to delay in submitting paperwork for free or reduce lunch. Suggested taking care of the negative balances.

New idea suggested: Parents and pastries, movie nights, dances, snowball, winter carnival, activity night.

Staff basketball game will be March 18th, 2016.

**NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2015 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA AT 6:30- CHILDREN WELCOME**

# **EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rachel Hardy- CO president, Rebecca Mervine- Vice President, Molly Rountree- Secretary , Jay Voelkl-Treasurer

Meeting was called to order:

**Budget Review:** Any questions regarding the budget can be sent to Jay Voelkl, update of officers needed to the state. We missed first membership payment to the state.

**New membership coordinator: Kristin Fisher!!** Thank you for volunteering, she will contact Karen Chiccino regarding information and for guidance as needed.

## **Open Discussion/New Business:**

**Elementary Site Base:** Marissa Philps informed us about ER connection: which is a mentoring system where kids who need a positive adult role model are paired with adults. She also discussed Literacy Night that the team is planning. It will be an Under the Sea theme with literacy activities for the kids and information to educate parents on how to bring skills learned at school home.

No representatives present for middle school or high school site base teams.

**Upcoming Events:** Amerks night- It's for the community along with students preK-12 grade. It is planned to be January 29th. Portion goes to PTA, ex. 10 dollar tickets, PTA receives 4. Middle/High school choirs will sing National Anthem. Mascot will come to lunches before the game to get kids excited!

**Concerns:** Several parents came to discuss their concerns regarding the red cup system in the lunchroom for K-5. It is intended to be a PBIS program. They are trying this system to help with noise, behaviors and the kids not eating their food in the cafeteria. It is suppose to be red for the first 3 mins to allow for kids to come in and start eating, change to green allowing discussion, and red for the final 3 mins to help get the kids ready to listen and line up. Parents expressed that this does not appear to be how it is being implemented at this point. Marissa Philps commented regarding the purpose and importance but plans to look into the implementation of the system at all lunch period.

The need for recess being part of the day was also discussed and Marissa Philips informed us that they are going to look into this concern for next year schedule. She did inform us that many teachers are implementing movement breaks into their day.

**Fundraisers:**

An app called Shoparoo was discussed as well as Spirit wear. Rebecca Mervine and Kristin Fishers will be looking into the spirit wear.

**Requests:**

Dan O'Leary requested \$200 for chess club, he also submitted a grant to the Alumni association

James Gears came asking for support from PTA for the blood drive. It has not been that successful and he was looking for guidance and ideas of how we might be able to help the National Honor society make this effort for successful.

**NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2015 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA AT 6:30- CHILDREN WELCOME**

# **EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING DECEMBER 1, 21015**

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Misty Boldt- CO president, Rebecca Mervine- VicePresident, Molly Rountree- Secretary,  
Jay Voelkl- Tresurer

Meeting was called to order:

## **Reports of Committees:**

Discussed Breakfast with Santa and how things were looking in terms of volunteers.

Silent Auction will be May 13th.

Spirit Wear was discussed in terms of places to go through and what items we might like, ex. shirts, sweatshirts, umbrellas.

**Budget Review:** Any questions regarding the budget can be sent to Jay Voelkl

**Minutes Review from Previous Meeting:** Meeting minutes approved

## **New Business:**

Volunteers needed for site based team for Middle school. Discussed current members and the expectation if you sit on one of the site based teams for the school as a member of PTA, you should be coming to the PTA meetings monthly to fill membership on what is being discussed.

Site base for the Elementary would like to know if there are any books available for Literacy Night.

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 5, 2016 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA AT 6:30- CHILDREN WELCOME**

# **EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING January 5, 2016**

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Misty Boldt- CO president, Rebecca Mervine- VicePresident, Molly Rountree- Secretary,  
Jay Voelkl- Tresurer

Meeting was called to order:

## **Reports of Committees:**

Middle school shared decision team is looking to parent volunteers to sit on the committee, if they do not have representation they will combine with high school committee. Please reach out to Misty Boldt or Rachel Hardy if interested.

Elementary shared decision team discussed upcoming Literacy Night and requested \$45 for food.

Receipts were turn in for door monitor program to Jay.

Discussed upcoming TV Turn off week- Wednesday night will be read aloud with Dr. Linton.

Breakfast with Santa: Great success. Very appreciative of help from National Honor Society. We made a \$1,600 profit. It was suggested to have signs for directions to pictures vs. just tickets. Membership table looked great!

**Budget Review:** Any questions regarding the budget can be sent to Jay Voelkl

**Minutes Review from Previous Meeting:** Meeting minutes approved

## **New Business:**

Discussed PTA funding and how it affects our current Tragedy Committee. For future needs we will not be allowed to donate PTA funds directly to families. We discussed possibly forming separate fund to address these needs.

Several upcoming events: Parent night 6-12 Suicide prevention, Panel discussion Cyber bullying

Dr. Linton shared a new app that will be introduced soon. It will be an Anonymous Alert: to report bullying/abuse. Administrators will monitor and send information to appropriate staff/faculty to address reported issues.



They will be having a forum for "What it means to be a Board Member?" to inform people considering running for the School Board.

Discussed the need for Spirit wear and/or car stickers.

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2016 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA AT 6:30- CHILDREN WELCOME**

# **EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING March 1, 2016**

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Misty Boldt- CO president, Rebecca Mervine- VicePresident, Molly Rountree- Secretary,  
Jay Voelkl- Tresurer

Meeting was called to order:

**New Business:** Discussed how to get PTA notes out to all members on a monthly basis. Plan is to discuss with Doreen and Pilot mass email and see how it go.

Discussed how to encourage people to come to meetings and join the board. New people and ideas are needed to move forward. Plan to add note to the newsletter from PTA in designated section.

Middle school site base has been combined with high school due to lack of ability to find parents to participate on this committee.

Money was requested for Senior Bash.

## **Reports of Committees:**

Elementary shared decision team discussed how they are doing on meeting their goals this year of increasing parent involvement in school. Discussed how literacy night went, new family dinner, ER connection along with new ideas for next year. ER bash and Math and science night. The addition of conference day April 8th was discussed along with Open house and Curriculum night for K-2 next year.

Discussed upcoming TV Turn off week, Staff basketball game and Silent Auction.

Silent Auction will be May 13th. Rachel will look into food and music. Molly will email list to other members about past donors and send email to teachers and staff.

Fundraising discussed- Spirit Wear will be introduced. 15 items will be available on a website. Table will be at the Staff Basketball game selling necklaces, handclappers and pom-poms.

We are also looking into a Kid Coupon book for a fall fundraiser

Membership Chair- Kristin Fisher needs to be added as membership chair on webportal

**Budget Review:** Any questions regarding the budget can be sent to Jay Voelkl

**Minutes Review from Previous Meeting:** Meeting minutes approved

**NEXT MEETING APRIL 4, 2016 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
AT 6:30- CHILDREN WELCOME**

# **EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING APRIL 12, 2016**

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rachel Hardy- CO president, Rebecca Mervine- VicePresident, Molly Rountree- Secretary, Jay Voelkl- Tresurer

Meeting was called to order:

## **New Business/Reports of Committees:**

Elementary shared decision team did not meet this month

Discussed Little League request of teams and clubs to help out with Concession Stand. Honor Society declined due to time of the year for his students.

Senior Bash- \$400 was approved, check given to Anita Ricci

Kick ball shirts requested by fifth grade, approved for \$150.00

Discussed Spirtwear Blitz to encourage orders.

Silent Auction update: Mrs. Philips suggested using an incentive to encourage teacher participation. Also thought about more tickets for bringing a friend, still considering details.

Member change over- Molly Rountree will move from Secretary to Vice President

## **OPEN POSITIONS- Web chair, Year book chair and Secretary**

Kristin will sit at membership table for UPK ice cream social.

Update on Fairytale Ball- Things went very well, she feels that she needs to reach out and get more volunteers to help in the future.

Discussed parent concerns regarding five sections for third grade next year.

Recess was also discussed for next year, they plan to make time in the schedule for daily recess.

**Budget Review:** Any questions regarding the budget can be sent to Jay Voelkl

**Minutes Review from Previous Meeting:** Meeting minutes approved

**NEXT MEETING MAY 3, 2016 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
**AT 6:30- CHILDREN WELCOME**

# **EAST ROCHESTER PTA MEETING MAY 10, 2016**

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rachel Hardy- CO president, Rebecca Mervine- VicePresident, Molly Rountree- Secretary, Jay Voelkl- Tresurer

Meeting was called to order:

## **New Business/Reports of Committees:**

Board Budget Review

Distinguished Service Award- Anita Ricci and Jared Snyder

Dance for 5th grade was discussed-Plan to reach out to students requesting

School Supplies summer order discussed- Will research and Marisa was planning to ask teachers for lists of supplies needed. Goal to stay around \$20.

Silent Auction discussed and decided on plans for volunteer. Membership table at the Auction.

Spirit Wear was discussed about putting out flyers to do a mass order.

## **OPEN POSITIONS- Year book chair**

**Budget Review:** Any questions regarding the budget can be sent to Jay Voelkl

**Minutes Review from Previous Meeting:** Meeting minutes approved

## **NEXT MEETING JUNE 14, 2016- CHILDREN WELCOME**