

## **Eichelberger PTA Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Veronica Fisher at 6:03pm.

### **PTA Board Members in Attendance**

Veronica Fisher, Angelica Atwood, Colleen Szarek, Jackie Passarelli, Lauren Fulena and Stacey Vazquez

### **Staff Members in Attendance**

Trevor Harris and Kristen Salgado

### **Welcome - Veronica Fisher**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Board Introductions**

### **Approval of Minutes**

May 3, 2022 Minutes motioned by Jackie Passarelli and seconded by Jennifer Book.

### **Principal Report- Trevor Harris**

1. Thanks to the PTA for bringing in lunch on the first day of school - it is a big help for the teachers. Thanks for overall support to parents. Make sure to follow Mr. Harris on Twitter - @mrharrisEE . It's great to see the kids back in the school.

2. New flooring was completed over the summer. Teachers have been phenomenal with getting classrooms ready within a week.

3. Eichelberger is short staffed. We need lunchroom supervisors and 3 paraprofessionals. Every job at the school is important. If you know of anyone that is looking for a job, please pass that Eichelberger needs positions filled.

4. Gator Run is coming this Friday. An email was sent out with the grade level times. Make sure to sign up for school emails at the bottom of the Eichelberger website.

5. SIP day is Sept 19th. There will be 4 no school SIP days this year and 2 days that are 12:45pm dismissal days this year.

6. Fall picture day is 9/29. Fall picture day falls on Spirit Week for homecoming. Spirit day on picture day will be "dress professional day." Our homecoming week will be the same time as Plainfield East's homecoming.

7. Bullying awareness assembly on 9/30.

8. Thank you to Angelica for the bedazzled Gator Aprons that she made for the lunch supervisors and paraprofessionals.

9. Thank you again to the parents. We have the best kids and staff at Eichelberger.

10. We will be unveiling a new party style this year. It was supposed to be done in 2020 but then Covid hit. It eliminates what to do with classrooms that don't get any parent volunteers. It helps the teachers.

11. Looking to get a new net for the basketball hoop in the playground. The neighborhood puts a lot of wear and tear on the net.

### **AP- Kristen Salgado**

1. First session of I-Ready should be wrapping up. Middle of September 19th, the results will be coming home in Thursday folders.

2. Access test results will also be coming home towards the end of September.

### **President's Report- Veronica Fisher**

1. We are super excited for the Gator Run. Make sure you sign up and volunteer on Sign Up Genius. Thank you for all your different kinds of support.
2. Parents Night is 9/23. Make sure you get those sign up sheets turned in.
3. Bingo night is going to be moved from September to October 18th because it's a less busy month.
4. A sign up genius will be going out for volunteers for Fall Picture Day.
5. Eichelberger's homecoming parade float will be Toy Story theme. We will be using Sherri-Ann's father's truck as the "float."
6. There will be a sign up genius going out for kids to walk in the homecoming parade. They will need to wear Toy Story attire.
7. We are still looking for Homecoming Float committee members to help.

### **Vice President - Angelica Atwood**

1. Thank you for the parents that ordered the Tool Box School Kits. If you miss the ordering deadline, they will mail to your house instead of the school.
2. Gator Run t-shirt is here, we will not be marking how many laps each kid will be doing.
3. All school parties will be done in the gym this year. We are estimating that we will need 25 parent volunteers per session (45 minutes). Parents will be needed for each station - carnival-like games, craft/coloring station, obstacle course jumpy house. Sign up genius will have teachers' names so parents will know which session to sign up for.
4. There will not be a Halloween parade this year. Students can wear their costumes all day at the Halloween party.
5. PTA purchased two carts full of different sports balls for recess.
6. We are trying to focus on Boosterthon funds for the kids. We are hoping for a good outcome this year.

### **Vice President - Colleen**

1. Email sign up went out for 5th grade farewell.
2. Make sure people sign up for Parents Night. It will be a fun night! Don't forget it's adults only.
3. The school sent the teachers an email from the PTA asking for their favorite things so we can spoil our teachers throughout the year. A Google doc was sent out to all the faculty to see what the teacher wants and hopefully the PTA can make goals on how to meet some of these needs. We have big wishlist items and small wishlist items.
4. The PTA started the year by giving each teacher a \$5 starbucks gift card.

### **Treasurer's Report- Jackie Passarelli**

1. Raising money for Boosterthon right now.
2. Also collecting holiday party money.

3. Encourage your friends to join the PTA so that you volunteer for events throughout the year.
4. Don't forget to use Eichelberger's Amazon Smile account when making Amazon purchases.
5. Collect Box Tops for Eichelberger.
6. Culver's Scoop Tokens - There is a token (next to the free ice cream scoop ticket) on each Kids Meal bag from Culver's. Turn into the PTA. For every 10 scoop tokens, we can redeem a free ball for the school for the kids to play with.

### **CAPE Report - Veronica Fisher**

1. ALICE training for all staff and substitutes as well.
2. All the principals spoke about just an entirely different vibe in the buildings this year!
3. The principals did ask that if any parent is upset make sure you contact your building admin before doing anything further because 9 times out of 10 they can help resolve the issue.
4. Young Hearts For Life is going to be at Central on 9/13 and East in December. They need volunteers to help conduct this, the information is on the district website.
5. Homecoming Parade Committee is looking for volunteers to help run the parade the day of if anyone is interested.
6. There will be a "Golf the Walk" at Settler's Park on 9/18 which is a mini golf fundraiser to create more story walks for the library.
7. The Park District will have a bunch of fun events coming up that registration is currently open for like an Enchanted Ball, Giving Day Bingo, Autumn Family Fun Fest. They are also looking for volunteers for the Hayrides.
8. Big Brothers Big Sisters has partnered with the school district to create a whole new style of program. The pilot schools are Grand Prairie, Crystal Lawns and Timber Ridge. They are looking for mentors for these schools, it will be site based events 2 times a month with the mentor taking the child home and then having the ability to do other things with them outside of school as well. The first round will be second semester, over the summer and then the first semester next year.

**Next meeting is Oct. 4th.**

**Open Forum**

**Closing Remarks**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm by Veronica Fisher.**