

East Hanover PTA Meeting Agenda

October 23, 2024

East Hanover Middle School Library, 7:03pm

*Approved the minutes from the last minutes

1. School News – Melissa Falcone and Matt Tuorto

a. Frank J Smith

- Preschool/Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Day 10/25
- Parent/Teacher conferences 11/20 and 11/21
- [Halloween 10/31](#)
- Mad Science Assembly 11/22
- Before/After-school Clubs - PAW, Book Club, FOCUS Club, Play U, Social Squad, etc.
- Picture Retakes - November 13th
- Grade 1 tiles- project ideas?
- Tentative Winter Performances- December 17th and December 18th (Tentative Dates- More information to follow)
- Thank you for your help with the Book Fair!

b. Central

- Conference information will go out to parents on 10.28 for conferences on Nov 20th & 21st (additional time for 5th grade)
- Halloween Parties & Parades (Early Dismissal)
- Retakes - November 13th
- Tri 1 Grades Issued
- Grade 5 Holiday Concert - TBD
- 5th Grade Mural Residency
- Before/After-school Clubs - PAW, Book Club, Art PEP, Play U, Caring Cubs, etc.
- Book Fair - went well
- Pick-up line – please make sure to pull all the way up to the building before merging.

c. Middle

- Thank you to the EHPTA for helping out with the Pep Rally Dance- the Pta will provide the DJ and the Photobooth!! The Pep Rally dance will be on November 22nd from 7-10 in the EHMS gym. The Pep Rally will be on November 27th. Cheerleader parents are invited to attend.
- EHMS PinkOut- Friday, 10/25
- EHMS Halloween- students can wear costumes to school- an email with reminders was sent home
- Basketball tryouts are on 11/11 and 11/12
- End of 1st MP 11/12
- Parent/Teacher conferences 11.20 and 11.21

2. Officer Reports

- a. President – Toni Levine
 - i. Thanked everyone for chairing positions
- b. FJS VP – Kerri Geiger
 - i. K and Preschool – pumpkin event this Friday. They will be provided with backpacks to carry the pumpkins – thank you Clara Datolla.
 - ii. Bookfair was a success – every kid got a book!
- c. Central VP – Marisa Marra
- d. Middle VP – Jackie Elwood
 - i. Halloween grams for all schools will be dropped off the day before Halloween
 - ii. Pep rally dance – Nov 22nd. Will have a photo booth with props. 8th graders will be selling snacks, so send kids with money.
 - iii. Friday is pink-out
- e. Treasurer – Zobia Shaikh
 - i. Book fairs went well
 - ii. The Paper store does a Gift of Giving, where they will donate to EHPTA a certain percentage. An email will be sent to the school. Nov 25th-Dec 1st. Includes a 20% off your purchase too.
- f. Secretary – Amy Matusheski
- g. Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
 - i. Picture retakes are coming up; please return original pictures
 - ii. Mrs. Fields Cookie dough sale is running until Nov 5th; an email was sent out today. – Kristin David
- h. Lunch – Holly Kadyk, Clara Datolo, Rosie Martins, Lara Ragusa
 - i. Nov lunch ordering until end of day today (10/23)
 - ii. Nuggets available every day at FJS
 - iii. Next month there will be an option for pancakes without sausage

3. Committee Reports

- a. Membership
 - i. Middle one staff membership contest!
 - ii. 32% for Frank J, 46% for Central, 90% Middle
 - iii. We're down this year on memberships; can VP's send an email to class mom's to sign up to be PTA member.
- b. Kid Stuff Books – Liz Costa
- c. Ornament Activity – this year was done in school, will be mailed to the company this week. In November, parents will get a form where they can order.
 - i. Will do it for Middle this month
- d. Fall Bookfair Updates
- e. Holiday Botique Updates
- f. Cultural Arts –
 - i. Central/Middle – Debbie Jordan
 1. Working on bringing Science assembly to Central, Earth Science program to Middle, also organizing the new muralist for Central
 - ii. Frank J – Kaitlyn Scarneo

- g. Other Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
 - i. Open to suggestions
- h. Other

4. New Business

- a. Plant Sale – seemed to be popular with parents. Hoping we can find someone to lead this fundraiser and bring it back.
- b. Another idea - Donuts with Dads – Maybe reach out to Duck Donuts (Natasha) to coordinate fundraiser?

Meeting adjourned – 7:46pm