

## East Hanover PTA Meeting Agenda

September 18, 2024

East Hanover Middle School Library, 7:02pm

Call to Order – Meeting called to order 7:02pm

\*Eboard introduced themselves

\*Minutes were approved from April 2024 meeting

### 1. School News

#### a. Frank J Smith – Mr. Tuorto

- The school thanks the PTA for the first day's breakfast!
- We got off to a great start! Great welcome back assembly to introduce core values
- Working with Mrs. Scarneo to finalize assemblies
- 9/27- Team Makers Assembly
- September 20 - Picture Day//Yearbook pic & 1st grade pic - Date TBD
- September 25th- Pumpkin Patch Day (Preschool/Kindergarten)
- October 8th and 9th- FJS Book Fair
- October 31st- Halloween (working on the schedule and will get this out to you soon)
- Working on schedule for musical theater performances

#### b. Central

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade residency – mural in new section of building – in process of planning (artist Caren Olmstead)
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade entire class picture will be January – TBD timing
- Winter concert – Dec 5<sup>th</sup>
- The school thanks the PTA for the first day's breakfast!
- We got off to a great start! Kids are acclimating well to CES.
- Working with Mrs. Jordan to finalize this year's assemblies, residency
- September 20 - Picture Day/Retakes on November 13
- October 4 - 4th Grade Trip to Waterloo Village
- October 16 & 17th - Book Fair
- October 31 - Halloween (working on the schedule and will get this out to you soon)

#### c. Middle

- The School thanks the PTA for the back to school breakfast!
- EHMS Picture Day October 4th- flyers and link will be sent home tomorrow
- EHMS Fall Pep Rally Dance- Student Council will be helping out with planning
- December 12th- EHMS Winter Concert

#### d. Natalie Bartlett

- Residency checks will be conducted for everyone

- Central School kids do get recess; not all of the kids can play on the jungle gym because proximity to classrooms. New playground is going to be built in the back of the upper field, with new swings & 4-square. Board has approved playground, just need to determine timing.
- Thank you to everyone who came to Johnny Kinney field dedication

## 2. Officer Reports

- a. President – Toni Levine
- b. FJS VP – Kerri Geiger
  - Pumpkin patch – pre-school is new addition to Kindergarteners. Event is on 10/25. Kids will be painting the pumpkins too; recommended to bring a smock!
  - We will be doing a yearbook for Frank J. All class mom's can take photos at any school event and sent them to Kerri.
  - Bookfair – sign-up genius will go out for volunteers & time-slots to help. We always need more help with set-up and break-down.
  - Halloween – kids can come to school in costumes.
  - Interlocking mats were purchased for the K and pre-school classrooms
- c. Central VP – Marisa Marra
  - Will found out about Halloween costumes
  - Sign-up genius for book-fair will be coming out next week
- d. Middle VP – Jackie Elwood
  - School photos are Oct 4<sup>th</sup>
  - PTA membership contest between schools has started
  - School Dance will be coming up in Nov – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - PTA provided new-teacher lunch and welcome back breakfast
- e. Treasurer – Zobia Shaikh
  - Approve 2023/24 financial review – Audit was done in July, Financial review was approved
- f. Secretary – Amy Matusheski
  - Make sure to like the PTA on Facebook to see upcoming events or look for emails
  - Make sure to sign up for PTA
  - Membership updates: 54 dual memberships, 118 single memberships and 14 direct donations. This is about 60% to meeting last year's totals. Please consider direct-donations, ever dollar counts.
- g. Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
- h. Lunch – Holly Kadyk, Clara Datolo, Rosie Martins, Lara Ragusa
  - Lunch ordering is still open until midnight 9/18.
  - You can order all of the pretzels and ice cream in advance for the whole year.
  - Halloween grahms is also open for ordering until midnight 9/18.
  - Looking into possibly having a code/card to load money onto for Central or Middle-school kids to buy snacks, but from an account vs. cash.
  - Feedback on lunch:

- Some of the options for Frank J are too much food. Can there be more ala carte options.

### 3. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – Camille Beck – See updates above under Amy’s updates
- b. Kid Stuff Books – Liz Costa – Can order a book if you didn’t get one in the classroom. Please return the book if you don’t plan to keep
- c. Ornament Activity – Now will be an in-school activity during indoor recess so everyone has an opportunity to participate. TBD for timing.
- d. Fall Bookfair – Dates are set and planning in progress
  - Frank J – Courtney Foti – 10/7 (set-up), 10/8-9
  - Central – Wendy Scioscia, Sandra Daly
  - Middle – Meg Caponegro – 3/24 (set-up), 3/25-26
- e. Holiday Botique – Dates are set and planning in progress. Chairs will be shopping on 10/2 for gifts.
  - Frank J – Courtney Foti – 12/2 (set-up), 12/3-12/4
  - Central – Jenifer Taccetta, Lara Ragusa – 12/9 (set-up), 12/10-11
- f. Cultural Arts – Assemblies are in process of being planned; TBD
  - Central/Middle – Debbie Jordan
  - Frank J – Kaitlyn Scarneo
- g. Other Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
- h. Other

### 4. New Business

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.