

East Hanover PTA Meeting Minutes

February 15th, 2023

7pm, EH Middle School Library, Meeting called to order at 7pm

Call to Order

1. School News

- a. Frank J Smith – Mr. Tuorto
 - i. Unified Game Day – May 19 (rain date May 22nd)
 - ii. Spring Fun Run (parents invited) – April 28 (rain date May 5th)
 - iii. Read Across America & Choose to Include – March 2nd
 - iv. 2nd grade field trip to Hanover Park – Week of Feb 21st
 - v. It Takes A Rainbow – May 4th
- b. Central – Ms. Falcone
 - i. Week of February 13 – Kindness Week
 - ii. 4th & 5th grade field trip to MPAC on Feb 13 & 14th
 - iii. Cupids Bow – 5th grade play – Feb 23rd
 - iv. Reach Across America – March 2nd
 - v. Coming soon – Book fair, 5th grade puberty lessons, NASA presentation (April)
 - vi. NJSLA Testing – 1st and 2nd week of May
 - vii. Eyes of the Wild – Preschool assembly – May 12th
 - viii. May 24th Spring Concert
- c. Middle – Ms. Falcone
 - i. The middle school thanked the PTA for the lunch they won for the membership contest
 - ii. Musical “Frozen” – March 10th & 11th
 - iii. Field Day – June 8th
- d. Update from Natalie Bartlett
 - i. Snow days – Possibly removing 2 extra days from the school calendar (Friday before Memorial Day & last day of school) – Will be approved at March Board Meeting if no snow days are used prior to then
 - ii. Penny wars for the Kinney’s are ongoing
 - iii. Need to vote “yes” at the April board meeting for the new budget
 - iv. Schools will be closed on election day going forward

2. Officer Reports

- a. President – Toni Levine
- b. FJS VP – Kerri Geiger
- c. Central VP – Jenn Toto
- d. Middle VP – Toni Marzullo
- e. Treasurer – Zobia Shaikh
- f. Secretary – Amy Matusheski
- g. Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
- h. Lunch – Holly Kadyk

- i. Planning to simply and eliminate some food options
- ii. My Food Days software will be updated to be faster (keep providing feedback)
- iii. Addressing how to make sure all kids get their lunch
- iv. New Updates on how Pretzels will be managed. Amy Matusheski will lead “pretzel committee” to coordinate distribution of pretzels on early dismissal days. Volunteers needed.
- v. Lunch Coordinator will be an open position – Looking for 2-3 people for next year

3. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – Camile Beck – No updates
- b. Cultural Arts (Middle & Central) – Debbie J.
 - i. Currently working on finalizing NASA assembly for spring (see above for other updates)
 - ii. Reading Magic Show at Frank J on May 17th
 - iii. Bullying assembly in late January went well
- c. Cultural Arts – Frank J - Jackie E
- d. Holiday Grahams – Jaime R/ Holly – No new updates
- e. Holiday Boutique updates – No new updates
 - i. Frank J – Marissa M, Trish M, Rose B
 - ii. Central – Karen F, Rosie M, Kim B, Meg C
- f. Fundraising – Jackie E
 - i. In process of planning a “prize party” on June 20th for 175 people
- g. 5th grade fun day
 - i. Working on fundraising; currently selling stuffed animals and balloons for Valentine’s Day at Central school lunch

4. New Business

- a. Teacher Appreciation Week – Coming in May. Class Parents will be involved; look for more information coming soon.
- b. Open Positions – Will review additional positions up for election at the next meeting.
- c. Will be offering Spring School Pictures as an additional fundraiser
- d. Interest in having someone coordinate a Frank J 2nd grade yearbook – Need volunteers; contact Kerri