

## East Hanover PTA Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

East Hanover Middle School Library, 7pm

Call to Order – 7pm; Minutes approved from October meeting.

\*NOTE: If interested in being part of a 2024/25 committee, please plan to attend the March 20<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting to discuss available positions.

1. School News – Mr. Tuorto and Ms. Falcone
  - a. Frank J Smith
    - i. The Love Bug Performance – 2/28 10am/ 1pm (parents were sent a flyer about which performance to attend)
    - ii. Read Across America Week of March 4<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Read Across America Week Assemblies March 1 and March 8<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. FJS Loves our Veterans – due 2/29 (clothing/ art supplies) – Donation to Lyons Hospital
    - v. Possible Assembly – Author in March
    - vi. Frank J Book Fair April 23 - 24
    - vii. Reading Rocks Magic Show – March 14<sup>th</sup>
    - viii. Spring Fun Run – April 19<sup>th</sup>, Rain Date – April 26<sup>th</sup>
    - ix. Kindergarten Screen Dates – April 18<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>
    - x. Panoramic Photos and End of Year Celebration dates – TBD
    - xi. Frank J Unified Game Day – May 17/ 20th
  - b. Central
    - i. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Salad Performance – Thursday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - ii. Read Across America activities – week of March 4<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Residency (Graphic Novelist) – March 4<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. March 18<sup>th</sup> G5 trip MPAC – Steve Trash Science Live
    - v. March 19<sup>th</sup> G4 trip MPAC – Steve Trash Science Live
    - vi. Week of March 25<sup>th</sup> Choose to Include Week
    - vii. April 23<sup>rd</sup> – K-5 Computer Science Family Night at CES
    - viii. For discussion at the March PTA Meeting:
      1. NJSLA – on district calendar
      2. Cultural Arts – Brain show
      3. EOY Activities – Spring Concert, Move-up Day
      4. Trade 4 performance
      5. Field Day – July 11<sup>th</sup>/ 13<sup>th</sup> (Preschool June 4<sup>th</sup>)
      6. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day/ Pool Party
      7. Invention Convention
      8. Preschool Assembly

- c. Middle
    - i. The SpongeBob Musical – Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> – free senior citizens performance 4pm, Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm and March 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30 and 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale. Also, 5<sup>th</sup> grade performance on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am
    - ii. Spring sports sign-ups are happening now – baseball, softball, and spring track
    - iii. Week of March 18<sup>th</sup> – EHMS Spirit Week, more info to come
    - iv. Thank you to the EHPTA for the amazingly delicious lunch. Everyone loved it!
    - v. Unified Game Day – June 3<sup>rd</sup>
2. Officer Reports/ Additional Updates:
- a. President – Toni Levine
  - b. FJS VP – Kerri Geiger
    - i. Eyes of Wild – One additional assembly to be added
    - ii. Working on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade yearbooks; will be available for \$25
  - c. Central VP – Jenn Toto
  - d. Middle VP – Jackie Elwood
    - i. Staff won PTA membership lunch – congrats!
    - ii. Book Fair – 3/26-3/27
  - e. Treasurer – Zobia Shaikh
    - i. Lunch and fundraising doing well
  - f. Secretary – Amy Matusheski
  - g. Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
    - i. Graduation signs and spirtwear sales going out soon
    - ii. March 1<sup>st</sup> – Porch sign fundraiser – 6:30-9:30
    - iii. School kit emails will be sent out over Spring Break; ordering will be open through July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - h. Lunch – Holly Kadyk, Clara Datolo, Rosie Martins, Lara Ragusa
    - i. My Food Days had system update which improved functionality
  - i. Updates from Natalie Bartlett:
    - i. Still waiting to officially announce 2<sup>nd</sup> grade movement to Central
    - ii. Possible future changes with growing population: Moving 5<sup>th</sup> grade to middle in a 5<sup>th</sup> grade academy; moving pre-K back to FJ
    - iii. If no more snow days, board will likely approve Friday before Memorial Day Weekend OFF
3. Committee Reports
- a. Membership – Camille Beck
  - b. Spring Bookfair
    - i. Frank J – Marissa Mara, Jennifer Taccetta, Jennifer Nascimento
    - ii. Central – Wendy Scociosa, Sandra Daly
    - iii. Middle – Meg Caponegro, Jackie Elwood, Karen Ford
  - c. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance/events – Kim Brutofsky
  - d. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day/ Events – Jenn Toto
  - e. Holiday Grahams – Karen Ford

- f. Pretzel coordinator – Amy Matusheski
  - g. Cultural Arts
    - i. Central/Middle – Debbie Jordan
    - ii. Frank J – Tanya Yanuzzi, Stefanie Bozinski
  - h. Other Fundraising – Jackie Elwood
4. New Business
- a. Please remember to attend March 20<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting to discuss open positions for 2024/25. Email Amy with email of intent.
5. Meeting Adjourned – 7:34pm