

PTO Meeting September 23rd 6:00-7:15, 2025 ES STEAM Room

Childcare: Jane Warner (account.eftours.com/donations/Je2QMq)

1. Attendance:

1. Brianna Lampman ES President
2. Liz Warner Secretary
3. Sarah Apker Art teacher & parent
4. Jean Lomax MS Principal & parent
5. Thalia Hussain Codd
6. Christy Charuhas
7. Jeanie Day ES Principal
8. Marcy LeWalter Co-Treasurer
9. Kimmy Edwards - Co-Treasurer
10. Lara DeSantis - MS VP
11. Rose Millspaugh - MS President

2. Principals' Reports

- a. Jeanie Day (ES): Thanked PTO for welcome back bags, the food etc on opening day. Mentioned some of the requests like outdoor water fountain, Art request for kiln
- b. Jean Lomax (MS) - thank you for the nice start to the year - lunch, bags etc.
 - i. Students after school every Tuesday, they are hungry! Snack cabinet requested. Volunteers to donate also?
 - ii. MS will be doing the Day of Service Oct 23rd half day (ideally 23rd or 22nd as the rain date) Gail Brisson organizes. PTO maybe do supplies for that?
 - iii. ES will also do things for day of service - varies by grade level. Examples: snack bags for staff, seed plantings
 - iv. Want to do something around bike safety and some sort of incentivized training - free helmet after completing the trainings? Bike Rodeo? Obstacle course, win a free helmet, get a booklet, check tire pressure, fit you for your bike etc. Jean Lomax would organize, PTO could support financially.

12. Committees

- a. Review / Sign Up - passed around sign-up sheet with following committees:
 - i. Teacher/Staff Appreciation
 - ii. Fall Family Dance (ES) will be likely 11/14
 - iii. Ice Skating Committee
 - iv. Roller Skating Committee
 - v. MS "Friday Fun Nights" Committee
 - vi. May Day 5k Committee

13. Treasurers Report - Marcy

a. PTO 2025–2026 Financial Overview

- i. **Start of Year Balance (7/1/25):** \$39,326.42

Current Balance: \$30,149.80

1. **Movie Night (9/19/25) Summary:**

Expenses: \$2,051.51 **Sales:** \$1,169.78 **Total Loss:** \$881.73
(2024 Loss = \$995.66)

2. **Additional PTO Funds Distributed (7/1/25 – Present):**

Conference Day Breakfasts & Lunch: \$887.57

Back-to-School Bags for Staff: \$3,348.59

Playground Social: \$65.69

Teacher Requests: \$633.15

Stocking Teacher Lounges (includes some bag items): \$1,493.58

Merchandise to Sell: \$1144.45

3. **Pending Donations**

Chevy Back to School Program (\$500, given at FFD)

Doug's Fish Fry (\$337.34; Check in about 6 weeks)

4. **Pending Approved Item Deductions:**

MS Attendance Awards - gift cards (\$200)

Outdoor Water Fountain (\$5,000 - \$7,000) - working with Amanda

Verba Business Admin & Lane Vorhis Head Facilities to install a water fountain - maybe on the exterior wall of the Kindergarten wing. Would need to be winterized. Would love to do this year.

14. Upcoming Events

- a. Halloween Costume Exchange at the Library (9/22 - 11/7) - please donate after Halloween if you're through with them! After that the Winter Gear Exchange will go up.
- b. Staff Appreciation Lunch - 10/23 (half day) - potluck sign-up. *remind donors to label the dishes/crock pots
- c. Conference Day Pizza Party - 10/24 - only teachers & custodial staff that day. Will touch base closer for a time on the MS. Pizza, chips etc.
- d. ES Halloween Skate Party 10/25 12-2pm
- e. Halloween Themed Teachers Breakfast (Friday) will drop off that morning
 - i. Coffee & Cider / Muffins & Donuts / Apples & Bananas
- f. MS Friday Fun Night (11/7?) - will confirm soon - date looks clear in ML Schedules
- g. ES Fall Family Dance (11/14?) - will confirm soon.

15. PTO Supported Opportunities

a. **Physics Bus Visit**

- i. April - Mid November (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

ii. \$275/hour, 2 hour min + travel fees approximately \$68 (\$618)

- iii. Jeanie said ES did it before, it parked for the day, teachers signed up for a slot. ES has 24 classes. Could do 3rd grade and up or designated level? Definitely will do the MS.
- b. Pre-K Tricycles**
- i. Get 2 this year, maybe another 2 next year?
 - ii. **School Outfitters**
 - 1. 15.75" seat height (3-5 years old) ~\$222
 - 2. 16.5" seat height (4-8 years old) ~\$241
 - 3. Helmets (3-7 years old) ~\$33
 - 4. Shipping ~ \$190 (\$776.21 total)
 - iii. **School Specialty**
 - 1. 12" seat height (3-6 years old) ~\$200
 - 2. 14" seat height (4-8 years old) ~\$226
 - 3. Helmets (3-7 years old) ~\$36
 - 4. Shipping ~ \$85 (\$630.00 total)
- c. All Kids Bike Program (\$9000 Start Up Cost)**
- i. National movement that includes teacher training & certification, a fleet of 24 balance-to-pedal bikes, pedal conversion kits, helmets, an instructional bike & helmet for the teacher, 2 rolling metal storage racks, & access to a resource portal & live support for the life of the program
- d. 3rd Grade Engineering Project - Classroom Air Filters.** Mr. Perry is doing a classroom made air filter as a project. Maybe fund this and possibly expand to other classrooms. Will share with Principal Day when the proposal comes in.

16. PTO Fundraising Opportunities

- a. School Spirit Store** (Ends 9/30)
- b. Mabel's Labels** (Current Profit: \$71)
- c. Serenity Roast Coffee Fundraiser**
 - i. Online Platform, delivered to the school
 - ii. Profit: 30% of sales
 - iii. Ask Gimme first because they are local? Thalia will ask. APB to local businesses about doing fundraisers? Marcy will talk to Atlas.

17. Tweens & Teens Parent Meet Up Group - to discuss parenting relating topics

- a. Held at the library - maybe quarterly?
- b. Brianna met with the Director Laura - idea is In response to circulation related parenting questions - technology, puberty, intro to social media,

HS students looking at colleges and tutorial about student loan debt, etc.

- c. Who is facilitating? Get a guest speaker
- d. Maybe we could do the publicity?
- e. Form a subcommittee for this?

Additions:

18. Ice skating sessions - Thalia

- a. Would like to offer sessions open to ES & MS together
- b. During 6 consecutive winter weeks without breaks
- c. Could do Mondays (both schools), Wed or Fridays - will schedule depending on bus chaperone availability

19. Sara Apker - Art ES

- a. Really want another kiln (including the ventilation, proper space) since all use the HS and it is a lot
- b. Asked Sara to make a proposal with more detail
- c. Would love to support

20. Lara DeSantis MS VP

- a. Echoed need for MS - Snack Closet
- b. MS Fun Nights - collaborate with the MS Student Council and the HS groups that have kids that need volunteer hours so that we get enough staff/volunteer coverage

21. Jean Day

- a. Literacy Night tomorrow night. Presented by the Reading League.
- b. Big posters about the Capital Project - VOTE is October 28
 - i. Includes a new sound system in the ES
 - ii. AC in the auditorium

Submitted 9/25/25 Liz Warner