

Eblen PTO Meeting  
Tuesday Sept 13, 2022  
5:30 - 6:30  
Eblen Media Center

Meeting Minutes

**Welcome** (Kate Sonoskus, President)

In Attendance: Stacie Pederson, Amanda Smith, Kellie Kendall, Candice Moore, Bonnie Meadows, Haley Stamey, Ashley Franklin, Esperanza Maldando, Candace Clark, Misty Warren, Jaime McKee, Daphne Grayson, Athena Silver, Kris Remington, Kate Sonoskus, Julia Hodges, Katie Robinson

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  - Keep in mind that my personal email / phone might get you a faster response, but if your inquiry involves anything that would have to be executed, please send an additional email to the school ([EblenPTO@outlook.com](mailto:EblenPTO@outlook.com)) to serve as a reminder.

**Approve Agenda** - Kate Sonoskus motions to approve, seconded by Kellie Kendall & approved by all, adding budget proposals from the teachers, presented by Lori Ahn.

**Secretary's Report** (Kate Standing in)

- Kate Sonoskus motions to approve last meeting's minutes, Candice Moore seconded, all approve

**Treasurer's Report** (Kate and Kris Standing in)

- First candy payment has been paid and there is approx \$21,000 in the PTO account with estimated \$11,000 remaining for unspecified funds.
- - Floor was open for discussion of the proposed \$150/homeroom teacher and \$100/exploratory staff supplemental funding. Some members felt all teachers should receive the same amount but Principal Hodges clarified that exploratories have additional funds to help supplement their supplies.
- - Goals of fundraising were discussed including suggestions by the Media Specialist for improvements to the media center. Cases for students to help protect their laptops was a priority with cost varying from \$11-\$22 each. Plastic case covers were also mentioned to allow for personalization. The Media Specialist will work on a proposal for next meeting.
- - Proposed Budget was deferred given this is our first meeting of the year.

**Principal's Report** (Julia Hodges) She expressed gratitude for the turn out and enthusiasm for getting back to social norms.

**Old Business**

- None.

## New Business

- Bylaws - Bylaws were distributed for review. The bylaws will be made available electronically and Hayley Stamey agreed to help, if needed. They are due for renewal.
- PTO Bank account Usage - Bonnie Meadows asked to use the PTO to help manage cash flow for the Sunshine Fund for staff. She is starting to collect dues, so Ms. Meadows and Kate Sonoskus will meet to determine the best way to manage the cash flow.
- Executive Board - A portion of the bylaws were read aloud to provide a description for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
  - Kate Sonoskus is willing to serve as President unopposed.
  - Kellie Kendall is willing to serve as Treasure, motion was seconded by Stacie Pedersen and passed
  - Jamie McKee is willing to serve as Secretary, motion was seconded by Candice Moore and passed
  - Athena Silver volunteered to serve as Interim Vice President until a 5th Grade parent is able or willing. Ideally the VP would be a 5th grade parent who would then resume presidency next year.
- Other/New agenda items:
  - Ms. Lori Ahn asked to add the following teacher request items:
    1. Clubs have been restarted and will meet on early release dates. Teachers are requesting PTO support with funding items needed for club materials. PTO requested that Ms. Ahn ask teachers for a proposed budget to be reviewed at the next meeting.
    2. Class Dojo cart is needing help with organizing and replenishing to help promote positive behaviors. Candice Moore agreed to serve as the liaison and will connect with the teacher representative (to be clarified by Ms. Ahn) to assess the needs and propose a budget for the next meeting.
    3. Computer batteries are not adequate and chargers are difficult to mobilize with the student. Ms. Ahn requested assistance with purchasing additional chargers to help ensure the students have access to a functional laptop while outside of their homeroom. There was initially a proposal to allow \$3000 for the purchase of additional chargers, but there were questions of benefit of individual chargers versus charging towers. Discussion also included the longevity of use if Eblen is due for a refresh of computers next year. Ms. Ahn will ask teachers for preferences and the approximate number being requested to be considered at the next meeting.
- Volunteers needed for these upcoming events:
  - Health Fair on October 25th
  - November bookfair with dates TBD.
  - Encouraged everyone to complete the Volunteer Tracker- Level II and asked that the link be attached to future PTO invites/Sign Up Genius

## Closing

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. Next meeting will be October 4th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

