

East Windsor PTO General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2023 @ East Windsor Middle School Cafeteria

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Jennifer Blanchard
2. Board members present: Jennifer Blanchard, Sarah Mader, Joyce Dacosta and Jaimie McBride. There were 11 members present total.
3. Administrative business:
 - a. Review October minutes - Motion to approve by Jaimie McBride, 2nd by Sarah Mader. Motion approved all in favor
 - b. Financials: Website fees and Teacher appreciation lunch cleared through along with Bank fees for Venmo/Paypal. Brought in \$700 deposit to be made between membership dues and Gratitude grams. Income positive by \$1,000. Motion to approve Financials by Taylor Miller, 2nd by Laura Foxx. Motion approved all in favor
4. Open positions: Recording secretary - Sarah Mader nominated Taylor Miller, 2nd by Jennifer Blanchard. Motion approved all in favor.
5. Recap of Fundraising and past events:
 - a. Haunted highway: great turn out, need more candy for next year. We will also need Full size candy for next year to hopefully get us 1st place. Possible to have hocus pocus theme for next year?
 - b. Membership drive: 86 members total. Staff BBS won by 1 - 22 vs 21 called it a tie between both schools. Staff winners: Mr. Richard most members for his home room, BBES three way tie – Mrs. Majowicz won because she was only teacher who was a member. BBES Mrs. Koczera won for random raffle pull, EWMS Mrs. Vyce won for random raffle pull. All teachers win things off their wish lists. Family Raffle won Tony Cazarez - 4 pack CT science center
 - c. Script Gift Card fundraiser: need to push for more have raise \$60 so far will be promoting it more in the coming weeks with holidays approaching
 - d. Square 1 art fundraiser: Middle school has flyers and all art it uploaded. Art has been submitted for BBES went out Friday flyers will be ready for BBES soon
 - e. Gratitude Grams: \$307 raised total between both schools. School admin to send message to teachers about turning in their grams to get them hung in time.
6. Upcoming events:
 - a. Holiday Store: flyers to be printed and distributed to homerooms once dates are confirmed. Building applications due to BBES for set up. Schedule for kids to shop – Mrs. Foxx to send master schedule to Jennifer to plan. Anyone approved to volunteer last year is already approved for this year. New volunteers need to apply ASAP. Jennifer will reach out to Sharon Whalen for High school volunteers. Looking to buy items in bulk to supplement what we get from company (from dollar general or dollar tree). Shifts needed for volunteers 9-12 then 1-3 depending on lunch break for kids. Signup genius for all 3 days to be set up for volunteers once schedule for kids shopping is finalized. We may need to set up the store in BBES on 12/2 later in the day due to Rec basketball also using the gym

- b. Spring event options: Glow Dance will tentatively be Jan 26th at BBES. Movie night March 1st at EWMS. (we need to make sure to tighten up the rules for it this year to avoid last year's hiccups)
- 7. Little Library BBES still needs to be installed
- 8. Additional events: We would like to see what the fall brings for finalizing fundraisers. We want to move on and make a strong push to more family fun events.
- 9. Miscellaneous:
 - a. We would like to send out flyers for donations for families that cannot volunteer and may still want to support.
 - b. Mrs. Brogel BBES Librarian is looking to buy Bee Bots to teach coding and computer science. Would like to buy 6-8 to have enough for small groups during class. 1 is 99.95, docking station is \$700 (small price difference on Amazon for the hive docking station). She can start with one or two but would like more. We have some funds to use in the Misc section of the budget that we could use. We want to help her fundraise for more by posting her Amazon/donors choice wish list link on Facebook to promote.
Motion made to buy 2 for her to start by Sarah Mader, 2nd by Taylor Miller.
Motion approved all in favor.
 - c. BBES spirit wear Sarah will look into new website vs last years set up. BBES is planning monthly spirit days and they have a lot of new staff along with all incoming students

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm