

East Windsor PTO General Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2023 @ Broad Brook Elementary School Cafeteria

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Jennifer Blanchard.
2. Board members present - Jennifer Blanchard, Sarah Mader, Joyce DaCosta, Andrea Dziadul, Candace Roche. There were 15 adults present.
3. Administrative Business:
  - a. Review of September 2023 meeting minutes - motion to approve by Sarah Mader, 2nd by Joyce DaCosta. Motion passed with all in favor.
  - b. Review of the Financial Report thru September 30, 2023
    - i. Not much change since the end of August. Membership dues started to come in, and we should start to see more activity in October with fundraisers and events starting.
4. Open positions - Recording Secretary, Member at Large
  - a. Andrea Dziadul nominated Jaimie McBride for the position of Member at Large, 2nd by Joyce DaCosta. All members voted in favor.
5. New Business
  - a. We welcomed Dr. Tudryn, Superintendent of Schools, and Jason Bowsza, First Selectman, to our meeting. Both shared how proud they are of the progress schools in East Windsor are making, and gave several updates on school and town projects.
  - b. Recap of Teacher Appreciation Meal - great participation from families for donations. Teachers loved having a meal provided for them on a very long day of conferences.
  - c. Membership Drive - ends 10/31. As of today's meeting, we are at 49 memberships, and our goal is 120. We will blast emails to families and staff members to encourage them to join the PTO. We will promote the raffles and friendly competition between the schools in hopes of more memberships.
  - d. Haunted Highway at EW Park - Thursday 10/26 5-7pm
    - i. Changed our theme to Super Mario Bros. Will be promoting this event and asking for volunteers and donations in the next two weeks.
  - e. RaiseRight gift card fundraiser - This will be a yearlong fundraiser, starting this week. Families will be given a link to enroll online. Sarah Mader is coordinator.
  - f. Square 1 Art Fundraiser - Art projects will be done by 11/1 and mailed to Square 1. Orders will be taken around Thanksgiving so keepsakes can be directly shipped in time for the holidays. Middle School students not in art currently will be able to participate. Sarah Mader is the coordinator.
  - g. Thankful Grams - November fundraiser. Parents, Staff, and even students can purchase a Thankful Gram for \$1 each to send a kind message to a student or staff member. Will run for 2 weeks starting 10/20, orders due 11/3, delivered to schools 11/10. Would be nice to hang Thankful Grams in a central location at each school. Andrea Dziadul is coordinator.
  - h. Holiday Store - Joyce DaCosta is coordinator
    - i. Setup Day - 12/1, Shopping - 12/4, 12/5, and 12/7; 12/8 - makeup day
    - ii. Rhode Island Novelty - we have a \$200 credit which we'll use to purchase items to use at upcoming raffles.

- iii. Based on last year, it has been decided to supplement with items from donations, Dollar stores, possibly senior center crafts.
  - iv. Will again ask for high school volunteers and solicit monetary donations for students who may not have the means to shop.
  - i. Spring Event options - Glow Dance, Movie Night (February?), Bingo (March?), Someone Special Dance (April?), Color Run (May?)
    - i. Suggestions - Create a "Drive In Movie" for paint night for the kids - bring a box to decorate and it will serve as a "car" during the movie they can sit in.
  - j. BBES Little Free Library - Sarah Mader will reach out to the Girl Scout leader who has the library. It needs to be assembled and set up at BBES, and PTO wants to take this over to complete the project.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm by Sarah Mader, 2nd by Jennifer Blanchard.