



Easley PTA Meeting

Monday, November 6, 2017
6:30pm - Media Center

Executive Board Present: Jennifer Armstrong (President), Heather Arrington (Secretary/Communications & SIT Rep), Jennie Goetz (Vice President), Jackie Grady (Treasurer)

Committee Chairs & Representatives Present: Lisa Ashworth (ENO), Joe Gonzalez (Finance), Jennifer Hauser, Tonya Keaton (Teacher Appreciation), Kirsten Kruhm (Advocacy), Kristen Pike (Membership), Brandie Sweany (Discovery Garden), Meredith Wilkins (Teacher Appreciation), Laura Wilkerson (3-5 Teacher Rep)

Others Present:

****Note: Attendance sheet was not passed around, so please excuse errors in who was present. Please report corrections to Heather****

Facilitator	What	Notes
Jennifer Armstrong	Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.
Jennifer Armstrong	Meeting Minutes Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the 9/6/17 meeting were presented for approval Motion was made to approve, 2nd and full approval voted by all present.
Jennifer Armstrong	Opening/New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rena Norwood (no present) has asked PTA for \$1,500 for book purchases to match a grant she already received. Books will be for the book room. It was mentioned that the Raffle brought in about \$1,500 and that the school could choose to earmark the funds to support this cause. Ms. Hauser will follow-up with Rena about this. Parents of African American Children want to start up a group at Easley. Brittney McGraw will be the committee chair and it was agreed that this will be added as a PTA committee. Brittney will give a presentation at our December meeting regarding funding request. There are several other groups like this throughout Durham schools.
Jennifer Hauser	Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Owens replacement has been hired. Her name is Maria Rivera and she is from Puerto Rico. She has taught for 7 years and has EC and elementary experience.. She started this week and is observing other 4th grade teachers currently. Teachers are giving great feedback on the book room and how it is support instruction. Kids are now able to get new books daily because of the PTA efforts to build up the book room. The new School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been finished by the SIT Committee. There will soon be a link on the Easley website for all to

		view the SIP.
Jackie Grady	Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updated budget was presented ● A line has been added for Amazon Smiles & for the Carnival donation ● Jennifer Armstrong will send out an email of the budget for everyone to review.
Kirsten Kruhm	Blood Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kirsten is an Easley parent who works with the Red Cross. ● A presentation was done for the 5th graders ● Blood Drive is scheduled here at Easley for Tuesday, November 21st. ● Goal is to get 40 pints of Blood ● Flier for the Blood Drive
Kate Irish & Tamara Barabasz (AIG Facilitator)	Makers Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kate has been helping with organizing of the new Makers Space and we have gotten a lot of great donations. ● Mrs. Barabasz did a short presentation on the Makers Space ● PTA helped fund (last year) the shelving that has gone up in the space. ● Next thing they need are robots (grant in progress), stools for the new tables that were donated (see presentation), 6 iPads, two more engineering modules, manpower (see sign up genius), more donations (also on sign-up genius) ● Help spread the word to companies you may have connections with that would like to make a donation. ● No other elementary school has this designated space. We are the pioneer! We hope that teachers and students will be able to begin using the space very soon. ● Jennifer Armstrong asked what funding they are looking for from PTA? Mrs. Barabasz will come up with a budget for us to review and potentially vote on next meeting.
Jennifer Armstrong	Book Fair Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exceeded our goal and made approximately \$18,000.
Lisa Ashworth	Easley Night Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We made \$175 from Smash Burger ● We made \$375.72 from Freddy's ● Total made so far this school year is \$1,692.97 ● Rudinos next Monday 5-8pm ● Dec - City BBQ on Hwy 54 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25% goes back to our school & you must present flier ● January ENO will likely be Picnic! ● Lisa brought up Chick-fil-a as an option for an ENO but they require pre-orders and the food is more of a boxed meal. The group discussed and decided not to go forward with that ENO option.
Nathan Hester	Duke Concessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have exceeded our "goal" on all but one game. ● Looking to be close to \$4000 raised. ● Peg the principal was a success. ● Volunteer sign up went much better this year.

Joe Gonzalez	4-5 Playground Shade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two estimate coming soon • DPS will have to sign off on install
Joe Gonzalez	Movie Night & Raffle Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie night had a really good turn out for the 1st movie. Less people stayed for the later movie. • Overall the event was well recieved • May consider trying it again in the Spring. • Teacher Raffle winners were announced between movies. • Raffles raised \$1,584 to go to the book room
Ms. Wilkerson	Vendor Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Wilkerson brought up the idea of a vendor fair as a new fundraiser • Some in attendance who have been involved with them at other schools gave their opinion on this idea. Sounds like it is a lot of work for the little bit that is raised
Brandie Sweany	Discovery Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She could use more help on work days - not a lot of interest • Next work day is November 18 @10am • Will look into option of having scout troops or other groups of volunteers help
Jennifer Armstrong	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

**Minutes prepared by: Heather Spell Arrington

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

November 13th @ 5-8pm - ENO at Rudino's - 10% goes back to Easley

November 18th @ 10am-Noon - Discovery Garden Beautification Workday

December 14th @ 10:30am-10pm - ENO at City BBQ - 25% goes back to Easley