

EHSI PTO Meeting  
Monday 9/28/15  
6:30  
Media Center

PTO Welcome and Update- Michelle Barnes & Amanda Muhlbauer, co-Presidents

- ❑ Upcoming Events
  - ❑ Monster Book Fair October 7th-13th
    - ❑ Check out the Sign-up Genius to help with decorating, helping classes and work as cashier
  
  - ❑ Maraton de Lectura Fundraiser-Seaneen Gengler & Kristin Olson, co-Chairs
    - ❑ Students read all through the month of October and raise money for PTO
    - ❑ This PTO's primary fundraiser, funding over 90% of the PTO Budget.
    - ❑ 100% of the money raised goes back to the school and classrooms.
    - ❑ Every student will receive a yellow packet that includes a calendar and donation tracking forms.
    - ❑ Goal is to have 100% with reading and tracking minutes
      - ❑ Top class and grade level winners will be recognized along with top classes per grade level and those with 100% participation.
        - ❑ Students and classes will win special prizes
    - ❑ Check out the list of themed days to help kids get excited. The list includes Read My Shirt Day, Spirit Day and Crazy Sock day
    - ❑ Ways you can help-
      - ❑ Encourage your child to read or read to them. Both count!
      - ❑ Sign up to donate prizes for child's classroom
      - ❑ Sign up for the counting party in November
  
- ❑ How funds are used presentation- Kelly Weinblatt, Treasurer
  - ❑ 28% School Events- family fun night, etc
  - ❑ 25.8% Teacher Grants- used for larger, long term, grade level purchases
  - ❑ 25.8% Teacher Reimbursements
  - ❑ 9.5% Meals/Staff appreciation
  - ❑ 6.1% General Expenses
  - ❑ 3.1% SEF/FEPS Support
  - ❑ 1.6% School Directory
  
- ❑ Volunteer Needs
  - ❑ We post requests for volunteers on Sign Up Genius- [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) search by [ptoehsi@gmail.com](mailto:ptoehsi@gmail.com)
  - ❑ These signs up are posted on the EHSI PTO Facebook page and on our website-[www.ehsipto.org](http://www.ehsipto.org)
  - ❑ Current sign ups are for working in the art room to help with Square 1 Art, Maraton counting and Picture Retake day

- ❑ Board members are seeking assistants to shadow them this year and then take over the positions next year. Specifically we need an Asst Communications, Asst Treasurer and Asst Volunteer Coordinator
  
- ❑ Social Media
  - ❑ Please remember to be respectful on social media when discussing/commenting about our school and teachers online.
  - ❑ Many parents are friends with teachers.
  - ❑ Also we want to set a good example for our children.
  
- ❑ Vote
  - ❑ School-wide Rock in Prevention Anti-bullying Program- A vote was called to purchase this program for our school. This motion was seconded and the vote passed.
    - ❑ This will be a K-6 full day program on November 11th
    - ❑ It will be done in Spanish!
    - ❑ Looking to incorporate some former EHSI students who are currently at CMS & EPHS
    - ❑ Requested the songs that will be used so that teachers can pre-teach them at the younger grade levels
  
  - ❑ Picnic Tables for new outside patio space- A vote was called to retroactively approve this purchase made over the summer. This motion was seconded and the vote passed.
    - ❑ The picnic tables were a shared purchase from both EHSI & Oak Point PTOs, as well as both principals.
    - ❑ District supported the idea and funded the concrete patio
    - ❑ The tables can be used as an outdoor learning space for students
    - ❑ Teachers can also use them for meetings
    - ❑ They are really nice all weather tables that were purchased from a local company

SEF Update- Stacey Stelter, co-Chair

- ❑ SEF is a separate parent volunteer organization that funds our intern program.
  - ❑ They currently fund and organize 16 interns (14 at EHSI, 1 at CMS and 1 at EPHS)
  - ❑ Last year's parent survey feedback indicated that annual contributions is the overwhelming preference of EHSI parents.
  - ❑ Please make your contribution of \$150 per student
  - ❑ If everyone donates our annual Cinco de Mayo party can be a celebration not a fundraiser
  
- ❑ We are looking for volunteers to join our board. We are in need of Vice Chairs that could start immediately
  
- ❑ Upcoming events include the Intern Festival on November 16th.

- ❑ Please watch for eblast newsletters and check out our website for updates-  
[www.spanisheducationfund.org](http://www.spanisheducationfund.org)

#### School Update- Terri Siguenza, Principal

- ❑ We have 5 teachers present tonight- Sra Roos (2nd grade), Srta Corral (K), Sra Goytizolo (K), Sra Narcisso (3rd) and Sra Alcanzar (K)
  - ❑ Sra Roos who organizes a Dia De Los Muertos celebration announced the date will be the morning of Saturday 10/31 this year
- ❑ We are excited about the new books we received for this year
  - ❑ District purchased class sets of leveled books
  - ❑ PTO purchased nonfiction sets for the library
- ❑ The new building layout has been a really positive change for both schools.
- ❑ World Language (Spanish) has replaced Reading Readiness which was in English
  - ❑ The change better aligns with the immersion model
  - ❑ World Language teachers focus on grammar and other concepts that grade level teachers indicate are needs of their students
- ❑ Instructional Coaches are currently focusing on Language Arts
  - ❑ They have helped teachers with reading level assessments
  - ❑ They will be modeling and observing reading lessons
  - ❑ This position is a .5 coaching role and a .5 interventionist role
- ❑ The large class sizes in 2nd and 4th grades were brought up by a parent
  - ❑ They are still within the range that the district uses as a staffing guide
  - ❑ They are in the process of hiring a full time person to float between and support those classes
  - ❑ All classes have an intern in their class for half of the day. Another great reason to support our intern program!
- ❑ New scope and sequence tool is being implemented this year.
  - ❑ It will be imbedded into various subject areas, where it best fits
  - ❑ This tool was written last year by our staff. They worked really hard on it!

Door Prizes- 3 lucky parents won gift cards for attending the meeting!

Adam Seidel, a school board candidate, attended the meeting and introduced himself at the end. He also stayed to answer questions from parents.