

EES PTO Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2020

Attendance: Zachary Hall, Carol Mondello, Jess Yurwitz, Carla Christensen, Jessie Palm, Letizia Donati, Suzanne Bediz, Francesca Segarra, and Betsy McKeen (by phone)

Carla Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes: Feb 3, 2020

The minutes were passed with minor edits and Carol Mondello made the motion to approve the minutes which Carla Christensen seconded. The motion passed.

Playground update:

The Planning Committee has met and has a vendor list that is pre-approved. There is discussion about the pros/cons of quick prefabricated/pre-planned builds versus community builds. The meetings will continue with community input sessions.

Ipswich YMCA: Zachary Hall

Zachary shared information about EES day at the YMCA. The YMCA would host Essex families at the pool and provide a separate experience for all families from Essex. A date in June will be selected and shared at a future meeting.

How to increase community involvement and energy for PTO: Jess Yurwitz

Jess and previous PTO board members shared ideas and suggestions for including a greater excitement at the PTO.

Book Fair update:

The Book Fair is scheduled for this week. The SignUp Genius has been sent, the coin challenge should be running this week, and teenagers are scheduled to help set-up.

Upcoming Events/Restaurant Night

Bravo by the Sea is hosting a Night Out on March 11th. There will be a raffle in the restaurant. STEM Night will be in April. Carla is looking for donations of food. The grant and exhibits will be ready to go.

Treasurer's Update:

A second ask for the year could involve a participation thermometer. The possibility of using Venmo to accept donations will be explored. Grants for STEM night and from the Cultural Council continue to support our enrichment activities. There has been \$282 in Box Top donations so far this year. The Enrichment budget continues to wait for teacher field trips and plans.

Funding Requests:

There were no new requests at the meeting. Carla will send reminders for stipends.

Open Business:

The Auction class project at Field Day will need to be planned with Room Parents and teachers. Discussion of the 5th grade payment for the end of the year field trips continues.

Carla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm and Suzanne seconded. The motion passed.