

Erskine PTA Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Marcy Pease, PTA President

Reading and approval of minutes from September meeting:

Motion to approve: Stephenie Suggs, Seconded by Amanda Zenner

Principal's Report: (Mrs. Zimmerman)

Parent-Teacher conferences are 10/16-10/22 and this year we are using an online signup for scheduling. This allows parents to have more control in scheduling their conferences. Teachers will work on any conflicts that may arise for parents who may have scheduled back to back times. If you haven't yet, please signup – the link is available on the school website and PTA will work on getting a link for the facebook page.

Counselor's Report: (Mrs. Hall)

We will be having our 1st Personal Best assembly Oct 25. K-1st will be in the morning and 3rd-5th in the afternoon. This is a time to recognize students who have demonstrated their personal best, with this month's theme being mindfulness. Teachers are working on a special way to reward the mindful listening, seeing and smelling. We are continuing with Mindup curriculum and working on Zones of Regulation. You may hear about it at home! We are close to a school-wide celebration which will be Wacky Wednesday, date TBD.

Treasurer's Report: (Karl Hoffman)

*Monthly report

Fundraising Committee Updates: (Jennifer Patterson, Diana Ledford, Kristin Davis):

*Walk N Rock – Thanks for all your donations and volunteering support!

*Amazon Smile is a new fundraiser – offers .5% donation to Erskine on qualifying purchases

Please use the link every time you make purchases on Amazon. It is listed on the school website and it was posted on the PTA facebook page (it can setup a shortcut on your phone)

*Committee will be meeting in early November to work on spring fundraising ideas to help reach our goal for Phase 2 playground. Please share any ideas you have for fundraising!

*Mrs. Lynott's class won for the most donations during Walk N Rock. They created colorful pizza thank-you notes – so cute!

*Cargill has awarded us \$5000 for our playground fund! This opportunity was brought to us by a parent who has a client who works at Cargill. Thanks to them and to Marcy Pease for completing the paperwork. If anyone knows of other corporations who have any kind of grants or donation opportunities please contact us.

Other Fundraisers: (Dena Aretz-Burian)

*Box Tops

*Hy-Vee Receipts

Membership Update: (Angel West)

*Membership is up to 44

*Membership forms on the Erskine website and at PTA meetings

*May also see a PTA board member or email us @: ErskinePTA@rocketmail.com

School Apparel: (Jessica Gurwell)

*Apparel order forms went home with students today and it has been posted to facebook.

*We are working on getting window clings as well. They will be on a clear background so could be applied to binders and other items besides vehicles.

Student Directory Update: (Angel West):

*Art contest entries were due 9/25/18 – Lots of entries this year!

*Meeting attendees had the opportunity to vote for their top 5 choices. The winners will be announced shortly featured in this year's directory.

*Mrs. Buck reports that we are ahead of where we were last year for completed registrations. We expect the directories to be printed and distributed in November.

September Activities: (Sue Gonzales)

*Washington Homecoming Parade went well. There were a lot more people than last year, not only for Erskine but for other elementary schools too. There was some confusion as to where we were supposed to be in the parade line up. This may have been due to how many more kids from multiple schools this year. Otherwise, it was great. The kids really liked it.

Erskine Fall Clean-Up: (Angel West, Tammy Millsap, Jessica Gurwell)

*Pack 9 Cub Scouts were asked if they would like to do the fall cleanup but do not have time in their calendar to do it this year. They are asking us to contact them in Feb to schedule a time to do spring cleanup. Mrs. Hall and Amanda Zenner mentioned fall cleanup may be something the Green Team or Eagle Ambassadors can do.

Book Fair: (Dena Aretz-Burian)

*Open October 16th-22th (set-up in the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 15th) Open late on Tuesday and Thursday during conferences plus before school and after school Wednesday, as well as before school Friday and Monday 10/22.

*Signup Genius will be sent out for volunteers

Staff Dinner for Conferences: (Trisha Kalb, Christine Shaw)

*Tuesday, October 16th

*Signup Genius will be sent for donations for salad bar as well as desserts.

Pumpkin Contest: (John & Tammy Millsap)

*Flyer coming home soon and will be posted to facebook

*Pumpkins can be dropped off at school after 3 pm 10/29 and before 9 am 10/30.

*Categories are not changing for this year

*Contacted Skyzone for jump passes as prizes. Winners will be awarded school store vouchers if no jump passes available.

*Will need a new committee member for next year – anyone interested?

New Business:

*Vote to approve revised by-laws. Motioned by Amanda Zenner, Seconded by Angela Henderson. All in favor.

*New events happening in the spring – Morning Yoga and Building Buddies – **need committee members**

Morning events for students to share with a special adult in their life. Healthy food options will be offered.

We have a couple people to contact as yoga instructors. Building Buddies could include different areas for creating cardboard crafts, Lincoln logs, legos, cardboard bricks, snap together kits, etc. Would like to do these sometime in Feb or March. Contact Angel West if interested.

Angela Henderson presented an opportunity from Primerica Financial Services. They offer a financial wellness workshop that can be done for teachers, parents or both. There is no charge for the workshop and would last one hour or less, depending on the topics covered. We will look into potential dates to hold the workshop(s).

*Reminder – please log volunteer hours on [blue sheet](#) in main office

Upcoming Events:

Staff Conference Dinner (10/16)

PTA meeting (11/1)

Book Fair (10/16-10/22)

Family Night @ Super Skate (11/6)

America Reads (10/26)

Adjournment:

Next meeting on Thursday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided