**East Quogue Community PTA**

**6 Central Avenue**

**East Quogue, NY 11942**

**September 12, 2023**

**General Meeting**

In attendance:

PTA Board:, Bria Spanbock, Jessica Schwinn, Katie Back, Briana Gladding, Cait Horstman, Tahlia Kouffman, Ann Rybak

PTA Members: Taylor Andrews, Cindy Cagno, Laura Calandra, Catie Dawson, Colleen Deuel, Jessica Easlick, Jenny Fiore, Jessica Ferriera, Diana Feinberg, Luz Garcon, Christine Grant, Samantha Hiotakis, Jaime Krops-Lara, Amanda Moran, Gabriella Visentin

Administration: Michael Miller

Call to Order:

Bria Spanbock Time: 9:18am

*Meeting was held in person and on Zoom*

Acceptance of Minutes:

1st Jessica Schwinn

2nd Katie Back

Principal’s Report: Michael Miller

* Thank you PTA for coordinating Picture Day
* Open House is Wednesday 9/13. Band presentation starts at 6:15pm. Miller and PTA presentation at 7pm. Like years’ past, 6th grade presentation will be in the first session in the cafetorium. K-5 has two sessions: 7:20-7:50 and 7:55-8:25pm.
* 9/15 @ 7pm Super Mario Bros Family Movie Night
* 9/18-9/22 Fall Frenzy
* 9/20 - Family First Wednesday
* 9/25 - No School for Yom Kippur
* 9/28 – Harvest Moon Celebration

Ann Rybak asked if there were any changes to the time slot for lunch / recess. Mr. Miller said no. We talked about ways to monitor the lunch line, expedite process of distributing lunch and having a lunch monitor stay behind for any “slow eaters”

Teachers Report: N/A

BOE Report: Briana Gladding

* Tuesday is the vote for the school safety plan
* Some additions were included for state requirements

Treasurer’s Report: Katie Back

* Katie is working on an updated reconciliation
* Looking for confirmation of estimate for Harvest Moon expenses and Rohan Murphy costs
* We voted on re-upping Quickbooks at around $40/mo. Unanimously approved. No dissents
* We are currently in the negative (when you earmark for Frenzy tee-shirts). Katie is focused on showing an actual and accrual basis
* Budget will be an iterative process
* Bank account changing from Capital One to Dime

President’s Report: Bria Spanbock

* Bylaws Vote - We voted on June 30th and approved the PTA Bylaws. These are updated every 3 years and due by July 1. There were NO changes to the previous bylaws.
* Reminder to register for the 2023/24 PTA. You can do this on our website or at tomorrow’s Back to School Night
* Opportunities to sign up to volunteer will take place next year at the PTA Welcome Breakfast on the 1st day of school and at Back to School Night on Sept 13th.
* Meeting calendar for the PTA meetings is being solidified and we want your feedback. Please respond to the survey
  1. We also discussed upside to evening recaps once a month or quarterly
  2. We noted that this was the BEST turnout we’d ever had for a PTA meeting in recent memory
* Social Media update – Briana Gladding – 2 different facebook pages with different security setting. Amanda Moran offered to help and doubled down on Briana’s comment that we need to be extra careful about posting pics of kids
* Picture Day update – Jessica Schwinn – we used Pixels, the second year in a row. They provided 3 photographers per contract and took a little longer than the previous company. TY to volunteers. Picture Retake day is Oct 26th and reminder to pay for photos online if you haven’t already
* Parent Reps – to be agreed
* Back to School Movie Night – Bria Spanbock – this is not a drop-off event and reminder to pick up after yourselves
* Spirit Wear update – Diana Feinberg and Ann Rybak – we are about to go “live” at Back to School Night. We are sticking with our old supplier and trying another. We created a couple of new logos and intend to offer a Fall and Spring Sale along with the opportunity to use our logo and buy whatever merch you’d like. More to come.
* Fall Frenzy – Jessica Schwinn – this year’s theme of kindness is a more holistic offering to our regular way fundraising. This will be expressed through a kindness tree (watch kindness grow!), class credo, T-shirts, interviews with new staff.
  1. Every parent is invited to Fall Frenzy Friday on 9/22
  2. 6th grade raised funds will be earmarked exclusively for 6th grade
  3. Posts will go up on Fbook and Insta
  4. Parent volunteer forms are out
     1. Amanda Moran: what about afternoon rah-rah.
     2. Jessica encouraged all volunteers to bring their kids in the morning

Other:

* Katie Back asked if anyone wanted to buy the old bouncy house
* Ann Rybak asked if the school would consider putting soccer goals out on the playground
* Amanda Moran applauded the theme of kindness for the Frenzy
* Diana Feinberg asked if we could consider music during lunchtime
  1. Catie Dawson offered that we could trial it during the Frenzy week

Motion to Close:

Jenny Fiore

Tahlia Kouffman