

EVANS PARK PTA
“Together We Can”
May 9, 2018
Meeting Notes

Formal:

- Meeting called to order at 9:40am
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome by Laura Woodward
- Approval of April meeting notes by Ms. Lynch and Sheila Cory

Special Presentation: Mr. Pochintesta and Mr. Van Wynen shared information on the upcoming school budget, the vote is May 15th. Please see our district website for details pearlriver.org. The candidates for the board of education also spoke - Bruce Bond, Jackie Dubil-Craig, Michael Mandel, and Lisa Williams.

Old Business:

- The special lady/boys night was on April 13th and it was great night as always. The date was changed due to a conflict with the staff at Vision Sports Club. This caused a decrease in participants because the event was now scheduled during baseball season.
- Our first of two spring concerts and art shows took place on April 17th.
- World Culture day took place on April 20th. Thank you to Holly Gallet and committee for running the event. The children visited countries hosted by Evans Park parents and Pearl River High School students.
- The 4th grade students and their parents attended an orientation at the middle school on April 25th. The 4th grade students visited the middle school on April 27th. During the visit the current 5th grade students played their musical instruments.
- The staff appreciation luncheon was held on May 8th. Thank you to Kim Smith and committee for planning the luncheon. The food was provided by Luigi O'Grady's, each staff member received a plant and some raffles took place.
- Yankee candle orders are in. Please pick up your orders if you have not done so already.
- Square 1 Art orders are in. It was stated that previous years' art can be ordered if you have the order code. Thank you to Kristi Thompson for chairing this fundraiser.

New Business:

- The Evans Park plant sale is on May 10th and 11th. Thank you to Alison Gerondel and Kate Smith for chairing this event. Children will shop on the 10th with their class and may return on the 11th. The plant sale is open to the public.
- The annual evening at the Rockland Boulders game is Saturday, June 16th. This would make a great Father's Day gift. Online sales have already begun. A flier will be going home soon.
- The second spring concert and art show, which will feature the 3rd and 4th graders, is on May 15th. The children have been working hard preparing some new and exciting musical

numbers with Ms. Nixon and Mr. Woolgar. This is also the same day as the budget and school board voting so head over after the concert and cast your vote.

- Field day will be on May 22nd with a rain date of June 5th. Thank you to Allison Carey and Kim Smith for chairing this event. The children are to wear their class color shirts. Volunteer fliers will be going home soon.
- Our next spirit day will be on May 21st. It will feature BOTS: Secret World of Robots.
- Yearbook orders were due. Thank you to the members of the yearbook committee Katy Carpenter, Laura Woodward, Allison Carey, and Jeanine Garrison for all your hard work.
- Apparel orders are due
- School will now be in session on May 24th, 25th, and 29th due to the used snow days. School is closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.
- The Middle School art show and book fair will take place on June 6th. This is a good opportunity for the 4th graders to get their summer reading books.

School Board Meeting:

- The budget was presented. The new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction was announced, Dr. Robert J. Roelle. He will be starting on July 1st.

PAC Meeting:

- The budget was presented.

Principals Report:

- At the school board meeting it was announced that Ms. Kimberly Duggan and Ms. Liza Pandit were awarded tenure. Ms. Lynch expressed her appreciation to all the committee volunteers. Many thanks were also expressed for the staff luncheon. A K12 alert email was sent out with information regarding the series reading. The idea is to engage the children into reading what they like. The staff have spent time organizing books to launch a 6 week pilot of series reading. An assembly took place with a slideshow of the different series. The children were excited about the series reading. A new library media specialist will be coming. A 4th grade classroom will be remodeled for next year. It will include science friendly furniture. Our spring concert for the 3rd and 4th graders will include fitness drumming. The procedure for notification of class placement for the next school year will change. A letter will be mailed home in August with your child's teacher.

Treasurers Report:

- Square 1 Art made \$1700, this is the best year yet. Yankee candle made \$900 so far, this fundraiser is still ongoing. Evans Park gets a percentage of the ticket sales from the Boulders game event. The PTA will purchase new Tiger Tee shirts for the students next year.

Evans Park PTA board nomination information:

- At our last PTA meeting and at the spring concert, an appeal was made asking for PTA volunteers. Based on feedback and speaking with many PTA members we would like to nominate the following members to the 2018-2020 Evans Park PTA Board. All nominees have accepted their nomination.

President: Brian Campbell

Co-Vice presidents:

Katie Basler - VP of Activities

Alexis Flaherty and Kim Smith - VP of Committees

Treasurer: Andrea Wooster

Co-Corresponding Secretaries:

Allison Carey and Jessica Power

Co-Recording Secretaries:

Katy Carpenter (day meetings and website) and Marisa Mahoney (night meetings)

Open forum-questions-comments:

- A parent asked what BOTS means. Laura Woodward explained it is an assembly. A parent asked about the school supply kits. Laura Woodward explained we are currently looking into another company. We need input from the teachers and Ms. Lynch. It was stated that the 4th grade parents received information on ordering school kits for their children who will be entering 5th grade next fall. A parent asked how to approach asking about how much time is spent per class in the maker space. It was suggested to email your child's teacher. A parent asked on the days ice cream is served in the lunch room can the children us their accounts. The answer is yes.

Meeting adjourned by Jessica Bocchino and Sheila Cory
Next PTA meeting is June 6, 2018 at 9:30am