

EKHLA PTO General Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2021 @ 8:30 am via Google Meet

1. Call to Order – President Brianna Eilers
2. School Representative – Q&A - Kathryn Davis Cohen
  - A. School sent email about mask requirements yesterday - they received more guidance from TEA and the school does have the authority to mandate masks on campus so they anticipate continuing it - the board will meet next week to ensure there is no break in policy - anticipate continuing to require masks the entire time they're on property for everyone over 2 years of age
  - B. STAAR re: TEA - testing is happening - it does not impact promotion - DL kids aren't required to come in and take it - the school is going to launch an aggressive campaign to have distance learners come in to take the test because it is really informative of how the school should plan for next year - they have a month to do online testing - probably bring 10 kids at a time in gym and have them spaced out - they will not have to interact with anyone on campus
  - C. School sent email regarding spring break travel - she received one or two questions - KDC cannot mandate or police travel plans - she is just asking for people to continue to be careful since the school has had such a small amount of cases - if you feel like you had exposure then act accordingly - she has not gotten a lot of replies saying they are planning to travel
  - D. If we are keeping kids home for a week after spring break - what to do to ensure they have supplies? - KDC the best way is to make sure teachers know they have enough supplies to do school work and to email Ms. Campbell so they can take home devices
  - E. Is there a way to gently suggest that those who are coming back onto campus to get a covid test? not really any way to do that - also if they come back Sunday and test monday it does no good because its too soon - KDC just refers everyone to CDC guidelines - she doesn't think it would be a valid way to prevent possible exposures
  - F. When are STAAR tests? around May 3-June 3 - not sure - she will get w/Mrs. Smith on exact window and then they'll get a plan together
  - G. Thank you so much for everything you're doing for school!
3. President's Report – Brianna Eilers
  - A. No report
4. Treasurer's Report – Amber Liddell Alwais
  - A. Current balance is \$6,151.42.
  - B. Still have masks for sale and it isn't too late to join the PTO
  - C. This does not reflect the purchase for the tacos for the drive thru breakfast (probably around \$900) nor the funds collected from various board members at the same event. Predicted balance approximately \$5,250.
5. Communications Report – Amanda Boyd & Jude Morin
  - A. Check newsletters for new info might go out spring break week
6. Fundraising Report – Feliza Fleischer & Sarah Rodriguez
  - A. No report
7. BINGO Report – Elizabeth Quiroz
  - A. No report

## 8. Committee Reports

### A. Teacher Appreciation – Sarah Rodriguez

1. Conference Day Lunch was cancelled due to weather. Rescheduled Stone Bros Pizza to May 7 for Teacher Appreciation Week.

### B. Rodeo Breakfast Drive-Thru Brunch - held on February 28 - Brijal Patel

1. Gave 380 tacos to staff and on campus students on Friday and held the drive-thru on Sunday. Ordered 335 tacos for Sunday. Extra tacos were donated to Haven for Hope. THANK YOU to Kelly Daughety for coordinating and delivering to Haven for Hope!
2. She thinks it was pretty successful - several volunteers and families came - lots of families drove through
3. THANK YOU to Thomas Jefferson HS Lassos for coming out and performing!
4. THANK YOU to Las Chiladas for being flexible and working with us!

## 9. New Business

### A. In-School Taste of Israel

- a. Mrs. Smith approached Brianna and Brijal last Friday
- b. We had not budgeted for it because we had not done it last year
- c. The school is hoping to have something on campus during school - not sure on details
- d. Mrs. Smith asked us to provide falafel, hummus, etc. - because of other events being cancelled and coming in under budget we do have some money in the budget to give them \$500 to go towards catering - Brianna will get with Mrs. Smith again to let her know

### B. 21/22 PTO Board Nominations

- a. Slate of nominations announced by nomination committee  
President: Brianna can do it again if no one steps up  
Vice President: Brijal Patel & Monica Lizka Miller  
Secretary: Crystal Pizziminti  
Treasurer: Amber Liddell Always  
Communications Chair: Jude Morin  
Membership Chair:  
Fundraising: Valerie Fuller & Chrystal Garcia  
Bingo Chair: Elizabeth Quiroz
- b. Nominations open to floor - please email us [ekhlapto@gmail.com](mailto:ekhlapto@gmail.com) if you are interested in being on board or if you know someone who would like to be on the board
- c. Next month's meeting is the elections or approving proposed slate if all positions are unopposed
- d. What happens if no one steps up? Brianna says she can be president again info one else wants it - membership chair is new so everyone should be involved so that position could be absorbed by everyone if no one steps up - Jude could use a co-chair because Amanda might not be here next year

## 10. Unfinished Business

### A. None

## 11. Announcements

- A. Due to loss of instructional days due to the winter weather the Bike Rodeo events had to be cancelled.

B. The PTO Board voted to donate \$500 to the Excellence Luncheon as our gift to the school for 20/21.

12. Open Forum

A. None

13. Adjournment – President Brianna Eilers