

EKHLA PTO General Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2021 @ 8:30 am via Google Meet

1. Call to Order – President Brianna Eilers
2. School Representative – Q&A - Vice Principal Simran Jawanda
 - A. Chrystal - Numbers of covid cases so far? - have had cases and they are reported to TEA - not sure of exact number but it is definitely under 10 possibly around 5 - there's a website that reports it all - school reports to TEA and SA Health Dept - she will see about adding link to website
3. President's Report – Brianna Eilers
 - A. Started by Brijal due to wifi issues - Board members introduced themselves
 - B. EKHLA PTO wants to welcome everyone back on campus. We are excited and looking forward to the upcoming EKHLA PTO events this school year. Any information you need can be found at ekhalpto.com. Don't forget to join EKHLA PTO and be a part of what's going on this year!
4. Membership Report - Jess Oley & Amanda Lozano
 - A. **Thank you** to all of our new and returning members! **Your membership dues fund our programming, events, and teacher/staff appreciation!**
 - B. Super easy to join this year - \$35/family - join online at ekhlapto.com
 - C. Trying to get community feel back after last year
 - D. All levels of involvement - we will find a spot for you
 - E. Room Rep Information & Sign Up Form
 - a. Volunteer opportunity as a PTO member - on PTO website under "volunteer with us" icon - you can sign up as room rep - Red Ribbon Week - liaison between PTO and other parents in classroom - new updates and organization items and templates for this year - reach out if any questions
 - b. PTO is a great group of parents and community to join
 - c. If you've joined, get another family to join!
5. President - Brianna Eilers - fixed wifi - introduced herself - welcome to everyone and thank you for joining PTO
6. New Business - Brianna Eilers
 - A. Committee Information & Sign Up - **The PTO has event reports from previous years and Board members are always on the committees and happy to help with guidance.** (Jude will put up the link to sign up sheet in meeting comments.)
 - a. Q - Kalah - at previous school parents could come in and make copies, etc. - is that something parents can do here - so that's what the room rep could do if the teacher requests it
 - b. **Teacher/Staff Appreciation** - Ongoing - We provide a teacher/staff breakfast or lunch at the beginning of the school year, do various teacher appreciation gifts/thank yous throughout the year, provide lunch to the teachers on parent/teacher conference day, coordinate ways for the PTO and parents to show appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6), and host the End of Year Teacher Luncheon.
 - c. **Social Committee** - Ongoing - An ongoing effort to create social events to foster camaraderie at EKHLA.
 - d. **EKHLA Fun Run Fundraiser** - October 22 - assisting Mrs. Tawil with the school's fall fundraiser - has been at Hardberger Park (in the past parents could come

- and watch and cheer on as their children run laps for a donation - Mrs. Tawil needs help before, during, and after to hand out rewards)
- e. **Health Fair** - October 22 - An event during school usually held in conjunction with the Fun Run for Education. The PTO coordinates healthcare professionals to speak to the student body and obtain donations for goody bags for all students.
 - f. **Red Ribbon Week** - October 22-31 - A national anti-drug campaign. The PTO coordinates activities for the week (including a door decorating contest - teacher decides on theme, students create objects within theme for door, room reps come in Friday before to decorate door) and we have a police officer speak to the student body.
 - g. **EKHLA Hearing/Vision Screening** - September 21-24 - The PTO coordinates volunteers to help with the school's screenings. There are three timeslots/day and we need two volunteers per timeslot.
 - h. **Rodeo Breakfast** - Projected: February 8, 9, & 10 - The PTO provides a taco breakfast for EKHLA students and their families to celebrate the San Antonio Rodeo. (In the past we had it in the gym over a couple of days. Big family event. Last year w/covid we did a drive thru on a weekend.)
 - i. **Bike Rodeo & Officer Safety Talk (K-5)** - Projected: February 18 Officer & March 3 Rodeo - A police officer gives a safety talk to the student body and then students are given the opportunity to compete in the EKHLA Bike Rodeo for a chance to qualify for the City Wide Bike Rodeo. (Four events in the obstacle course - PTO volunteers to score obstacles - lots of fun for the kids)
 - j. **Talent Show** - Projected: May 27 or June 3 - An event during the school day for 3rd-8th graders to show off their talents.
 - k. **School Coordinated Field Day** - Projected: Last Week of May - The PTO coordinates volunteers for the school coordinated Field Day. It is a during school field day event for all grades. The PTO usually provides Popsicles in the afternoon for everyone. (Haven't had it in a couple of years, but will help the school if needed. Mrs. Jawanda commented that they do plan to have a Field Day this year!)
7. Treasurer's Report – Amber Liddell Always not present - read by Brianna Eilers
 - A. Current Checking balance is \$6,064.73 We have had such an increase in PTO members this year and we are so excited about what is coming up this year!
 - B. Current Savings balance is \$350.00
 8. Communications Report – Jude Morin & Eartha Powell
 - A. Expect to see a monthly newsletter sent out the last week of every month.
 - B. Please join our Facebook page: EKHLA PTO. Good place to stay updated - see meeting reminders, volunteer opportunities, etc.
 9. Fundraising Report – Chrystal Garcia & Valerie Fuller
 - A. We are in the process of planning an EKHLA Family Meet & Greet at a restaurant soon. More details to come. . .
 - B. We plan to have several small fundraisers throughout the year and one large fundraiser each semester. If you would like to sign up to be on the fundraising committee please sign up on the Chairs/Committees spreadsheet or let us know. We've done Boon Bag previously--all fundraising goes to our events and teacher appreciation. Please let us know if you'd like to join our committee.

10. BINGO Report – Elizabeth Ydrogo

- A. BINGO Hall in Seguin. As a 501c-3 not-for-profit we receive proceeds from this BINGO Hall. The school gets 90% and the PTO gets 10%. Checks are sent out quarterly. Last quarter we received \$1,000 so the school got \$900 and we got to keep \$100.

11. Committee Reports

- A. Teacher Appreciation – No Chair Yet
 - 1. **Thank you** to Brijal Patel & Chrystal Garcia for coordinating Welcome Back breakfast for teachers and staff!

12. Open Forum

- A. Kalah - Events re: covid protection? - mostly just students participating - a few things involve families - we will follow school's protocol for that - to be a part of events and volunteer you have to have to have a background check
- B. Sari - Does a previous background check work? - no, it has to be done every year
- C. Jawanda - from school standpoint re: our events - they will have to watch covid to see how everything progresses
- D. Eneyda - Thank you board! She plans to show up and volunteer.
- E. Is there a way to sponsor another family's membership? - email ekhlapto@gmail.com and we can help with cost
- F. Laura - Student directory? - PTO used to have a great printed directory - really big project because the school cannot give us the information - in the past at open house we'd have forms and Shweiki Media would donate printing for every family - so we'd like to do online, but then run into privacy concerns - if someone would like to research and coordinate that would be an awesome committee to head - room parent could start for each class and then move up
- G. Samira - daughter in kinder - If a family wants to sponsor a family's membership can that be done? - yes, just email us
- H. Samira - Do we take volunteers from healthcare providers for the Health Fair? - YES! email us
- I. Chrystal - not PTO related - Has anyone done the indoor soccer? - Enyeda did it the first year - fun for the kids - they do drills and have little games
- J. Sari - re: directory - understands privacy issues - Maybe have room rep send out? the room rep would have to have the teacher send out - we could create a private google form - maybe the teacher could send out the link - PTO will continue looking into

13. Adjournment – President Brianna Eilers

- A. We are excited for this year and hoping to do more of our annual events. We love to have in person meetings, but Google Meet might be best for covid and then people can participate from anywhere.