

EKHLA PTO General Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2022 @ 8:30 am via Google Meet

1. Call to Order – President Brianna Eilers
2. School Representative – Q&A - Kathryn Cohen
  - A. Chrystal - will they be doing field trips this year? Absolutely! Usually in April and May when the weather is better. Every grade will be doing a field trip this year! It will be changed up this year due to some places not accepting tours due to covid.
  - B. Eartha - Excellence Luncheon - student participation? - Goal and hope is to have all parents sign permission slip to have kids bussed to location to participate in show to sing - this year is honoring Mrs. Koudbi she's working part-time this year - goal is to have kids sing the songs she taught them over the years
  - C. Chrystal - next year - backyard socials - maybe do one right before school starts for incoming kindergarteners - (before covid the school hosted them - per grade level - for whole family - hoping to build community) if PTO is supervising we could do it the week before school since teachers don't come back until the 8th
  - D. Field Day this year? - probably for next year - needs to be hosted somewhere like Hardberger Park - getting busses gets so tricky near the end of the year - not sure if it will happen in its entirety this year - but they want to bring it back next year
  - E. Mrs. Cohen - sent out email last night regarding new family enrollment - ask that PTO members be cheerleaders for the school - sometimes admin member can come to event hosted by a parent for prospective parents - cautiously optimistic for a normal year - looking forward to partnering with PTO in the future
  - F. Laura de los Santos - Hebrew - For someone coming in 3rd or 4th grade how do they catch up? - some kids catch up and some don't - there are two levels of hebrew - one group is on the same level moving through Hebrew curriculum - others are started with a different curriculum - learn basics in first semester and then are hopefully folded in with others in January - maybe 60% fold in with main group - some aren't there and they continue on own pacing - then next year they are given the same opportunity to learn and fold in with main group - in middle school Hebrew is coded as high school credit - everyone takes an assessment and moved into honors Hebrew or basic Hebrew for high school credit
  - G. Mrs. Cohen - Thank you for working for EKHLA & have a wonderful spring break!
  - H. Backyard Events - maybe go later into evening
3. President's Report – Brianna Eilers
  - A. 22/23 Board nominations next month
    - a. Nominating committee (2 board members, president, 2 members) discusses who would be great for positions. Slate is presented at the April meeting. Others can add their names to the slate at the April meeting. Vote is in May.
    - b. Please reach out to us if you would like to be on the committee.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - A. Checking \$5,696.89
  - B. Savings \$350.01
  - C. 2 outstanding checks for reimbursement (\$400-\$500) and 1 check for Rodeo Breakfast prizes
5. Fundraising Report – Chrystal Garcia & Valerie Fuller

- A. EKHLA Spirit Yard Signs still available for \$20 - we'll also have yard signs available at Bike Rodeo bike dropoff/pickup
- B. Hoping to reschedule Chick-fil-A night for late March/early April
- C. Planning to do a Boon Bag fundraiser for spring
- 6. Membership Report - Jess Oley & Amanda Lozano
  - A. Membership table at Bike Rodeo - will need volunteers too
  - B. PTO Liaison positions - moving along and still figuring out how it will work in the future
- 7. Committee Reports
  - A. Teacher Appreciation – thank you to everyone who helped out with the luncheon on 2/21 - it was grab and go sandwiches from Lenny's
  - B. Bike Rodeo - March 24 - Co-chairs Brijal Patel & Brianna Eilers
    - a. All schools in San Antonio can participate. There's a safety talk then the four station competition. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for boy and girl - the first place winner is invited to the city-wide event. Brianna will send a checklist for the bikes to Jude so he can post on the website. Signup genius sent out to committee yesterday-then will go out to all pto members today or tomorrow. There are no set times-starts at 8:30 going from kinder to 5th in order. No scooters, but training wheels are allowed. Spectators are allowed this year!
    - b. March 15 - Safety Talk (Officer Mercado)
    - c. March 16 - Background checks are due for all volunteers (must be PTO members)
    - d. March 21 - Digital permission slips are due - on ekhlapto.com
    - e. March 23 3:30-5:30 pm - Bike Drop Off in gym
    - f. March 24 8:00 am-12:30 pm - Bike Rodeo Competition
    - g. March 24 3:30-5:30 pm - Bike Pickup in gym
- 8. New Business
  - A. Playground Playdates!
    - a. Organized by PTO liaisons. Need to confirm dates with Jess and school.
    - b. Dates:
      - K & 1st - March (2 dates TBD) start time around 4pm - so there aren't as many kids on campus for enrichment - hoping 4 would be a good medium for both kids who are picked up at at 3 and those picked up later
      - 2nd & 3rd - April (2 dates TBD)
      - 4th & 5th - May (2 dates TBD)
      - MS - school is planning something different for them
  - B. Israeli Day - May 6
    - a. Chair needed
    - b. Food coordination (paid for by school) - let us know if you have israeli food contacts
    - c. Volunteers needed
    - d. Israeli Shuk - past years we've set up a market - different goods - kids get fake money to purchase - this is a really fun event - Monica has reached out to the parents who have done in the past
    - e. Israeli dance performance
  - C. Talent Show - June 2 - Co-chairs Monica Lizka Miller & Marisa T
    - a. 12 or 12:30 to 2:30

- b. Participating grades TBD - in the past it was 3rd-8th graders performing for 2 minutes each - they'll meet as a committee to see if they will continue with those grades or change to 4-8 - need to see if they have a platform - sound system - etc - Brijal thinks the platform was rented - but sound system belongs to school - graduation will be following day - there is no hot lunch that day so they can adjust lunch times to fit schedule - Brijal suggests she send email to admin first

9. Announcements

A. THANK YOU to Sharon Contie, Lizette Feld, and their volunteers for organizing a teacher lunch for teacher conference day!

B. THANK YOU to Rose Kemmel & Samira Thompson for chairing Rodeo Breakfast and THANK YOU to all of the volunteers!

10. Adjournment – President Brianna Eilers