



Educational Horizons Charter School
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PTO Meeting Minutes –September 10th, 2024 6:30 pm

Dress Down passes will be given to families who attend the meeting. Volunteer hours earned for attending. Please record in the book under your family name.

Welcome – Julia Place and Megan Wood Co-Presidents

Minutes - Tanesha Wilson and Trish Symister They will be kept in the office, uploaded to webpage, and a copy sent home with the next newsletter.

Treasurers Report – Cristina Wright (Diana Hernandez transitioning out of the role). Teacher supply checks are still clearing. The total balance is now \$6,340.48. The upcoming expenses are for upcoming events. There are still a few teachers' checks to be cleared. No major expenses outside of event space cost is coming up.

Vice President's report – Alicia Savela.

- **International Food Festival** "International Peace around the world"-September 19th at Calvary Baptist Church, Melbourne FL from 6-8. It will occur at 6-8PM. Approximate attendance is around 68 based on sign up sheet. The PTO is still welcoming sign ups. It is a social. It can be used as a time to socialize and exchange phone numbers and connect. Families asked to be respectful of the venue as this is a place of worship. If someone would like to provide music, that would be helpful. If you are unable to sign up, please advise PTO and office as you can be sign up for the event. It will not be for competition purposes; it is simply a social. Participants are encouraged to come around 5:45PM, so we are all able to help to set up. Volunteers can be there at 5:00PM to assist with set up.
- **Morning Mile:** is every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 8:25am. This has been successful so far. Volunteers have been turning up consistently. PTO requesting that volunteers sign up ahead of time to give an accurate account of available assistance. Going great. Lots of volunteers so far. Kids having a great time. Reminder that drop off is at 8am no sooner as they will be unsupervised before 8am. Kids can bring their water bottles as needed since currently hot weather.
- **Clubs:** The school needs volunteers to cheer clubs for the kids. If there is anyone is interested in cheering a school club, such as Spanish club, Lego club, the PTO board would be willing to help with writing up the proposal for such. The club would be an after-school activity and the volunteer must be registered through the school board.
- **Box Tops:** The PTO is seeking a replacement for the funds earned through Amazon Smiles. Alicia Savela will be spearheading the revamping of Box Top drive. A couple things have been sent out with newsletter to download the App. PTO collected \$190 so far.
- **Vote to move the PTO meeting time to 6:00 p.m.:** Voted on changing the 6pm from 6:30pm. Vote came in at a tie. PTO decided to leave at 6:30pm for now since we did not have a unanimous yes for change.



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- **Volunteer Hours:** Ways to earn them and how to log them. Families asked to sign-up for volunteer hours to help with upcoming events. Sign-up sheets passed around during the meeting.
- **Peace Day-Celebration** on September 20th at 9:30 a.m. Students all go outside to sing and sign the peace song. This is the International Peace Day. The event will have students participate from all over the globe. Parents can come to watch if they would like. On Peace Day the daily moment of silence is extended
- **Charities and Sharing** - As the holiday season approaches, so is our season of giving. EHCS and Country Day will host a **Coin Drive** in November 4th to 15th and **Food Drive December** 9th- 19th.
- **Red Ribbon Week**-Celebrated October 23-31st Decorate with red, contest and prizes

Principal's report – Paul Galloway

- **Water Machine solution.** School decided to rent instead of purchasing the machine. PTO will cover part of the monthly rental fee and the school will pay the difference. Machine will be installed next Tuesday 17th. The monthly cost is \$110. PTO agreed to pay a portion of the monthly fees.
- **Art to Remember:** Explained by Coach Melvin reviewed the project. He is managing this project with the kids. Parents and families can order the kids art work as a keepsake. Very special to the kids and families. If parents do not like the art done at school, they can always do art at home and upload it to the website.
- **Timeline-24th of October:** Timeline – October 24th at Calvary Baptist Church 2980 N Wickham Rd 6-8pm- Mrs. Murphy explained the event. Timeline is our way of celebrating Fall. Students have to select a historian figure and talk about their contribution in history. Kids will be lined up in historical order.

The parents' job is to assist kids to choose a figure who has contributed positively to history. Students can only select person (no animal, place, or thing). Once a historian is selected by one child they cannot be chosen by another. Parents are encouraged to think outside of the box. Encourage kids to stay away from birth and death dates, instead they should talk about specifically the date that they made their contribution to history.

Kindergarten will begin with a patriotic song- will not have to choose a figure. Younger kids will have a couple sentences and content increases with grade up to a paragraph for the 6th grade. It could be a member of the family if they contributed to history. Please keep religious and political views out of it. This should be an inclusive and fun event. Keep it short and fun. Students will have the opportunity to practice at school. Parents are asked to assist students with practice at home. The 4th graders figure must have a connection with Florida.

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Murphy:

- **Kindergarteners:** Studying Asia, what is a Scientist and doing Star testing.



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- **1st and 2nd Grade:** Learning about the 5 senses, experimenting with them and doing STAR testing. Social studies they are learning about the continents, as well as laws and rules that govern society.
- **3rd Grade:** Learning about test evidence, subtraction and scientific measurements.
- **4th Grade:** In Math they are reviewing fractions and full numbers. For Social Studies the class is learning about physical geography and maps. In Science they are learning about Data, graphs, and engineering design processes.
- **5th and 6th Grade:** Preparing for the Science Fair. Will be sending home information with students and time line to complete. Starting researching topics for fair and working towards the final project.

Concerns and Comments:

- One parent questions mosquito bite on child. Principal shared that the school has a large retention pond behind the school and the school recently did a mosquito bombing/spraying to treat the area. With all the heavy rain there has been more pooling of water than normal which promotes the breeding of mosquitoes but this has been recently addressed by the city of Melbourne.
- Center lane turning into the school. Parents encouraged to turn around and make right turn onto the school versus trying to turn left. This option is safer and less risk for accidents. Parents asked if the school could make this mandatory option; however, Mr. Galloway shared that the school did not have that authority since the roads are considered public domain and all laws are governed by the city of Melbourne. Parents were strongly encouraged to choose the right turn option into the school as a best practice versus attempting to turn left into the school during drop off and pick-up times.

Next PTO will be October 1, 2024 6:30 Tuesday