



PTO Meeting Notes January 13th, 2026 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.

Meeting called to order at 6:43pm

Welcome – President – Julia Place

- Everyone remember to sign in to the meeting and also remember to sign up to volunteer, we are still seeking volunteers.
- We are seeking a new co-president to finish out the school year and lead next school year. Julia has been in this position for 3 years

Minutes –Secretaries - Nicole Savage and Trish Symister. Minutes are kept in the office, uploaded to the webpage, and a copy is sent with the newsletter.

Treasurers Report – Ariana Gonzalez - balance as of 1/6/26 \$10,997.49.

- Current balance is the same.

Vice President's report - Alicia Savela and Katie Curtis

- Student and Teacher survey results on proposed uses of fundraising dollars.
- Student Survey Results
 - Community Garden 54%
 - Students could cook with herbs and vegetables
 - We do not have a garden, kindergarten created an outdoor classroom last year but not a garden.
 - Art Display 24%
 - Improvements on Room 10, 22%
 - Write ins: Playground equipment, balls, hula hoops, soccer nets
 - PTO board has approved minor projects/purchases - staff walkie-talkies, new classroom maps, update staff paper cutter, and carpet cleaning
 - PTO board will also purchase balls, hula hoops and outdoor shed to keep equipment in
- Teacher Survey Results:
 - Intervention curriculum (must be approved curriculum from state)
 - School currently has both iReady in Math and Reading
 - Miss Parker suggested getting Lexia trial for students in need from Kinder to 6th, to try it out since it is very expensive. Rough estimate is \$7,500; however, it does fit the school's needs. It offers progress monitoring, teaching recipes, good benefits, and adjustable lessons.
 - Lexia is more interactive and sufficient but needs an additional math layer.
 - The school currently has Alek, which was purchased for 5 years during Covid It does have teacher intervention but is not as robust

as iReady. Student intervention and gifted school offer enrichment in both.

- We have 2 more fundraisers which should increase the PTO budget. PTO put to vote to pay/subsidize purchase of intervention curriculum, everyone approved but there still needs to be more research done. More research can be done through focus groups, we will speak more about this in the future.
- Mulch for Campus Clean-up was donated by Dixie Landscape in partnership with Lennar! Thank you!
 - 300 bags were donated
- Yearbook Pre-order is available- Class group photos will be taken Jan 14th. Students are required to be in uniform.
- Volunteers for Literacy Week Night at the library are needed. Please reach out to PTO or the office if you would like to assist.
- Jog-a-Thon: Pledge forms will be going home in February. Seeking volunteers to make a balloon arch, make posters, hang posters, cheer on the students, count sticks, and count funds.

Teacher's Report- Jessica Jefferson

Each grade is studying the following topics below:

1st grade- Animals, 2-and-3-dimensional figures, writing sentences, punctuations, subtractions and expressing feelings

2nd grade: Environment, Earth changes, 2 step word problems and the impact of immigration

3rd and 4th grade- both grades are preparing for Science Fair, studying multiplication, division, multiple digit divisions, map skills, types of matter

5th and 6th grade- also preparing for Science Fair while studying fractions, American History, ratios, World History and Expository and Argumentative Writing.

Principal's Report - Paul Galloway and Josephine Parker

- **Science Fair-** students need to practice their presentation over the long weekend. Judges are all in place to go. Students did well last year and our school is hoping for great results this year.
- **Mobile Library-** a bus that comes to the school. It was a great success and lots of fun for the kids. This event takes place on Monday, Jan 12th. It is a STEM activity geared towards the 6th graders.
- **Clubs-** Critter Club is up and running- Last time students saw a snake, turtle and were taught about reptiles. This month will be an aquatic experience for kindergarteners. Chess Club will start soon. The number of participants is limited to only 10, unfortunately.
- **Third grade portfolios-** Third graders portfolio test can be retaken for quarters 1 and 2. Third and fourth quarters benchmark tests can't be retaken. The portfolio and the BEST will be used to determine eligibility for promotion to the next grade.

- **Art on Display-** Parents are encouraged to stop by the Melbourne Mall to see art from students for display. It will be there until January 24th. It is by the Dicks Sporting Goods store.
- Facebook- stay tuned for Facebook posts- on the EHCS official page. The correct page has a manatee and is on a blue background.
- **Literacy Week-** will be the last week of January. The theme is red, white, and blue. Students will note how long they read during the week. A flyer will be sent out with more details.
- **Applications for 2026-2027-** applications for returning students are due on February 6th. This is needed before the lottery. If your family has not made a decision to whether or not your students will return, please submit an application.
- **Campus Clean Up-** This will be held on Saturday, January 24th. Volunteers are needed to lay mulch, trim trees and edges. A Sign-Up Genius will be released. Only older kids are welcomed- 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Everything starts at 8:30AM until about 1pm.
- Testing- Star Reading- k, 1st and 2nd- 94.9 proficiency; Star Early literary (K, and 1st) – 90.3 and Star Math- 89.7% proficiency

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM.

Concerns and Comments:

See you at the next meeting February 10, 2026 @6:30 pm