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Notes: PTO Meeting Agenda August 18, 2026 6:30

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 – President – Julia Place *Called meeting to order at 6:35*
Starting with Teacher intros
Galloway- introduce you to our teachers
Ms. Ye- para professional- rm 2 4th grade, with Mr. Rosales, Ms. Ye said-"every child is unique, special and capable of hard work." Goals- Create a happy room, safe to make mistakes. Montessori quote- Help me to do it myself. Learn responsibility. Her child is a student in the room
Ms. Murphy-1st and 2nd rm 8. Been here over 20 years. 17yrs in this age. Love this school. Started with daycares. Loves small community and montessori method and has montessori certifications.
Iris Gonzalez- reading writing- 12 years teaching. PreK-2nd. has 3 children. 2 of her children are at country day and 1 in 1st grade. She speaks Spanish
Lisa Eiben- 5th and 6th grade lead teacher, science fair coordinator. Science person. 5 yrs. Background in bio and nursing.
Acopian- new at EHCS this year, teaching over 20 years. Loves it here. Welcoming environment. Language arts and social studies. Fun Fact! collects shells and sea glass. Has 2 older children
K Herbert- computer instructor. K-6. 16 years experience. After care coordinator. Loves it here. Great school and loves smallness
K Jenkins- 3rd grade rm 6. English Language Arts Ed and social studies. 1st year here. Enjoying so far. Very supportive. 14 yrs of teacher. Loves to travel
Catia Lopes-Badiglian "MS. B"- kindergarten paraprofessional and does art k-6. Been here 3 years. Does the best every day to make sure kids are learning and safe and happy
Ms Chartier- official name change from last year. Rm 7 1st and 2nd grade math and science teacher. Has theater background.
Ms. Josephine 2nd year here in rm 7. 20 years teaching. Bachelors degree in ed and psych. Ed chose her. Fell in love with education. Bilingual. Likes Sewing

Ms. Kat - front desk area/student services coordinator. Just started in summer. Been around ed 14 years. This is the first time with a larger scale population. Loves the staff. Excited for school year. Military brat born in uk
Mr. Luis Rosales- 7th year teaching. Was at Odyssey. Past with montessori philosophy. 3 year kinder . was in Wyoming previously. Happy to be in a classroom where parents show up. Public school parents didn't show. Community here is very special. From Ca - used to roller blade a lot. Grad of UCF
Ms Parker is introducing Ms. Wise- unavailable to attend this meeting due to a previous commitment- 3rd grade math science. Past experience- substitute and k-5, taught GED course and automotive, High School social studies teacher. Attended EHCS as a student 1-3 grades. "I love dolphins and had a chance to see them over the summer. Excited to work in class this year."
Ms. Lujan- unavailable to attend meeting- family emergency. Kindergarten teacher

Teachers were dismissed from meeting.

- PTO Board Member Introductions
- *Announcements- sign-in to earn volunteer hours for attending meeting, children may sit together while quiet- sit with parents if it gets too loud. Be sure to collect the dress down pass for attending.*
    Julia Place- 6 years at EHCS, 3 yrs as PTO board Prez, 2 students enrolled at the school. Will not be continuing on the board this year. Seeking replacement
    Katie Curtis- current Vice Pres. 1 year on the board. It was a great place to make friends. Has a 2nd grader and a student at Country Day
    Ariana Gonzalea- Has a 2nd grader and child at Country Day. Made great connections and friends while on the board as the treasurer. Has been on board one year and will not be continuing.
    No current secretary- Meeting notes today will be taken by Julia Place
- New Class Room Rep Role- 2 parents from each room
  New reps introduced themselves. Zandrea Bassford and Stephanie Patten Room 8, Amanda Yeagley room 7- other rep Kayle Noseng, Kathleen Marleneanu and Vera Shafir room 6, Kat Braverman Room 4, Marcella room 2 and Jenn Choy Liu (not in attendance- out of the country), Room 1 was not in attendance- Cat Rivenes and Diana Hernandez. These parents will be helping facilitate communication in their classrooms and lead others to volunteer opportunities. They are an extension of the PTO and there to help. Each classroom will have it's own chat group- please scan qr code at the end of the meeting to join your class group in Whatsapp. Links to Whatsapp groups will be emailed later in the week.

Minutes –Secretary - Open Position- Minutes are kept in the office, uploaded to the webpage, and a copy is sent with the newsletter. *Presented by Julia Place*
Treasurers Report – Ariana Gonzalez balance as of 8/14 $7,546.14 Current $_____

-pending expenses

pending expenses for sam's club pool party food and beverage. Waiting for teacher's stipend checks to clear in the amount of $1125

Vice President's report - Katie Curtis

- *Thank you for coming to the pool party*
- Upcoming Events
    - The Read-a-Thon - envelopes will be sent home in Sept. Dates: 9/18-9/28. Envelopes due 10/5 *last year we raise nearly $8,500. it will be a 10 day long event. We will share 99pledges donation site info and envelopes- tracking minutes and donations with the envelope. Great way to start the school year with reading.*
    - International Food Festival- sign-up genius will be available Event at Eau Gallie Civic Center 9/17 *Thursday 6-8 this is potluck style event. Bring a dish from your culture or something you love. The sign-up genius will come out in sept newsletter*
- Creating Clubs
    - Zandrea Bassford- Start of Morning Mile Tue/Thur 8am (no early drop off) Starting in Sept- April *flyer with details about the rules and expectations. Tue reg walking and running and thurs bubbles and obstacle course. Extra sticks for kindness and completing obstacle course. Encourage kindness.*
    - *Chess club- Mr. Williams father of a 1st grader. 3rd-6th will be included in the club. dates and times will announced soon.*
    - *Ms. Parker will start a new club as well. Perhaps lego or writing*
    - *Building community with clubs- club idea sign-up sheets were passed around.*

    - Volunteers to lead other groups
        - Sign-up sheets
- Join the PTO board
    - Please let us know if you are considering a position on the board. All interested individuals need to communicate their interest to the board by Friday Aug 21st. Voting will take place at our next PTO meeting Sep 8th.
    - *A book has been created to help guide new board members through their responsibilities.*
    - *Not so much pressure by having classroom reps. to help spread information with families faster.*

    - *Current members still have students at the school and can help answer other questions.*
- Raffle drawing from Meet the Teacher

Three winners were drawn. Entries were from visiting the PTO table at the Meet the Teacher event on 8/7. Winners received 1 extra volunteer hour and one dress down pass. Winning families were all in attendance to receive the dress down passes.

Principal's Report - Paul Galloway and Josephine Parker

- Teacher Introductions *previously introduced.*
- FortifyFL & Bully Link *Students had a visit to discuss bullying and harassment with Mr. Galloway. FortifyFL is a reporting system. Requirement of county for all to know what it is. Sends message to emergency services. "Push for an important emergency."*
  Galloway did a Demo with students about washing hands. Showing how to do it right vs wrong.
  He also introduced the serious subject of inappropriate touches and reporting that to parents or admin or teacher. He said we have a great bunch of kids
- Car Line Procedures *Mrs. Parker has established a new carline procedure. Main goal- Keeping students safe. Students go straight to class- not on benches in the morning. Having additional literacy opps. North bound carloop only. New light is mostly working. WMPD is putting lights on vehicles to help slow down traffic.*
  No lefts- not to be an inconvenience and that it's a safer environment. Being aware of e-bikes and ped. Please do not turn left. "Right on right off."
  Student concern was voiced- Question about u-turn safety. Answer-People should make a safe choice to do the u-turn in a good place.
  When the police come and ask for video footage they will share our camera's view of the road and let the police know that the school is saying right on right off. Galloway has shared accident video with police from school security footage. Be sure to come to a complete stop at the sign. Ebike users and peds are not watching every time. No digital devices in the carloop is an Enforceable law! Police are watching for this. The carloop line starts on the road. Spread the word, make sure everyone knows that this is how the line will be run. Questions or anything you think will add to efficiency please bring to Mrs. Parker.
  Parent comment- best the carloop has been in the past 5 years. Nothing but praise about the carline. This is stellar. It's going well. Thank you for taking our feedback and making something better out of it.
  Additional Admin comment- A motorcycle officer will be coming by to help enforce.

- Attendance- *incredibly important to be here at school .10 absences 1st half and 10 second half. Let the school know. communicate ! (all absences count toward 10- even medical.)*
- *Parent question- what about truncey- Galloway “truancy doesn’t work with charters.”*
- *Ms. Wise details will be sent soon- parents had not received her name or details prior to today. She started last week.*
- *Will there be tutoring this year?- yes- identify students in need and then start the tutoring recs on tuesdays*

Reminders- ehcs keyword 6501 picture day is tomorrow
Dress down for picture day- order any time. Orders after tomorrow will be sent to your home.
After this meeting the updated room 5/10 will be open to walk through. PTO board and pto families had worked this summer within the budget to update the rooms.
A thank you note from the teachers for the new work room was read. lunch and conference space is looking good

Concerns and Comments:
Meeting dismissed 7:45

See you September 8, 2026 6:30 pm