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PTO Meeting Agenda Sept 8 @6:30

Start: 6:38 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 – President – Julia Place *Reminder: Sign in to the volunteer log. Attendance counts toward the mandatory 10 volunteer hours for the school year. This was Julia Place's last meeting serving as PTO President.*

Minutes –Secretary - no current secretary- minutes to be kept by Lexus Martin. 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 9/2/26 $6,743

Current balance *$6,593.11; the majority of teacher stipends have been cashed.*

Vice-President's report -Katie Curtis

- Up Coming Events:
  - International Food Festival: Sept 17th 6-8. Be sure to sign-up to bring a dish! *Next Thursday at the Eau Gallie Civic Center. A SignUpGenius is available for volunteers and individuals bringing dishes. Volunteer opportunities are available from 5:30–6:00 p.m. (setup), 6:00–8:00 p.m. (event), and 8:00–8:30 p.m. (cleanup). Volunteers are still needed. Please check Mr. Galloway's email for the link.*
    https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAFA72AA4FCC25-65348292-ehcs#/
    Please help clean at the end!
    https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAFA72AA4FCC25-65349181-international
  - Read-a-Thon- Sept 18-28- Packets going home soon! *Packets will be coming home next Friday (9/18)*
- Clubs
  - Morning Miles Started- sign-up to volunteer *Reminder: Volunteer opportunities are available. Please try to avoid the loop until 8:00 a.m. or relocate out of the way, as this is when Country Day arrival takes place.*
    - https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0848ACAF2CA7FF

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- Club Updates (Ms. Parker)
  - *October 1 – Chess Club: Mr. William will begin the Chess Club, which will meet one to two times per month on various dates throughout the year. The Chess Club is open to older students.*
  - *Yearbook Club: Mrs. Place will be directing the club. She has purchased refurbished phones to take photos, and fifth- and sixth-grade students have received permission slips for the club.*

These clubs provide great opportunities for children to find their niche and gain experience they can use in middle and high school.

Note: Additional ideas for clubs and startups are welcome. Please direct any questions or suggestions to Ms. Parker.

Julia Place- Volunteers to replace current board members and call to vote.

Secretary: Lexus Martin (Majority: Yes)

Treasurer: Martha Williams (Bookkeeping Experience) (Majority: Yes)

Vice President: Kaitlin Cantees (Majority: Yes)

Vice Co-President: Kat Braverman (Majority: Yes)

President: [Open Seat Remains]. Roles include, but are not limited to, recording information, maintaining historical records of prior meetings, serving as the lead coordinator for events, calling meetings to order, and adjourning meetings.

An email regarding the open PTO positions was sent out Monday. The email included information about the roles and responsibilities within the organization, how they contribute to the school, and the potential impact of not having the organization.

Changing signers on TD Bank account to add Martha Williams and Kaitlin Cantees

Teacher's Report- Sarah Chartier *Room 7 (About Her: First- and Second-Grade Teacher): Originally from North Carolina and a graduate of East Carolina University. She majored in drama as an undergraduate and comes from a family of teachers.*

- Kindergarten - 2nd:
  - Reading: Letter names and sounds, Sight Words, Early Comprehension
  - Math: Number Fluency with tens and ones within 100 and 1,000
- 3rd and 4th:
  - Reading: Comprehension, Decoding, and Handwriting
  - Math: Review of addition subtraction within 1,000 and

different strategies for number fluency

- 5th and 6th:
  - Reading: Informal reading and finding evidence
  - Math: Decimals and Long Division
  - Science: Cause and Effect, Learning how to use

***Important Events**: Read-a-thon, WhatsApp for connection with room parents.*

***Room 7 Highlights:** Patient and working well together, Kind and a willingness to help, Students are showing their work and practicing quality work, Student goals to finish their work plans.*

***Positive Quotes:** Children thanks Mrs. Oliveras and Mrs. Chartier about helping them learn*

Principal's Report - Paul Galloway

- Progress Monitor Testing (K-2) 9/9 Grade:*KG Star Early Literacy Test. First- and second-grade students will take the Star Early Reading Test. This is new for first-grade students this year. Please ensure students get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. Math testing will take place on 9/15 (next Tuesday).*
- Reunification Drill - emergency practice *9/10 – Mirrors what happens after a catastrophic event occurs on campus and how students are returned to their parents. The drill also allows for observation of the Action Plan and how teachers communicate and implement their individual roles.*
- Substitutes needed *Only one substitute is currently available. Contact Mr. Galloway for more information.*
- Sales Tax and Surtax *Election year for both the Sales Tax and Surtax. Both are already in place and are up for renewal. Potential losses if they are not passed include funding for the mortgage, supplies, and other amenities purchased for students. Without this funding, the school may be forced to move to a one-teacher model. Additional information will be available. The election will take place in November.*
- Interims on the 18th *Please reach out to teachers to schedule any necessary conferences. For new parents: Interims are not final grades. Similar to a progress report, they depict where students currently stand as a midway checkpoint between report cards.*

Grading Scale: Non-Letter (K-2), (3+ Letter Grade)

- Sing Peace Day 18th *Goal: For everyone around the world to hear the song and promote and create peace. Everyone is invited to come and sing in the car loop at approximately 9:00 a.m. (similar to Spirit Day time). "Light a Candle for Peace" is available on YouTube for those who would like to practice at home. Hand gestures are also incorporated into the performance.*
- Picture Retakes on the 23rd *On this day, all students may dress down.*
- Timeline Oct 22nd, 6-8 pm *Signature EHCS event and Halloween alternative. Each student chooses a positive or influential historical figure, conducts research, and gives a*

speech. The event will take place at Calvary Baptist Church and includes a stage performance. Students are required to attend as part of the curriculum. Makeup opportunities are available; however, a presentation will still be required.

Concerns and Comments:

Ms. Parker: The Henselder's donation of stuffed manatee animal for our Positive Behavior Intervention Support Team Manatee Naming Contest (not homework or graded):

Creativity Event: Create a handwritten story about the EHCS manatee.

Components (these can be mentioned creatively):

1. *The manatee's name*
2. *Where the manatee came from*
3. *Why the manatee has come to learn at EHCS*
4. *Handwritten story submission (not typed)*

Award: Winner(s) will receive a writing award and host the manatee in their classroom until the next Spirit Day. Entries are due by September 23. Students may collaborate with other students as long as the effort is equally shared.

Dr. Thorson: Playground Surface Renovations: Options for turf on the playground were discussed. Samples are available to view. A possible committee or subcommittee may be formed to review the samples and assist with decision-making. There is currently no designated start or implementation date.

Grant opportunities were brought to our attention by John Holton regarding safety and security, primarily through the WMPD. The project is hopefully expected to be completed by May. Requirements may include a vulnerability report and endorsements from organizations in the area that support the project, such as WMPD, BCSO, and BPS. Dr. Scholls has another grant idea that Dr. Thorson will investigate further. The area to be covered is approximately 7,800 square feet. Important factors in the decision-making process include parts and labor, materials, environmental impacts, long-term or recurring maintenance costs, and required maintenance.

QR Code for Classroom WhatsAPP

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38pm

See you at the next meeting Oct 13* (**Date Correction)** @6:30