

Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting

April 3, 2024

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the East Moriches Middle School.

**PTO Board Attendees**: Co-President – Melissa Davis; Vice-President – Lauren Otto; Secretary - Maureen LaRocca; Treasurer – Trish Specht

**PTO Guest Attendees:** The PTO Teacher Rep, Mrs. Steuerwald, was present.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 pm. Melissa Davis welcomed everyone.

**Minutes:** The March 2024 Meeting Minutes were dispensed, and members reviewed them. The Minutes are also available online at <https://empto.org>. A motion to approve the March 2024 minutes was made by Mrs. Steuerwald and seconded by Olivia Ruddick.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Trish Specht read the Treasurer’s report.

**Events/Fundraisers Updates:**

1. Completed:
   1. Kindergarten Bingo: was 3/7. Tina Quaglino chaired. Tina reported that it was a great night. She also got smaller prizes to give to students who won twice.
   2. M.S. Dodgeball Tournament: was Thursday, March 14. The chairperson was Maureen LaRocca. Trish Specht coordinated the concessions. The event was terrific. The PTO Board and the Middle School principal collaborated on the formation of teams. There was a lot of positive parent feedback doing it this way (rather than students choosing their own teams).
   3. M.S. Bake Sale/Cupcake Wars: was March 18. Melissa Webster and Lauren Otto chaired. It was successful, but there were not enough entries. Karen Lee manned the popcorn machine. Next year, we need to ask for more donated baked goods from families who aren’t participating in the contest.
   4. Frost Valley Grab and Go Breakfast: was 3/20. A quick breakfast was provided for the 7th graders as they embarked on their journey to Frost Valley. Each student was also gifted an EMO Eagles cap from the PTO. Melissa Davis was chairperson.
   5. 1st & 2nd Grades Bingo: was 3/21. Kristin Glynn was chairperson.
2. Ongoing or Upcoming Business:
   1. Nominations for Board Positions:
      1. President: Melissa Davis is the only nominee.
      2. Recording Secretary: Olivia Ruddick is a possible nominee.
      3. Corresponding Secretary: Maureen LaRocca is the only nominee.
   2. Autism Awareness Month: Launches on 4/2 with a Spirit Week. Hope Kaufman is co-chairing with Will Krammer. Each day, the theme will be connected to facts about Autism (tie-dye day, pajama day, etc.) Students will decorate puzzle pieces to decorate the cafeteria wall. See email for more information. Donations raised will be given to the Nassau Suffolk Autism Society of America.
   3. Washington DC Trip Grab and Go Breakfast: is April 16 starting at 6 am. Melissa Davis is chairperson. 8th graders will be provided with a quick bagel and water breakfast before embarking on their trip. Melissa will order the bagels and Mr. Montpetit will pick them up.
   4. ES Spring Pictures: 4/17: Tina Quaglino and Olivia Ruddick will be there to help kids be camera ready.
   5. 3rd & 4th Grade Bingo: is scheduled for April 18. Lauren Otto and Melissa Davis will co-chair.
   6. 6th Grade Bingo: Tina Balzano volunteered to be the chairperson. She will speak with Mr. Holl about setting up a date.
   7. Camp Paquatuck Scholarship: The PTO is sponsoring an East Moriches first grader with special needs to attend one week of camp (in addition to a parental financial contribution.) Hope Kaufman is chairperson.
3. New Business:
   1. ES 2nd Grade Paint Night: is 4/30. Lauren Otto is chairperson. Artist Teresa came to present her program. We decided to go with an Insects theme since it correlates to the 2nd grade curriculum. It will cost us $10 per painter includes canvasses, paints, brushes and a 1 hour guided art lesson. We expect about 30-50 students. Parents will be invited to enjoy coffee in the lobby. Goodie bags will be provided with paint kit will be provided.
   2. E.S./M.S. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. We need volunteers and creative ideas. There will be different goodies for the teachers and staff everyday, like raffles, scratch-offs, lunch, etc.
   3. Mother’s Day Plant Sale: Thursday & Friday, May 9th & 10th. Lauren Otto is chairperson. Volunteers needed. Melissa Davis and Tina Quaglino volunteered.
   4. Kindergarten Orientation: May 15th. PTO is providing “Class of …..” EMO Eagle T-shirts for all incoming Kindergarteners. Melissa will check with Mr. Schneyer on the extent of PTO involvement during check-in.
   5. MS NJHS Induction Ceremony Refreshments: 5/16 @ 7:00 pm. Chairperson needed.
   6. 8th Grade Dance Decorations: 6/14. Danielle Munsch is chairperson.
   7. High School Scholarships: The PTO gives 3 scholarships to deserving high school seniors, one senior from each feeder high school.
   8. Chairpersons still needed for these June events:
      1. 4th Grade Moving -Up Ceremony Decorations and Refreshments on 6/24 (morning): we need 3rd grade parents to volunteer.
      2. 8th Grade Graduation Decorations and Refreshments on 6/24 (evening): we need 7th grade parents to volunteer.

There being no further business, Olivia Ruddick motioned to adjourn, and Tina Quaglino seconded the motion. The PTO meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

The next P.T.O. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Middle School.