



Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting
May 14th, 2025

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the East Moriches Elementary School.

PTO Board Attendees: Vice-President - Lauren Otto; Corresponding Secretary- Maureen LaRocca, Recording Secretary- Alexis Heinz; Treasurer- Trish Specht

PTO Guest Attendees: Mr. Schneyer, Elementary School Principal, was present; as well as PTO Teacher Rep Mrs. Percoco, Dean Middleman

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 pm. Lauren welcomed everyone.

Minutes: The April 2025 Meeting Minutes were dispensed, and members reviewed them. The Minutes are also available online at <https://empto.org>. A motion to approve April 2025 minutes was made by Mrs. Steuerwald and seconded by Mrs. Percoco.

Dean Middleman went over the proposed budget for the vote on May 20th, 2025

Treasurer's Report: Trish Specht read the Treasurer's report.

Events/Fundraisers Updates:

a. **Completed:**

- i. **Teacher Appreciation Week:** 5/5 through 5/9; Teachers loved the theme, and we had great feedback. We also received so many donations! Thank you!
- ii. **Mother's Day Plant Sale:** 5/8 & 5/9, Raised over \$600. Karen Lee was an amazing help at the M.S. During the sale at the E.S. we had to run out and purchase more plants.
- iii. **2nd Grade Paint Night:** Chaired by Lauren Otto & Alexis Heinz, the night was great. We had over 40 2nd graders show up to paint!
- iv. **Kindergarten Orientation: May 14th 9:45 AM-** Went super smooth and the incoming kids are so excited! The parents loved the shirts!
- v. **Spiritwear:** Website is live! - A request was made to send out another email blast! Sales are at about \$2,000.

b. **Ongoing or Upcoming Business:**

- i. **Field Day Tshirts-** Trish Specht- will be ready on Thursday 5/15. They will be sorted and distributed before third grades field trip on June 3rd.
- ii. **Spring 2025 Elections- Nomination Committee-** Lauren Otto was voted in as Vice President and Trish Specht was voted in as Treasurer.
- iii. **Budgeting/ Auditing Committee-** The vote on 2025- 2026 Proposed School Year Budget passed

- iv. **Recess Activity Program**- The vote on Mr. Montpetit proposal to use funds from the AMA account for turf at the E.S. for the Gaga Pit and 4 New Swings passed.
- v. **Artist Fair Night**- Jess is trying to get in contact with the art teacher to get something in place for next school year.
- vi. **GOAT- customized Spiritwear fundraiser**- Lauren is organizing this. The next step is a zoom meeting with Lauren, both principals and the rep from GOAT.
- vii. **MS NJHS Inductions: May 15th** Maureen is getting a cake for after the ceremony
- viii. **MS Fun Fair & Field Day: June 6th**, Volunteers for watermelon are needed for each grade. A sign up will be going out soon.
- ix. **Fundraising Ideas**: 2025- 2026 school year- Basket Auction Update- We are looking into cost effective options. More information to come. Possibly leaning towards Top Golf. Lauren proposed a school supply kit fundraiser. She is sending the details over to the principals. Alexis spoke on looking into options for an East Moriches Community Card. More to come.
- x. **Scope & Field Day**- Mr. Schneyer needs a quote, Mr. Montpetit suggested the AMA account to help donate to Mr. Softee. Scope will not be participating in Fun Fair. They will have their own special field day during the school day. The PTO will provide ice pops for them at the end of the day.

c. **New Business:**

- i. **MS 8th Grade Formal**- 6/13 Need a chairperson, volunteers needed for decorations. There are many decorations left over from last year that can be used.
- ii. **ES Fun Fair & Field Day**- 6/20- Sign ups will be going out soon
- iii. **4th Grade Yearbook Signing**- 6/24, Lauren Otto chairing, will be getting mini bagels for breakfast
- iv. **Moving Up Ceremony**- 6/25, for 4th grade- Alexis & Maureen volunteered for the cake table
- v. **Graduation**- 6/25, for 8th grade- Volunteers needed for set up/breakdown- We need volunteers for the cake table
- vi. Deirdre Lorincz brought up concerns with Yearbook Committee. She would like the process to be discussed to help for next year.

There being no further business, Mrs. Steuerwald motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Schneyer seconded the motion. The PTO meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Questions and/or Comments: Please keep comments or questions to under 3 minutes.

Next PTO Meeting is scheduled for June 11th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm at the Middle School.