

**EBELING ELEMENTARY
PTA MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm with 22 people in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

- The meeting started with introduction of all parents and staff
- The May 2016 Meeting Minutes were approved by Meredith Navaroli and seconded by Leslie Sebastian.
- The Financial Statement as of 8/31/2016 were approved by Sandi Schuster and seconded by Meredith Navaroli.
- Back to School Picnic was held on September 16th. It was a beautiful night, thank you to all families who volunteered their time. All expenses are not in yet, looks like we made around \$2,800. Pictures from the photo booth still need to be printed off and distributed to the students. The current chairpersons of this event will be putting it on for one more year, but we are looking for individuals to take over. A succession plan needs to be put into place.
- Jersey Mike's fundraiser from June 2016 earned \$1,100.

NEW BUSINESS

- Look for a flyer coming out in October to start planning Phase II on improvements to Ebeling's Playground. Looking for individuals to help chair and run this committee. In years past the PTA has installed the kindergarten playground, soccer nets and new basketball nets.
- Reimbursements: If you chair an event or purchase something for the PTA, please pick up a reimbursement form outside of the school office. Fill it out and include original receipts and turn it in to the office. The office staff will put it in the PTA mailbox. Any questions please call an officer.
- Jersey Mikes Fall fundraiser will run from September 28th through October 2nd. The school is able to run this fundraiser 2x a year.
- Our first rink night will be on Thursday, October 13th from 6-8 pm. Cost is \$7 per person, plus \$2 if you need to rent skates.
- Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday October 28th. Space is limited so sign up early if you want to attend. Look for the flyers to come home soon.
- The 6th grade teachers have agreed to host the Election Day Bake Sale in order to raise funds for 6th grade graduation. 6th grade parents are needed to run the event. The bake sale will take place on Tuesday, November 8th. All families are welcomed to donate baked goods. Look for a flyer when the time is closer.
- We are continuing our Scripps Gift Card program. This is a program that earns money for the school by purchasing gift cards for yourself to use. There is no cost to the Ebeling Families. Check out the Friday Flyers or the Eagle News for how to sign up for Scripps. All orders are processed on the 7th of each month.
- Spiritwear order forms have been sent out. Orders are due October 4th. Once received we will place our order.
- Continue to save your box tops. Each box top is worth 10 cents. This is free money for the school. Last year we collected \$2,400 in box tops. This year there is an app for your phone. Remember to download the Box Top App.
- Budget:

- A motion to move \$200 out of Campbell's Labels for Education to Aunt Millie's School Spirit Allocation. The Campbell's program ended. Mrs. Baur approved, and Meredith Navaroli seconded the motion.
- A motion to increase Math Olympiad to \$120 was made in order to cover the increased cost of the registration fee. Mrs. Schlitt approved * Meredith Navaroli seconded.
- A receipt from 2015-2016 6th Grade Graduation in the amount of \$42.34 was turned in. Money was left over from last year. Meredith Navaroli approved and Leslie Sebastian seconded.

STAFF UPDATES

Mrs. Bailey

- Ebeling's #1 way of communication is through email. Important school information is communicated through our Friday Flyers, and on the 1st Friday of each month our Eagle News. If we don't have a good email address for your family, please stop by the office.
- Each year our school is required by the State of Michigan to develop a School Improvement Plan carried out over 3-5 years. Goals, strategies and activities are developed based on student progress in each core curriculum subject. This year's plan has been submitted to the state and implemented at school. As it is a continuous cycle, we will continue to evaluate our progress towards these goals and increased student achievement.
- As Bob Monroe mentioned at Curriculum Night, Utica Community Schools are underfunded compared to other districts. There will be an informational meeting on October 19th at Henry Ford II, in the Performing Arts Center, to find out what we can do as a district & individuals to help correct this deficit. Mrs. Bailey would like to put together a committee of 4-5 individuals that would like to represent Ebeling Elementary. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Bailey.
- New this year: We will use Sign-Up Genius to schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be on November 15th and November 17th.
- Fun Day is Friday, October 21, 2016. This is Ebeling's **ONLY** fundraiser ran by the school, all of the other fundraisers are sponsored by the PTA. 100% of all money raised goes directly to the school. Our goal for this year is \$20,000, which is about \$35 per student. Change Wars will occur again this year. The money raised will pay for field trip transportation and the purchase of additional laptops for our classrooms. The student athletes from Ford High School along with our teacher's and other volunteers will be running different fitness stations for the students to enjoy. We are looking for volunteers to donate food in order to be able to provide the high school students with lunch for helping out with this event. Please look for additional information to be sent home regarding this event. If you can help out, please contact the office.

Next PTA Meeting is Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 PM