

**PTA Meeting  
Lincoln School  
9.10.24**

**Called to order 7:07 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of silence for Patriots Day**

**PTA Mission**

Our websites:

East Rutherford PTA: <http://www.erboe.net/domain/124>

NJ PTA: <http://www.njpta.org/>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org/>

**PTA Who's Who:**

President: Kevin Lyon

Vice President: Jillian Cawley

Recording Secretary: Tara Pachon

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Green

Treasurer: Paola Restrepo

Membership: Charise Brown

Bylaws: Shannon Cowan

Fundraising: Linda Lyon

Cultural Events: Elyssa Martino Foster

Social Media: Holly Wagner

McKenzie Rep: Cindy Tejada

Lincoln Rep: Tara Pachon

Faust Rep: Shannon Cowan

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

- June Meeting Minutes - passed

**II. Reports of Officers:**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

- Reports are posted on the PTA page on the district website
- TBA in October Meeting

**B. Correspondence**

- Thank you for all the pizza, tshirts, snacks for field day - by Mrs. Baralle
- Thank you for ERPTA scholarship by Becton HS recipients Dominic Maucione and Kacie Lu
- Thank you for staff welcome back breakfast and ongoing PTA dedication by Mr. Giancaspro
- Thank you for teacher welcome breakfast and wildcat folders and the ptas time and generosity - by Mrs. Baralle, Mr. Barrow and Mr. Vilardi

**C. By Laws & Standing Rules**

- Report coming in October

**D. Membership Report**

- Sign up Links are available on PTA on district website and on the PTA Facebook page
- Currently 52 Members
- 20 paper forms received from ice cream social
- PTA will be at all the back to school nights for opportunity to sign up
- Forms will go out in Wildcat folders & can be returned to school

**III. Reports of Committees**

**A. Fundraising**

- Linda - coming up: bookfair, school pictures, holiday shop
- Beginning of oct. greeting cards sale - 30 cards in box, \$30, PTA makes \$13 per box. Runs first 2 weeks of oct, hope delivery for nov meeting.
- Needs 3rd grade, 5th grade, 8th grade committees to develop & come up with fundraisers specific to those grades.
- Looking for general fundraiser committee
- Looking for a Tricky tray committee
- Givebacks shop - sign up, put on your phone, small percentage goes back to PTA, but adds up!

**B. Cultural Events**

- None to report at this time

**C. Social Media & Tech**

- Holly:
- New Instagram: "ERPTA HOST"
- FaceBook: "East Rutherford NJ PTA -Members Only" & "East Rutherford NJ PTA"

#### D. School Reps

- McKenzie
  - Book fair volunteers & Holiday bazaar
- Lincoln
  - Book Fair Volunteers & Holiday Bazaar
  - Kids Night Out (March)
- Faust
  - Need volunteers for school dances

\*All schools need Back to school night volunteers, preferably sign up for a different school other than your child's school, this way you can just enjoy your child's back to school night

#### **IV. Administration Updates**

##### A. Mrs. Barrale

- Welcome back and inviting me; membership was sent to staff, we are excited to work with pta this year.
- Hispanic Heritage month - morning announcements, classroom lessons; suicide awareness month - important in middle school to be aware and watch friends
- Back to school night Wed Sept 18 6pm in APR; presentation 5:30pm regarding looking into highschools for parents of all grades
- Thank you for breakfast and folders
- Coming up: picture day, Book fair - Info to come
- NY giants were a hit, amazing, kids were so excited, great way to start off the year.
- Patriots day - Wear red white blue

##### B. Mr. Barrow

- Congratulations on new pta board, thank you for the opening of school ERPD, superintendent & pta
- Ice cream social, approximately 200 students participated
- Pre K orientation day
- Applied for universal pre k aid application, information TBA
- 9/25 back to school night; One session day - more communication to come
- Pay technology fees
- Patriots day tomorrow, wear Red, White and Blue spirit day

##### C. Mr. Giancaspro

- Welcome to 24/25 school year, fantastic NY giants welcoming
- Thank you to Councilman Bulger, Mrs. Baralle and Mr. Vilardi
- Seamless transition with PTA board change
- Projects looking at, utilizing capital projects fund - updating the board of ed office roof and small section of mckenzie roof

- Transportation, thank you parents, being mindful of correct drop off/pick up, communication went out before school. We meet as a team to make sure busing is expedited and efficient. Look into boarding/exiting buses. Be there 10 minutes prior to pickup/drop off . Will not leave a student at bus stop if parent not there. Looking at the seating on the buses. Buses have cameras and have aids on buses.
- Regarding Inclement weather or emergency - important to keep communications open/update emails/phone numbers so genesis blasts & swift K-12 can go out.
- Pre-k expansion aid that was applied for - Once granted the money we have 75 days to implement - pleased with mckenzie buildings, money back to those paying tuition. Wonderful for the parents in-district.
- Policy to start school for kindergarten(5 years old by Oct 1) & first grade (6 years old by Oct 1)
- Audit over summer thru next year. Make sure leases are current, must prove residency . Find the policy & regulations on ERBOE website: Policy 5-1-1-1 “Eligibility of residence and non resident students”.
  - a) Section E “proof of eligibility”. What you need to do to prove residency. Have information within week of being asked
  - b) If own home, must have recent tax bill available
- Payschools - technology fee to get chromebook and insurance is covered so the students get them and begin instruction
- Payschools - the Maschios food service
  - a) Looking into over the years - \$17,000 in unpaid lunches.
  - b) Right now outstanding food balance of \$10,000
- Tricky tray- had the best time, fantastic; great way to give back.

D. Mr. Vilardi

- Welcome back - very busy, resetting expectations, going through norms & non negotiables, whole school meeting, emergency protocols.
- NY giants were a hit, huge smiles, great energy
- Diagnostic testing starting,envision math, star reading assessments, planning for WIN program
- Patriot day, speak in age appropriate manner
- Week of respect coming, red ribbon week
- Back to school night - Oct 1 more info to come
- National elementary honor society
- Book fair, picture day - info to come
- Technology fee - 50% received, chromebooks going out after get fee. cash, check to building or via payschool central ( now available on genesis)
- Complete parental forms 90% done
- Thank you breakfast, folders
- Welcome back and look forward to working with pta board

## **East Rutherford Recreation Speaker**

- Evelyn Samtak (Event Coordinator)
- [esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net](mailto:esamtak@eastrutherfordnj.net)
- 201-207-6501
  - Events on town website, flyers in backpack,
  - 9/11 ceremony
  - Fall festival Oct 11-13 - looking for volunteers game truck
  - Halloween house Oct. 30th- can decorate room in house - Lots for families - info to come
  - Nov: Breakfast for Veterans
  - Dec: Tree lighting

\*Public meetings first Tuesday of the month, community center

## **V. New Business**

- *National/NJ PTA Reflections Art Program*
  - Video - coordinate with art teachers
- *National PTA Grant opportunities*
  - Applications due Oct. 1
  - Host of National PTA Healthy Minds program
  - Plan and host a PTA Wellness Fair
  - Digital safety and The Smart Talk Tool Program
  - Ready, Tech, Go! Program for the various aspects of screen readiness
  - Host a hands of Propelling Our World (Engineering Design Challenge) program
  - Host a hands on Science Festival program
  - Host a Be Internet Awesome program
  - Host a Tobacco Prevention Campaign program
  - *Would need to create a committee , how to implement - would run through the teachers & principals*
- ER PTA is here for the educational experience for all our students, your feedback is welcome.

## **VI. Upcoming Events**

<http://wearerpta.givebacks.com/w/Events>

- Back to School Nights: Faust (9/18), McKenzie (9/25), Lincoln (10/1)
- Picture Day (Oct 3)
- Book Fairs:
  - McKenzie - Sept 23 -25
  - Lincoln/Faust - Oct 8-11

- Fall Festival -
  - Pumpkin Patch Oct 11-13
- Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 25 - ER police department parking lot

**Open discussion:**

No comments, no questions

Need chair & committee 8th grade

Trunk or treat - need committee

ERBOE website→ pta link & givebacks site similar info - volunteer links here

**Closing:**

- Next Meeting Wednesday, October 9 (Lincoln gym)
- Oct 23 Annual Membership Meeting - more social, little business

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm**