

**2019-20 EIHS PTO
GENERAL MEETING
August 24, 2020, 6:30 PM (remote)
DRAFT of MINUTES**

I. Call to Order & Welcome (Sarah Carpentieri-Asbury): Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM.

II. President's End-of-Year Summary (Sarah Carpentieri-Asbury): Sarah CA gave an end of the year summary. Despite Covid-19 and a shorter in-person school year, the PTO had a successful year. We started the year with \$75,000 in our PTO General Fund and finished with \$110,000, after expenses. This \$35,000 was more than the net amounts from previous years. With our surplus funds, the PTO is contributing \$27,000 to EIHS for the following: \$18,000 for cohort support (2,000 per cohort, senior class, math & electives); \$7,000 for bus transportation for field trips and \$2,000 (TXRX, misc.).

During our 7-months on campus, the PTO was very active. We hosted 6 Hospitality events, helped with 10-weeks of magnet tours, and held 4 General PTO meetings. The PTO also provided 7 monthly Teacher Appreciation activities and gifts, and an end-of-the year gift, and helped host other club-led activities.

Instead of focusing on one large event, such as an auction, we did a variety of smaller, themed fundraising activities so more people could participate. We also ran weekly food sales, Spirit Store sales, EIHS outerwear sales, participated in the Amazon Smiles Program, and received donations from parents, their employers, and the community business and industry groups.

Sarah CA thanked the 2019-2020 Executive Board and Committee Chairs for their service and support. She also thanked Principal Lambropoulos, Ms. Cindy Ramirez, and Ms. Amy Myers for their support and service on the Executive Board. Lastly, she thanked all the general PTO members and others who donated funds, time, and other help.

III. Principal's Report (Lori Lambropoulos): Lori praised the EIHS teachers and staff for all their hard work preparing for the new school year and said she is excited for all of us as we start the new year. PBL planning is going well and the teachers have come up with some very creative projects. The teachers and staff have been learning how to use different platforms and applications. Parent orientation will be held on Thursday, August 27 at 6pm. A link for Microsoft Teams will be sent out before that.

Following the introduction of the new slate for Executive Board and Committee Chairs, Lori thanked them for volunteering. She also thanked the outgoing President, Sarah CA and the rest of the outgoing Executive Board, the outgoing Committee Chairs, and all the other PTO volunteers for their contributions over this past year.

Lori took questions from attendees. She stressed the importance of the Parent Meeting on Thursday, which would explain in detail the structure of the upcoming virtual learning for the school. Lori also urged parents to go to the HISD website and take the parent course. It is not very long, but it is very good. Lori assured everyone that the staff is making sure students with special needs (accommodations, etc.) will have their needs met. She also discussed possibilities for how in-person school might work.

IV. Business: Introductions of Executive Board slate (Sarah Levit): Sarah L expressed her excitement about the new school year and introduced the new Executive Board and Committee Chairs.

A. Introductions of Executive Board slate. Each spoke briefly.

PTO Executive Board

President: Sarah Levit

President Elect: Sara Oussar

Secretary: Beckeye Gross

Parliamentarian: Whitley Levy

Treasurer: Arva Dearborne

B. Introductions of Committee Chairs. Each spoke briefly.

PTO Committee Chairs

Membership/Spirit Store: Lori Stevens

Volunteers: Julie Garcia

Fundraising: Sara Oussar

Communications: Viviana Vargas (bilingual)

Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation: Raul Herrera

C. Results of vote: Vote conducted via email on 2020-2021 PTO Executive Board slate (20 votes as of 7:30 PM) The slate for 2020-2021 Executive Board was approved. Congratulations!

V. Important Upcoming Dates (Sarah Carpentieri-Asbury):

A. Thursday, August 27, 2020: 6-8 PM, EIHS Parent Meeting (online). Lori said it would be recorded in case of transmission problems due to the incoming tropical storm.

B. Tuesday, September 8, 2020: New academic year begins (online)

C. September 17, 2020: Virtual Open House

VI. Adjourn (Sarah Carpentieri-Asbury): Sarah CA adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM

Minutes submitted by Anne Geyer