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## **PTO Meeting Minutes – November 9th, 2021 6:00 pm**

**Welcome** – Candice Walkers welcomes everyone to the PTO meeting, we had in attendance 35 participants! Thank you for your attendance and for being part of your child's school PTO. The school asks for 10 volunteer hours per year, this PTO meeting counts towards it.

**Focus** – The Montessori in the classrooms. Mrs. Turner explained the Montessori method used in our school, please ask for the PDF for more detailed information. As a summary, Mrs. Turner gave us a little history of the founder Maria Montessori and continued with how we teach with this method in our classrooms.

### **Treasurer's Report - Diana Hernandez**

The current balance on the PTO account is \$948. We just got a payment from Pictago of \$40. We sold \$926.65 in Art to Remember, our donation from that will be about \$185. Thank you! You can also continue to order Art to Remember until the January 1<sup>st</sup>. No outstanding expenses. We continue to encourage parents to gather Boxtops and to add our school to your amazon account through Amazon Smiles, our school's name is **Educational Horizons Inc – Location Satellite Beach, FL**. Amazon Smiles will donate to our school everything you purchase anything through amazon at **NO COST** to you. Boxtops is all digital now, please contact Danielle Shiftlett if you need help.

### **Vice President's Report – Danielle Shiftlett**

We may have the kids make greeting cards for the holidays to be given to the elderly as a present. We encourage parents to look for ways to volunteer at the school. We need help at school to recycle cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials. We do not have a large recycling bin at school, doing this will count as volunteer hours. Interested parents can come once or twice a week at the end of the day. Change for PTO is coming! We need a volunteer to lead this fundraiser. The task would be simple, keep count of all coins been donated every couple of weeks per classroom starting in December. The classroom with the most money at the end will receive a reward. We are also looking for someone to donate a new net for the VPK area. Michelle our PE teacher could use a donation of beam bags 4x4/8x8 and as many as 15-25.

**Principal's Report – Mrs. Turner**

No changes in Covid cases or Protocol. The teachers are cleaning and wiping the classrooms for safety. Yearbooks are on sale online, or you can send the \$20 to the office. Mrs. Turner sent a survey in the last newsletter with 3 easy questions for ARP (American Rescue Plan) Our school will potentially get some funding because of the pandemic, and we would like parent's input on how to spend a portion of the money. The survey is also available on our website. Car loop rules need to be followed, please don't be on your phone, stay in the car and only 5mph while in the car loop. We are seeing a lot of wasted food, since ordering lunch is now free, please be mindful of this situation, if you give your child a lunch, please ask them to not order food if they don't need to. We need to teach our children to not be wasteful, food is a precious resource, and we need to take care of our environment. A friendly reminder that our school requires uniforms from Monday to Thursday, unless you have a dress down pass.

**Teacher's Report – Ms Michelle Rhodes**

K (room 4) They are working with ending sounds, as well as reading and comprehension. For math they are working on adding and subtracting. For science they are working on forces, push and pull. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades (Room 7) They are working on fact families, 2 to 3 digits addition. They are also growing seeds for science and talking about plant structures. For reading 1<sup>st</sup> grade is working on measuring time, making predictions. They are also working on plot, settings, and verbs. 2nd Grade they are working on how Earth forces affect us, reading skills, author's purpose, organizational writing, action verbs and long A. For 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Heidi and Mrs. Murphy, 1<sup>st</sup> grade math is working on addition and subtraction, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is working on place value. For Science, light energy, structure, and properties of matter. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, for reading 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is focusing positive effect relation stories, open and closed syllables, present tenses and subject verb agreement. 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading with expressions, using context clues. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is focusing on order of operations, ancient Greece, Earth and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, decimals, colonies and plants. For reading, they are focusing invasive species project, problem and solutions, central ideas and details and character development.

No other comments, suggestions, or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerardo Capote