

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL PTA MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 – 3:00PM

WELCOME! INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome New & Returning PTA Members, and anyone interested in joining!

Meeting Participants: John Stevens (School Principal), Deanna Laird (PTA President), Frederica Carpenter (PTA Vice President), Susan Sanford (PTA Treasurer), Susan Mercier (School Committee), Nicole Barlett (School Nurse), Nancy Cole (School Librarian), Melinda DeFeo (School Garden), Sarah McKay (Island Grown Initiative), Pam Hurley (A+ Program Chair), Janet Hurley (Teacher), Elizabeth Barnes, Rebecca Briggs, Tabatha Calheta, Peggy Chambers, Allison Graczykowski, Melissa Kagan, Heidi McDonough, Lance Webb.

We will publish our Edgartown PTA contact list soon. If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to Deanna, PTA President: dlamvrn (at) [gmail.com](mailto:dlamvrn@gmail.com) or call [508-944-5188](tel:508-944-5188).

Guest Speakers:

Susan Mercier (School Committee) provided an overview of the Island Wide Youth Collaborative and the new family resource center. Susan also confirmed PTA representation at School Committee meetings. Sarah McKay (Island Grown) provided an update on key programs in support of our School Garden and Melinda DeFeo's efforts.

PTA OVERVIEW

Please visit the Edgartown School PTA page on our school website www.edgartownschool.org/pta for announcements, event calendar, and more information about what we do!

Being part of the PTA opens up a wealth of programs and resources to our Edgartown School, which benefits teachers, parents, students, and our entire school community. For plenty of information about the PTA, go to: www.pta.org (National PTA website) and www.massachusettspta.org (State PTA website)

Edgartown's PTA is required to pay for annual membership to the State and National PTA, and our \$5.00 annual dues (per parent/guardian) cover this cost. THANK YOU to those who already paid. Otherwise, a friendly reminder to sign-up with \$5 check or cash in the PTA mailbox at the school office.

NEW THIS YEAR! PTA COMMITTEES

Key to our success in supporting our school and PTA mission is the collaboration of "committees" to help deliver programs, activities, events, celebrations, fundraising, etc. We heard from some of you on your specific interests. Please review the short list of committees below and let us know what you would be interested in doing! Any amount of time you can contribute will be greatly valued!!

Here is a preliminary list of our 5 committees and corresponding activities. Please pick any committee and/or event/activity that are of interest to you, and let us know! Again, any amount of time and effort is appreciated!

- **FUNDRAISING:** *sign-up to help out with one or more fundraiser of interest to you!* Scholastic Book Fair (Oct 19-27), A+ Program, Box Tops, Schoola, seasonal fundraisers, other...
- **EVENTS:** *sign-up to help out with one or more event of interest to you!* Halloween Party (Oct 30); Pizza Bingo (winter); Teacher Appreciation, (May); others...
- **SCHOOL GARDEN:** support the garden programs, activities, events, and fundraising
- **HEALTH & SAFETY:** support key initiatives for the safety, health, and well-being of our students.
- **ROOM PARENT:** New this year! One parent volunteer per class: parent communications and assist teacher with outreach. Please connect with your child's teacher if interested in this key role!

Once the committees are built, a chair to each committee can be appointed and the work of the committees can begin! Chairs may report a summary of their committee's progress as needed at the monthly PTA board meeting (typically the 2nd Tuesday of each month), which will economize the monthly meetings and provide the board with important information. Then the PTA "open forum" meetings (scheduled every couple months) can be focused on key topics of interest and guest speakers.

PLANNING CALENDAR

Keep checking the calendar and events posted on www.EdgartownSchool.org and our PTA Page!

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- **Fall Fundraiser:** just started! Please help the kids to sell! Due Date: Monday Oct 5th
- **Wednesday Oct 7:** Open House, Pot Luck Dinner, Health Fair & Garden Celebration (6-8pm)
- **October 19-27:** Edgartown School Library's Scholastic Book Fair
- **Friday Oct 30:** Edgartown School Halloween Party

Scheduled PTA Meetings: open to all (PTA members, parents, teachers/staff, community) throughout the school year with guest speakers and specific topics of interest: i.e. November, January, March, May.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Provided by Susan Sanford, PTA Treasurer and details available via separate handout/report.
- Three-year audit completed and filed according to PTA guidelines.

CLOSING COMMENTS

John Stevens (School Principal) offered closing comments of collaboration and support of our PTA to furthering the school's mission.

The Edgartown School PTA welcomes your feedback and participation! If there is a topic or issue you would like addressed or more information: please let us know! Contact Deanna Laird, PTA President.

Please stay tuned to our PTA page on the school website: www.EdgartownSchool.org/pta

Thank you again for your participation!