

ENS PTO Meeting Agenda  
September 2021



ESSEX NORTH SHORE  
AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL

1. Welcome!
  - a. Online meetings
    - i. First Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm
    - ii. Email sent out to join Zoom. Sign up on Facebook for mailing list
  - b. Introduction of Board Members: Board members present: Nikki Champagne- Co President, 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the PTO, 7<sup>th</sup> year at the school, one daughter at school junior year  
Heather Thirfault- Co President, 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the PTO, 2 sons at the school- one sophomore/one senior  
Jennifer Brown- Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> year at school and PTO, has a freshman and a sophomore
  - c. What we do
    - i. Fundraise throughout the year to give back to the ENS students, teachers and staff as well as help with school sponsored events. Lots of fundraising to go towards all the events that the PTO host:
      1. Open House and Homecoming-
        - a. Open house- a table to give out information to perspective families.
        - b. Homecoming- PTO runs the concession stand and the new athletic director asked PTO to run concession for the 1<sup>st</sup> football game of the season. Still unsure when Homecoming is taking place, still waiting to hear from the school, but in the past has been held 2/3 Friday in October.
      2. Hawk Holiday Hope: School organizes around the Holidays all the students involved in collecting toys for children that are in the DCF system.
      3. Teacher and Staff Appreciation: Huge part of the PTO. This year we did opening school for the teachers first day of school- we had a coffee cart with pastries. Staff Appreciation- Last year the PTO was not only to give Teachers but also we included every staff member 248: bus drivers, maintenance, secretaries, etc... a \$20 Amazon gift cards.
      4. Senior Scholarships: Last year we would able to give out 4- \$1000 scholarships to seniors.
      5. Senior Signs: able to give every senior an Essex Tech 2021 graduate sign (did not include picture)
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Money raised 2020-2021 school year: From 9/1/2020 to 8/1/2021(two large raffles, apparel, koozies and decals) \$48,650.22
  - b. Money out 200-2021 school year: two expenses that still have to go in for the past year (Golf tournament \$5,313.32 and Signs for around other 4 fields with no signs, the board just voted to contribute \$6000.00)
  - c. Current balance: Current: \$24,224.47. Once the above expenses are taken out, leaves \$12,911.15 to start the new year.
3. Old Business

- a. Essex Tech Foundation/PTO golf tournament collaboration: may change PTO partnership this coming year. Nikki and Heather did the promoting, getting the stuff for the gift bags along with assembling all of them, working the golf tournament. And the PTO didn't get anything from the tournament. PTO will find other ways to work with the foundation, in helping reaching the parents.
  - b. Welcome back for teachers and students: For the 1<sup>st</sup> time this year, so we had a welcome back breakfast for the teachers the Monday before students arrived. Able to have a coffee cart and pastries from a local bakery. For students had a banner made and balloons to decorate to welcome them back that hung in the front of the school.
  - c. New banner and signs: Ordered new PTO signs to make it easier to help people to find us at events, ask questions and hopefully to get involved. PTO also got a Easy Up Tent for indoor/outdoor events for shelter, and help people find us at events, for under \$600.
4. New Business
- a. Homecoming – as above, date to be determined by the school. PTO will do concession stand for football game. In years past, Homecoming dance is usually sponsored by the senior class. PTO has helped decorated on the Saturday and then cleaned up after 9pm-ish. PTO could make a contribution and help with a parent/Homecoming committee to run it, but the PTO has too much going on and cannot run it.
    - i. Sign up genius for donations and volunteer opportunities: Easy to sign up
    - ii. Concession stand:
  - b. Open House - November 20<sup>th</sup>: don't have a definite timeframe but typically 9-11/12, but it is a Saturday. Introduces the PTO to future families, next year incoming freshman. School store is usually open- run by the teacher and students. Little bit of a fundraiser for PTO too – selling decals and etc...
  - c. New merchandise to sell
    - i. Tumblers/mugs/CTE decals: wanted coffee mugs in time for parent orientation, but did not arrive in time. Foundation ordered tumblers, and was successful. PTO found company for tumblers, 20oz but says "Agriculture" instead of Agricultural" on it. Etched, not a decal. As been requested, decals with shop specific but without shop logo. Would have the hawk with shop name on it along with school name.
    - ii. Class of Apparel shop: fleece blankets, mittens,
    - iii. Fall/Winter Raffle: online raffles, biggest fundraisers last year. Still in the very early stages of planning. This year, maybe in line with the holiday season. Looking for ideas and suggestions.
5. Open Discussion/Questions

Next Meeting: October 5th at 6:30pm

#### Essex North Shore PTO Board Members

##### Co-Presidents

Nikki Champagne  
Heather Thifault

##### Vice President

Richard Jache

##### Treasurer

Michele Bradley

##### Secretary

Jennifer Brown

##### Member At Large

Joe Thifault

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