

ECASD Hmong PTA – General Meeting  
Agenda | July 13, 2020  
7:00 PM-members entering the meeting

Official Start Time: 7:09

1. Introductions (Caitlin)-welcomed everyone. Everyone went around and introduced themselves. In addition to the executive members, we had four other attendees.

2. Summer School & District Updates (Blia)

*-Summer school started June 1: For high school-(credit recovery) an opportunity to redo or finish classes that didn't pass. Contact your counselor or Blia if you have any questions (715-492-2036).*

*-Hmong Class that Jackson is teaching.*

*-Bluegolds Beginning*

*-You can go to ECASD and search about summer school*

*-Technology available for students who don't have access for online learning during summer school.*

*-Meals (breakfast and lunch) at all middle schools from 11:30-1:00 M-Th. Because the schools are not open on Friday, when you go on Thursday, you will get two bags. One for Thursday and one for Friday. This will be provided till August. Please share and encourage them to take advantage of this.*

*-Reopening of the school: The Task Force to work on reopening schools. There are about 90 volunteers (teachers and community members) to look at platforms when school opens. They are looking at three models (face to face, blend of face to face and virtual, or just virtual).*

*-July 6<sup>th</sup>-school board approve 1-1 technology devices for all students and technology devices for teachers.*

*-Resources and support for our parents to assist learning at home.*

*-Informing our parents: once the district finalizes details, they will share with parents. Recommend to send letters out in all languages.*

*-Update on the new superintendent: Blia doesn't have anything new, but we can invite him to our next meeting. He is interested in focusing on equity and the achievement gap.*

*-Fall 2020 school year, the district will focus and emphasize on social emotional learning*

3. Committee Memberships (Caitlin)

a. Membership Committee & Membership Drive (Pa & Khoua)

i. Membership: 2 parents to serve on committee

The committee will address the membership base and help offset the membership fee for those that can't afford it. 3 or 4 members part of this committee (Pa and Khoua along with 2

other parents.)

ii. Membership Drive

Cost & Benefits: Help to families who can't afford it, Fundraising/Sponsorship?

b. Family Advisory Council Representative

i. One Parent & 1 Executive Committee Member

A person from Hmong PTA to represent and serve on the Family Advisory Council Representative. Jim Schmitt said it would be good for us to have a representative. Have one member and one executive member. Attend meetings and be eyes and ears to bring back information to our committee.

4. Open Discussion: Initiatives for Hmong PTA to take up

What do you want to the Hmong PTA take up?

Examples from Caitlin: school opening in the fall, programming, etc.

Liz-

- talked with parents and their concerns on educating our kids. A mom said addressed the concern of math.
- motivating our students to learn. Parents struggling to connect and motivate kids.
- resources of websites and teaching tools for parents
- balancing life of being parents and supporting children's education
- tutors in the Hmong community that understand the background of students
- navigating the district's website
- learning expectations for classes

Phoua-

- technology support

Stephanie

- having sensitive information conversation with students (race, white privilege, current news etc.)
- more supportive (telling kids we are proud of them and using encouraging words) and having conversations with kids
- open forum

Khousa

- increase with parent involvement and engagement

5. Next Membership Meeting-Caitlin wrapped up the meeting

a. August 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM