



# Killearn Lakes Elementary

PTO Meeting  
October 18, 2022  
6:00 pm

## MEETING MINUTES

### Attendance:

Principal Brenda Wagner, Assistant Principal Champayne Ricciardi, Ressa Tomkiewicz, Allison Hartsfield, Karen Benavidez, Brittany Auclair, Katie Giagos, Lenard Franklin, Karen Allen, Colleen Sellers, Whitnee Fuqua, Angie Hickman, Katherine Fothergill, Heather Jackson, Imogene Reddick, Michelle Garcia, Martha Gautier, Teresa Horn, Bethany Mitchell, and Jenai Brown.

Welcome at 6:00pm

Ressa Tomkiewicz

This meeting will be short and sweet. We only have stuff to wrap up mostly.

Principal's Report

Brenda Wagner

Not much has happened recently. New hires: new math intervention Jean Gonzalez – for students who need more support in math. Next Monday hiring new student case specialist, we had April Rind, but she had to resign so we have hired Carol Blank and she has a social work background and degree to support students who need extra support like mental health and wellness. New custodian – going through fingerprints so cannot release his name.

Assistant Principal's Report

Champayne Ricciardi

PBIS Positive behavior intervention support – develops schoolwide rules and consequences. KLES Citizenship award. Two Fridays ago, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a challenge course and jumping machine and popsicle. November 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Will do something every month so that kids will have other opportunities.

Lots of things coming up. Like fall festival. Next week is Red Ribbon every day is a dress up day and end that Friday with a book character parade and the children will dress up and carry the book they are representing. Parents are welcome to come to that. Will be able to sit in chairs and cheer on the little ones.

Board Member Reports

- Director of Finance

Allison Hartsfield

Not much to report. Just a few things: got some money from Coca Cola give - \$13. How to donate via the different outlets will be posted on Facebook at some point. Some of the line items of the budget are not completely accurate because there are still checks to be deposited.

Fall Festival – so far \$4000 for prepaid wristbands (something like 314 have been sold – but we sold a lot at the door last time we held this event). \$100 something to deposit for School Store. Business partner \$950 – Killlearn Lakes Taekwondo and Hangar 38. Killlearn Lakes Dance Troup is also a business partner. Made \$500 for Hangar 38 Share Night. Kudos to Katie!! Feedback: they were way busier than they thought it would be. Take-out pizza was a huge hit. We got 20% of the total sales. Thank you to teachers for passing out the stickers. Will try to do stickers each time. Jamie designs them, but we need a cheaper way to print them. Received about \$280 from Sweet Frogs from that Share Night.

Expenses: Ring pops for the last patron push and paying for pizzas and cookies for the winners of the contest. Hospitality – Hurricane’s PTO Parent Meet and Greet we bought some appetizers. Expense to Lucky Goat for Boohoo breakfast. BJ’s for face painting for Fall Festival. Bought wristbands. AR Workshop is giving us a craft activity for the FF which was about \$100.

- Directors of Fundraising

Karen Benavidez/Jamie Sheehan

We made it to 90% of our goal - \$21,826.00 to close out Patron Program. Metrics were up from past three years. 273 patron families who participated – 45% of our student participation. 34 out of 41 reached at least 30% for PJ party.

Cookie Party Winners:

K - Eichenlaub

1 - Casey

2 - Wiley

3 - Caines

4 - Garcia

5 – Willis

Overall winner was Mrs. Casey’s first grade class with 83% participation and they received both a cookie party as well as a pizza party!!

Strong turnout. Thanks so much for everyone who donated and help make it successful. Cookie and pizza party was last week. It felt really special to the kids. Tried to make it feel like a party. Best part was showing up with balloons and cookies. Ring pop fundraiser at the end was a test to see if we will do it next year. Did make some money off of it, just not a whole lot.

Yearbook notifications and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade families who get graduation tickets will come soon.

- Director of Communication

Brittany Auclair

Reminded everyone that the minutes can be found on the KLES PTO Website.

Motion to approve the minutes from September’s meeting – Allison Hartsfield made a motion. Mrs. Reddick seconded it.

- Business Partner Coordinator

Taylor Wright

Not present – nothing to report for this meeting (see above notes about Business Partners in the Finance Section)

- Volunteer Coordinator

Jennifer Griswold

Not present – Ressa gave report

Teresa Clark is Volunteer of the month. She started when her grandson was here and he is in high school now – she had approximately 40 hours last month.

Volunteers will be here for the parade next week. There will also be some off-duty police officers.

November 2 – Picture Retake (maybe only need 1 volunteer)

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Health Screening

November 18<sup>th</sup> – Friendsgiving

### Old Business

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Parent Meet and Greet – several families attended, met 2-3 families that were brand new to the school. Stay tuned.. we would like to do one in November (thinking about Tekesta park...but any ideas welcome). It will be before Thanksgiving break

### New Business

Ressa Tomkiewicz

- Fall Festival – October 22<sup>nd</sup> 12pm-3pm

Fall Festival – lots of last-minute planning. Plan to come back to meet with Mr. Leland for power across the playground.

List of vendors: Petting zoo from Redemptive Love Farm with about 15 animals, Robot petting zoo - She gets a grant and does an education outreach. There are about 4-5 robots and do some programming to change the robot, Killearn Lakes Taekwondo, WTXL Meteorologist Elizabeth Copeland with a green screen, Best Day Ever – photo booth (similar to 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation). AR Workshop with a craft for the kids. Bounce houses, face painting, Challenger Learning Center today just emailed to come and do something space related. Seven or so carnival games. And food trucks and some dessert trucks. They are not charging us a retainer, but they are not donating a percentage.

Katie Harmon is running the cake walk with cakes that are being donated. Nothing Bundt cakes will be here they are selling Bundlets for \$6 and \$2.50 gets donated back to PTO funds.

Parents are running the carnival games. Mr. Franklin is doing pumpkin bowling. Lots of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are attending and volunteering.

- Faculty meeting – October 20<sup>th</sup>

Parents are donating snacks.

- Campus Enhancement

Will discuss more in detail at the next meeting. Survey from last year so deciding on what we want to do. Thank you for talking to Jessica Caines today.

## Share Night Update

Katie Giagios

Smitty's is November 8<sup>th</sup> – all day AND take out. Start with 20% and if it is successful they will round up.

Texas Roadhouse in December – running for two weeks. Parents will purchase gift cards and KLES will get a percentage of sale.

Civic Center – trying to do a game in December. Basketball game either December 10<sup>th</sup> or December 13<sup>th</sup>. Probably pick up the 10<sup>th</sup> since it's a Saturday.

Spring – Harlem Globetrotters again.  
Katie will do everything that Erin handled last year

Maybe Skate World...and in the spring Hanger 38 again, Dave's Pizza Garage, and Moe's.

## All Pro Dad Update

Briano Allen

ALL Pro Dad – two events this year high participation and November 8 is the next one

## Teacher Reports

Lead Teachers

## Kindergarten

Reddick

We are still here. Kicking it. Instead of a long explanation how busy we have been I brought some projects. Recyclable boats. Will it float? Yes, and it was easily moved in the water. We were looking for parental involvement. The boats were unique and the kids really enjoyed making them and competing with each other. Pictures were sent home because the parents could not come.

## First Grade

Sellers

In October we are doing SpiderFest. Doubles facts in math. Lots of facts all month long. Different phonics rules. Last week was "Ck." The kids enjoyed making the yuck soup.

## Second Grade

Fuqua

Fire safety last week. Got to get in the fire truck and sit in the driver's seat. Finished chapter 3 in math. Getting ready for field trip to YAT.

## Third Grade

Allen

In math they started multiplication unit. They get excited about multiplication. Science – plants. SS – finished continents and continuing on with geography and 5 regions. New book study for this nine weeks is Charlotte's Web. Taking a break from Savvas curriculum, but still teaching benchmarks. Kids are loving it.

## Fourth Grade

Garcia

First field trip was to Mission San Luis. It was a beautiful day. It went really well, other than one bus being a little late. In language arts the students just had AR celebrations for those that met the goals. Trying to pump them up about the book Character parade. Teachers are excited and pumped. Teaching coordinate grids... she was discussing a phone book and about using a grid and the kids were hung up on a phone book. "You could get anyone's number?" How did you get the phone book?" All 4<sup>th</sup> grade is doing well

## Fifth Grade

Jackson

Have finished state map projects with labeling and a key. In Language Arts, finished the AR celebration. Ice cream social at 9am. In math they are adding and subtracting decimals and now starting multiplication. Science – potential and kinetic energy. Discuss difference between the two. Got to knock shoes off their desk. Chemical and mechanical energy for the rest of the week. Ever seen a slow motion video of someone drumming? Excited about book character parade. Teachers are dressing up as the Old Lady who swallowed a fly

## Special Area

Hickman

PE – wrapping up hurdles and jump rope and relay races. Moving into soccer

Art – K/1 - snowflakes

2/3 - cornucopias

4/5 - mosaics

Music – learning about patterns. Details to come on performance dates for a couple of grades.

Guidance – upstanding students at school. Moving into healthy choices and self-esteem for Red Ribbon Week.

Open Forum/ Q&A

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Adjourn Meeting at 6:36pm

Next PTO Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>