



Killearn Lakes Elementary

PTO Meeting
February 21, 2023
6:00 pm

AGENDA

Attendance:

Principal Brenda Wagner, Assistant Principal Champayne Ricciardi, Ressa Tomkiewicz, Karen Benavidez, Brittany Auclair, Katie Giagos, Lenard Franklin, Coleen Sellers, Whitnee Fuqua, Meghan Fullerton, Teresa Horn, Heather Jackson, Imogene Reddick, Bethany Mitchell, Siobhan Dominy, Dionne Caines, Katherine Fothergill, Debbie Hartsfield, and Jamie Sheehan

Welcome at 6:01pm

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Intro – thank you for being here. It means a lot to have your support. A lot is coming up for the rest of the year. Lots of events being planned. We'll talk more in the March meeting after Spring Break.

Principal's Report

Brenda Wagner

FUN RUN TODAY!!! Thank you to PTO for volunteering for the water tent. Boosterthon extended the pledge timeframe.

Voted last year to have a running list for schoolwide projects. Finished blue playground out back. Finished paperwork for the auditors for the cafeteria sound system. Hope to have it completed by 5th grade graduation.

Everyone is invited to the SAC meeting. The kids will be showing what they are doing in class. Nine stations showing off what we do here at KLES such as the kids will speak into the microphone ball to get tactile.

New hires: classroom behavioral specialists - Mr. Byrd (started today) and Mr. Godwin (starting in the next week or two)

Share Night Update

Katie Giagos

Skate World check (approx. \$1400). Had 50 students within the first 10 minutes.

Dave's Pizza Garage – coupon/voucher – logon to website and purchase a voucher for a two-week window. Katie will likely pick them up and bring them to school with the kid's names on them. They will have three months to use the coupon.

Maybe Donut Kingdom (two nights). There is one on N. Monroe, one on Capital Circle, and one at FSU. Maybe April or May.

Parents Night Out – Nerf Night – Desoto Trail has done it in the past, but said it wasn't as successful as they thought. They donate 50%.

Monster truck v. Globetrotters – maybe in April

Moe's probably later in March – normal share night

Open to new suggestions for next year – Snoballs, Frother's Daughter (maybe 5th grade graduation 8am-11am)

Board Member Reports

- Director of Finance Allison Hartsfield (Ressa reported)

Expenses: annual filing fee (\$61), restock birthday book clubs, Valentine's Day cookies (they were done for free – we just paid for supplies), Daddy/Daughter dance supplies (which is this Friday), crossing guard appreciation gifts, teacher allotments

Ms. Riccardi said that the cookies meant the world to the teachers and staff to let them know the PTO is thinking of them. Ms. Fullerton appreciated the vegan treat. Ms. Caines didn't want to eat them because they were so pretty.

DD dance – Valentine's day themes

Income: Amazon Smile, Boosterthon, School store, online spirit wear sales, and yearbook ads (which is pure profit)

- Director of Communications Brittany Auclair

Motion to approve minutes from January meeting– Jamie Sheehan
Second – Dionne Caines

Old Business Ressa Tomkiewicz

PTO gave a Valentine's Cookie Surprise for teachers and staff
PTO gave flowers and gift cards for National Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
Tomorrow is National School bus driver appreciation day – PTO got them a shamrock wreath with a card and a gift card for the three bus drivers

New Business

This Friday is the Daddy/Daughter dance (175 tickets pre-sold). Tickets will be sent home tomorrow. If parents have any questions they can email Ressa directly.

Field Days in March (9th and 10th) – lots of volunteer opportunities. Jen Griswold is the chair (she also ran it last year). Lots of signup geniuses which will go out shortly.

Campus Enhancement – Jessica Cain has been planning. Three main plans: painting sidewalk games, equipment for the primary playground (Pro Playground), redoing the front garden where school bus drop off and pickup is (Heinz nursery or Go Nature – but both places can get the garden done by the end of the school year). Once we figure out cost for the garden then we can move to Step 2 which will be determining the maintenance plan for that garden as well as how much we can spend on the playground.

Teacher Reports

K - Reddick

Lead Teachers

LA – Savvas – Unit 4 – which is about “then and now” (past and present). Theme is Making Inventions Better. Now covering long and short vowels. Representing numbers 11-20 and learning to count to 100 (by 1s, 5s, 10s). Social Studies they are learning about landforms. Also did Abraham Lincoln and George Washington projects. Just finished Famous American Symbols and booklet (the kids really enjoyed the flip book). Next week they will be starting on Dr. Seuss.

1 – Sellars

Language Arts, they are working on two different sounds Ow and ou (the kids get to howl and love it). Ai and ay. Adding double digits in math. Getting ready for Dr. Seuss's birthday. All day Math Day in March.

2 – Fuqua

In language arts they are learning about what is a community? Have been doing open/closed syllables over the past two weeks. This week is suffixes. Just finished biographies and gearing up for the wax museum. Field trip on March 30. In math they are doing measurement and March 10 is a Pirate Math Day and measuring all day long.

3 – Caines

Third grade took a break from Savvas to do novel studies. They have purchased different novels and are doing different activities. Just finished Sarah, Plain and Tall and they are doing a quilt of events from the novel. Social studies they are finishing up famous Americans that have contributed to our country. They will be doing another quilt with that. Science – Sea to Sea was able to come out last week and kids were able to touch live marine animals. The kids remembered all the things that they were taught. Next, they will be working on states of matter. Math they are doing fractions – always start with pizza so administration donated pizza for all third grade to do fractions and eat pizza!! Now kids say they love fractions. Great time in 3rd grade!

4 – Fullerton

Ms. Garcia says big thanks for the cookies. Kids had a lot of fun at the Fun run! They were exhausted and red and sweaty. Some ran up to like 60 laps. Language Arts students completed nonfiction book reports. Math – finishing fractions and relating to decimals. Science – finishing up space and working on earth – minerals and erosion. Lots of hands on activities (blowing for wind erosion and cookie crumbling)

5 – Jackson

Successful Fun Run! Language arts they are working through some essay practice. Getting used to the editing and reviewing. Letting them know it's ok not to be perfect the first time. Teachers are really proud of them. Science on the Move – Dr. Heister came with several students and watch simulation on Weather vs. Climate and water cycle. Math – fractions to graphing and analyzing data (different types of graphs) and then move on to geometry and shapes. In social studies they are finishing up famous African American bottle projects.

Special Area (Hartsfield)

PE – Field days are coming (March 9th and 10th) look on listserv to volunteer
Music – African American composers and instrumentalists, K – will have patriotic show and 1st grade will have a musical in March
Art – Impressionism, 2/3 – Under seascapes, 5th gargoyles on gothic buildings
Media – K – parts of a book, 1st – fiction vs. nonfiction, 2nd – how to use the computer
Book Fair is March 27th – April 4th (also Grandparents day - will need volunteers)

Open Forum/ Q&A

Ressa Tomkiewicz

SAC next Tuesday the 28th at 6pm

Adjourn Meeting at 6:36pm

Ressa Tomkiewicz