



Killearn Lakes Elementary

PTO Meeting
March 21, 2023
6:00 pm

MINUTES

Attendance:

Principal Jenny Blair, Assistant Principal Champayne Ricciardi, Jessica Rhodes, Ressa Tomkiewicz, Karen Benavidez, Brittany Auclair, Katie Giagos, Lenard Franklin, Coleen Sellers, Whitnee Fuqua, Teresa Horn, Heather Jackson, Imogene Reddick, Bethany Mitchell, Katie Fothergill, Meredith Postier, Lisa Daws, Holly Pursino, Michelle Garcia, Taylor Wright, and Lachelle Browning

Welcome at 6:01 pm

Ressa Tomkiewicz

As always, we appreciate everyone being here to support the PTO

Principal's Report

Jenny Blair

Spring Break was good and much needed. Principal Wagner couldn't be here tonight. Ms. Jessica Rhodes is now here as the math intervention teacher (she spoke for a moment about she has been at Oakridge with K-3rd for the past few years and is ready to spread her wings. She taught at Kate Sullivan before that. Been in Tallahassee for about 9 years. No relation to Mrs. Rhodes who taught music. She starts on Monday).

Also, the school now has Mr. Godwin, behavioral specialist and he is awesome. He fit right in on the first day. Remembers the kids' names already.

Thank you for the help with Field Day!! It was soo amazing and it ran so smoothly. PTO does so much at this school and it has been great! Everyone is so welcoming and Ms. Blair has bought more costumes and will get smore'd soon.

Vice Principal's Report

Riccardi

Testing dates are being tweaked. Pre-K starts in April. K is April 24th. The new dates will be sent out ASAP so field trips and family trips can be planned around them. Shoot me an email if you need anything.

Share Nights

Katie Giagos

Dave's Pizza Garage fundraiser was kind of a bust, was not popular.

Moe's is coming up (booked last week) – April 6th (which on a Thursday) 5pm-9pm (maybe a good one for stickers) – Taylor asked if we could have it until closing time because April 7th is Good Friday and we are out school

Hot Wheels Monster truck event is also booked – April 23rd – possibly \$5 per ticket donated to the school (promote it for the next month and hopefully it will do better)

Marco's – May 5th (Friday) and it is all day (either 15%-20% donated)

Frother's Daughter – too busy to do 5th grade graduation

Maybe one more... possibly Sweet Frog

Entertain doing a parent's night?? Probably just do Sweet Frogs as the last one.

Looking for any ideas for next year.. probably Hanger 38 again (they also do a bingo night and they donate 100%)

Board Member Reports

- Director of Finance

Allison Hartsfield (Ressa)

Boosterthon \$89,908.91 (will still have to pay the company though) DD - \$1700 in ticket sales (expenses \$1400) – these events are more community building and not for profit. Two additional patron donations for \$500. School store \$354.

Expenses - \$1000 bounce house for Field Day, \$60 banner for Grandparents, enhancement funds for music, and then the DD expenses.

- Directors of Fundraising

Karen Benavidez, Jamie Sheehan

Nothing to report at this time.

- Director of Communications

Brittany Auclair

Motion to approve minutes – Teresa Horn
Seconded- Lachelle Browning

- Business Partner Coordinator

Taylor Wright

Nothing to report at this time.

- Volunteer Coordinator

Jennifer Griswold

See below for volunteer opportunities.

Old Business

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Daddy Daughter Dance – Thank you to Allison, Taylor, Jen Griswold for volunteering and Lisa for making the balloon arch. 260 tickets sold (about 100 more than we anticipated). Next year the price will be raised from \$5. Successful and super glad to bring it back.

Field Day - everything went smoothly. On Thursday we had 72 volunteers and that Friday we had 34 volunteers (since the afternoon session was cancelled). Jen Griswold did a wonderful job (round of applause even though she isn't present)

New Business

Ressa Tomkiewicz

5th grade graduation – Zoom meeting tomorrow at 7pm. It's also on the 5th grade Facebook page. Committee met and did the divisions of labor. Monday the last week of school is the graduation ceremony at 9am (more formal walk across the stage), luau is on Wednesday in the cafeteria.

Book Fair March 27th – April 3rd – 12 volunteer opportunities per day

Grandparents Day – Friday March 31st and Monday April 3rd (Chair is Lachelle Browning) same thing happens both days (doing it over two days because there are so many grandparents attend). It is during lunch. Volunteers with pre-printed badges for the grandparents. Light snacks/coffee snack near media. Volunteers around to help alleviate grandparents going to the office.

K Orientation – April 4th – 6pm-7pm good volunteer opportunity. 3-4 volunteers needed. Photo booth planned and a scavenger hunt. The school store will be present and selling our Tshirts and old patron prizes.

Mother/Son Kickball game – April 15th (Saturday) 3pm-5pm – Deer Lake United Methodist (anyone is welcome to attend and its for all grades)

Teacher Reports

Lead Teachers

K Reddick

Unit 4 – talking about what we can learn from family traditions, what life was like in the past. 90 kindergarten sight words and we have done 66 of them. Working on long I pattern. About to add the sentence to their spelling test. Math is dealing with 2D shapes and then will lead into 3D shapes. Social Studies, started night and day.... What you see in the day and what you see at night. Science will end up in space and plants and how they grow and change. They will also be going to the Challenger Learning Center also. Showed some kindergarten projects, it is interesting to see how they think. Right now, based on their projects, they are equating night and day with food.

1 – Sellars

Money, measurement, and time in math. Which ties into social studies needs and wants and goods and services. In science they just finished water safety and now starting sun safety and space. Field trip to Challenger is coming soon to wrap that unit up. About to start the Fairy Tale Unit.

2 – Fuqua

Right before SB they had their wax museum. The kids went above and beyond. The kids were not shy – they just performed in front of so many people. Going to Panacea soon. Chapter 9 in math which is metric units. Savvas – talking about persuasive writing. Science they started the unit on Energy and looking forward to the rest of the year.

3 – Teresa Horn

Reading - Unit 4 dealing with historical fiction and biographies. Social studies – they are learning economics and will be having an Economics Fair. Parents have been sending in different things and the kids will have money to purchase and decide whether they have a need/want to fill. Someone from a bank is coming to guest speak in Ms. Horne's class to talk about saving money.

4 – Garcia

Welcome students back from Spring Break. Only one more 9-week period to go before they go into 5th grade and so they are learning how to prepare. Transitioning into big fifth graders and to be quiet in the hall when they switch classes. Had a great time at field day!! Thanks to all the volunteers for that. Our St. Augustine field trip is coming up and they are excited about that.

5 – Jackson

Social Studies – starting Unit 6 – government branches. Language Arts – reviewing testing strategies (especially for PM3). Only 9 weeks left to show their best. Poetry practice. Work/study habits are being instilled and started talking about KLES pillars and what they mean to propel their characters forward. Math – converting units of measurement. Science – finishing up body systems. Now they understand what is going on when they run at PE. Excited for graduation!!

Special Area – Pursino

Art – k/1 exploring cubism (Picasso)
2/3 - Animal habitats
4/5 - Single point perspective

PE – Super thankful to Jen Griswold and all the parents for Field Day. Thank you to PTO for their support with their PE program

Guidance – personal safety (likely online safety)
Media – Book Fair is next week

Music – World Music and they are learning about other country's instruments and language. Talk about respecting their differences
1st grade show – next week – Ocean People

Open Forum/ Q&A

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Adjourn Meeting at 6:42 pm

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Next meeting April 18th (last PTO Meeting)