



Killearn Lakes Elementary

PTO Meeting
April 18, 2023
6:00 pm

AGENDA

Attendance:

Principal Brenda Wagner, Ressa Tomkiewicz, Brittany Auclair, Jamie Sheehan, Coleen Sellers, Whitnee Fuqua, Teresa Horn, Angie Hickman, Allison Hartsfield, Taylor Wright, Michelle Garcia, Jennifer Griswold, Lenard Franklin, Heather Jackson, Imogene Reddick, Katherine Fothergill, Stephanie Schwinn, and Bethany Mitchell

Welcome at 6:02 pm

Ressa Tomkiewicz

As always, thank you for coming! This is our last PTO meeting for this school year!!! Taylor sang the "final countdown"

Principal's Report

Brenda Wagner

Last PTO Meeting – our teachers are in full speed helping the kiddos. Kudos to teacher and students for working hard.

Staff updates – some are leaving like Tracy Reynolds (who is moving out of state -Kansas), para (with Luke) - Mya (just got married and is also moving). Three retiring: Anita Cole, Lisa Peacock, Principal Wagner. However, none of the teachers are leaving right now.

Thank you to PTO for Grandparents day assistance. There is no way to do the event without the PTO. A lot of the PTO members were here to help and the Friday/Monday combo worked out very well. Principal Wagner did not hear anything negative about the event this year.

Ressa also mentioned that Lachelle Browning was the chair so she was the chair and deserves huge kudos.

If you have any questions about the school let Principal Wagner know

Board Member Reports

Director of Finance

Allison Hartsfield (Ressa)

Some of this might be repeated since Allison was not present for the last meeting

Boosterthon money - \$90,073 total (before we pay their fee) \$61,000 will be our share

Expenses:

Heinz Nursery - \$1700 (deposit for a 1/3 of the bill) for the campus enhancement, Field day – \$1025 for bounce house and popcorn \$100, Grandparents day – banner \$60, balloon supplies - \$150 (for the arches and is reusable), muffins and cinnamon rolls \$89, Media resources - \$161 (Ms. Hartsfield), Kindergarten orientation – balloon bouquets -\$76, table cloths - \$100 (reusable), School Store supplies - \$63, four teacher allotment receipts for reimbursement, Teacher Appreciation Week – envelopes/labels - \$235

Income:

\$13 from Coca Cola, \$1146 – Skate World Share Night, \$48 – Dave’s Pizza Garage,

Update on Hot Wheels is selling fairly decently (sold about 25 tickets) and Tshirts were sold at K Orientation (it offset the cost of the balloon bouquets)

Directors of Fundraising

Karen Benavidez, Jamie Sheehan

Nothing to report at this time.

Director of Communications

Brittany Auclair

Motion to approve minutes – Jamie Sheehan
Seconded- Ressa Tomkiewicz

Please sign the attendance sheet if you haven’t already

Business Partner Coordinator

Taylor Wright

Nothing to report at this time.

Volunteer Coordinator

Jennifer Griswold

Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Book Fair and Grandparents Day

Ressa was impressed with Grandparents day and how organized with the cafeteria tables clearly labeled

April 4th was K orientation – cute to see little ones and the bright-eyed parents and had them sign up for PTO information and received some T-shirt sales

Mother/son Kickball game this past Saturday – three were three fields and six teams playing at a time. Second and third graders were the most rowdy. Fourth and fifth graders tried really hard. Ton of fun!! Served hot dogs thanks to Marcy's husband. Fun event and glad we could do it.

Thank you for the volunteer breakfast. It was a beautiful spread. Appreciated being about to come in and hang out with staff and other volunteers.

New Business

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Busy month!!!

Campus Enhancement – is coming together. Had \$12,000 (like from COVID years etc). Working with Heinz to do front garden as a memorial garden and will be installed first week of May (weather permitting) and should get it done in a week. Were hoping to get it done by end of the year. Ordered memorial plaques (all this is just shy of \$6,000).

So we also toyed around with playground equipment for primary playground. Jessica Cain wanted to do a larger dome for immediate playground (large size one for about \$3,500 and with installation we should keep it under \$6,000). Ressa wanted to vote on this idea so we can get price quotes and on the school board agenda so we can get the ball rolling so it can get done next school year. Principal Wagner and Angie Hickman wanted to have options to let the teachers choose what equipment and Principal Blair and PE department will have to approve it. Tabling this idea for now and see if Jessica Cain can get some more options. At least campus enhancement funds will rollover to next year.

TAW – May 1 – 5th: lots of things planned for that week.. do not want to ruin surprises

5th grade graduation planning is underway

May 22nd at 9am is graduation

May 24th – luau

T-shirt team is working on design, the dignitaries have been invited, will need additional volunteers (especially for the games at the luau).

Open board positions – a few people leaving (going on to middle school and are moving):

Fundraising Co-director
Communications Chair
Volunteer Coordinator

Share Nights

Hot Wheels this weekend Marcos (May 5th) – 15% for online orders

Final share night will be Sweet Frogs at the very end of the school – solidifying dates and more information to follow.

Budget meeting over the summer and then everything picks up like kindergarten orientation and back to school bash which happen before school starts. So volunteers keep a watch on facebook and email.

Teacher Reports

Lead Teachers

K - Reddick

Thank you to PTO for all you do!! It is interesting to see how the school is run by parents. In the classroom they are in the last unit in Savaas (unit 5). Drawing to an end the unit on plants (things growing and changing over time). She showed projects like them planting seeds in a cup of soil and can a seed grow out of soil (in a wet paper towel in bag). Talked about bad weather and how warm ocean waters create moisture in the air and causes rain and warm weather sometimes where it is cold. Will continue with tornados and blizzards. Mother's Day tea next month (May 11th) and pairs with social studies. They only have 12 sight words left. Continue with long and short vowel sounds and sentences. Finished 3d Shapes in math (showed more projects). Introduced vertex, sides, and corners. Also in social studies, parents did a timeline project of the kids from their birth until now and they were shared over the projector to the class. Conclude the year with movement (motion). Did activities with bouncing, rolling, sliding and tying these forces with real life experiences. Excited that the year is coming to an end and that the kids are excited to go into first grade.

1 – Sellars

Field trip to Challenger after studying space and staying safe in the sun. They are doing a lot of writing in their writing unit. Math they are finishing up graphing and about to start geometry. Started off with getting excited with spring (showed some projects). Starting their fairy tale unit. They read about 3-4 stories a week and at the end will do the Fairy Tale Knowdown at the end (projects relating to the fairy tales). During the Knowdown the parents will see all the crafty projects the kids did.

2 – Fuqua

Knowdown is a fun day!! Thank you to PTO and has been wonderful this year and appreciate the support. Immigration Day is Friday and they "come to America." They choose a couple of well behaved kids to be in first class on the boat (they get to sit in chairs). Drama and plays. Math they are starting 3D shapes. A lot going on, but lots of fun things.

3 – Teresa Horn

I'm here as a grandparent, but I will report on third grade. Racing to cover all the standards before the last FAST testing. Two more lessons in reading and then will spend a little time reviewing. The last couple of weeks will do a novel study on One and Only Ivan. In SS, doing some student social emotional learning. Read The Good Egg and did some activities. This week is "what if we have a problem" and trying it in to FAST testing. Teaching the kids not to go into the test with a bad attitude. In math, finished up measurement and doing geometry. Science, they are learning about energy and

getting ready to make solar ovens and studying the convection and radiation energy. Will be going to Jacksonville Zoo at the middle of the May. Children are excited and looking forward to the field trip.

4 – Garcia

Went on Saint Augustine field trip last week and weather report was stormy and isolated tornados and went anyway. And it was a beautiful day until about 4pm and then it rained and stormed, but they got all their stuff in. The kids had a great time. They really enjoyed the shopping. Hopefully that is a memory that have and keep for a long time. Countdown to get ready for FAST to make sure they meet all the benchnotes and preparing them for 5th grade. Thank you to PTO for everything. We do appreciate the volunteers.

5 – Jackson

Thank you to PTO. It is all coming so fast this year. This board has been incredible this year and we appreciate it. Next week we go on Animal Kingdom field trip. Everyone has been doing a lot of prep for it and are really excited. With excitement comes lots of responsibility. Want to leave it better then we found it.

Reviewing benchmark to prepare for testing

Math 3d shapes and volume. Need a length and a height. Proud of their resilience. Taking the knowledge and skills that they know and taking it a step further. Very proud of them.

Final Iready Diagnostic of the year

Science – finish chapter of plant and animal adaptations right before their field trip

Special Area – Hickman

Art – nothing at this time

PE – wrapping up basketball skills and throwing/catching. Starting long jump rope skills

Guidance – 6 pillars of character: personal safety and career exploration

Media – nothing at this time

Music – finished world music and starting studying styles of music. Finishing voting for the song bracket for March Madness

Open Forum/ Q&A

Ressa Tomkiewicz

Adjourn Meeting at 6:42 pm

Ressa Tomkiewicz