



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**August 22, 2023**

**6:00pm**

### **Attendance**

Jenny Blair, Champayne Ricciardi, Mark Schlaudraff, Melissa Smith, Imogene Reddick, Ressa Tomkiewicz, Coleen Sellers, Stephanie Santiago, Stefania Martucci, Briano Allen, Jessie Jackson, Katie Giagios, Michelle Garcia, Len Franklin, Kate Fothergill, Teresa Horn, Bethany Mitchell, Maurica Peacock, Susan Vinson, Angela Roeder, Lauren Brewer, Casey Fox, Hague Park, Lisa Daws

### **Welcome**

**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

Welcome to our first PTO Meeting of the school year! Thank you to everyone for being here. We're here to get to know the PTO and the community we have here at KLES.

### **Principal's Report**

**Jenny Blair**

Thank you to the PTO - We have the best! We have had a great start to the year so far. We had some hiccups with PikMyKid app, but we got through it. We also made some campus enhancements along with adding some new security measures. We now have a Security Guardian instead of Police Officers to have the same faces around campus. We also installed new cameras as well as a privacy screen on the Playground fence. PikMyKid is being used for pickups, and can also be used in emergency situations to reunite students with parents/family.

### **Assistant Principal's Report**

**Champayne Ricciardi**

We are about to start progress monitoring, such as the Florida FAST. If Parents would like more information on the FAST testing, they can reference the FAST website. (<https://flfast.org/>) The School Advisory Council (SAC) is seeking new members and more parent involvement. The SAC is more focused on academic decisions at the school.



## **Board Member Reports**

### **• Director of Fundraising**

**Jaime Sheehan**

We don't ask Parents/Students to sell door to door or from a catalog for Fundraising, we have the Patron Program for 30 Days in September. In the past, classes have won a pizza or cookie party for being a top-earning class. Teachers also get a \$100 gift card of their choice. The Patron Program helps fund activities at KLES as well as Campus Enhancements around the school. The announcement for the Patron Program will go out on September 1st.

### **• Director of Finance**

**Allison Hartsfield**

We need to approve the budget for the year.

Motion to Approve Budget:

1st: Jaime Sheehan

2nd: Susan Vinson

### **• Director of Communication**

**Kate Fothergill**

Parents can follow our social media accounts to stay up to date on things going on around the school on Facebook or Instagram. We also encourage Parents to visit our PTO Website, where we post the PTO Newsletter, Meeting Minutes, and more.

### **• Volunteer Coordinator**

**Melissa Smith**

First volunteer opportunity we will have this year is Picture Day & the sign up genius for that will be going out soon. We also have a need for "Lunch Bunch" volunteers in the cafeteria to help the younger grades open their food items. We will start that next week. Kindergarten Lunch is from 10:30-11am. We are looking for a committee chair to help organize volunteers for lunch. Please email Melissa Smith if you'd like to volunteer.

### **Old Business**

**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

We were able to treat teachers to some sweets and treats for the new year with Duck Donuts. We also had our annual BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast for Kindergarten Parents in the Media center, which was provided by the PTO & Publix.



## **New Business**

**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

### **• Committee Chair Openings**

We have new committee chair openings this year we need to fill. Most importantly we need volunteers for Grandparents Day, and we are looking for a Chair to assist with that this year.

### **• Parent Social**

Our Parent Social this year will be September 14th at 6pm at Hurricanes Grill and Wings. The Parent Social is a casual drop-in event to meet other KLES Parents and connect. We will be doing one in September, and another in November.

## **Share Night Update**

**Katie Giagios**

We just did Sweet Frog for 2 Days & it was successful. We also got SkateWorld again & will be doing it twice this year - December 12th and again in May. SkateWorld Share Nights are a private event for KLES families, and they give us 100% of sales for the school. Tip for Parents: Beat the line and show up early at 4:30pm. I reached out to Hurricanes Grill and Wings and they seemed interested, but they are waiting to hear back from Corporate for permission. September 21st is Hangar 38 Share Night. Red Elephant is booked for November. I also contacted FSU Theater and I'm waiting on a response from them. We may do Smitty's again. Also looking into Crumbl Cookies, they are willing to give Teachers coupons to hand out as student rewards.

## **All Pro Dad Update**

**Briano Allen**

Last year we got All Pro Dad started again at KLES for the first time since COVID. We have activities for the kids and have breakfast together. It's a national program with different topics - this year is "Self-Control & Keeping it Together". If anyone knows of guest speakers who can come out to speak for the meetings, please let me know.

## **Teacher Reports**

### **• Kindergarten**

**Imogen Reddick**

We are up and running in Kindergarten, literally. They are still adjusting, transition is interesting but they all like being in school! This year Kindergarten has more playtime. In our reading program we added UFLI. We are tracing names and numbers. We counted numbers 1-5 in math. In social studies we are learning about rules, kindness, and being a good citizen. In Science, we started using our Chrome books, and they were very excited for that.



## Teacher Reports

### • First Grade

**Coleen Sellers**

We have been spending time getting to know one another, and learning to show kindness with friends. We also added UFLI to our reading program. We are counting by 20s to 100 in math. We talked about scientists and how they wonder and think for science. Next week we will start social studies and learn about the Government.

### • Third Grade

**Susan Vinson**

We made mini museums for the students to show off about themselves and their interests. We are starting cursive, and yes parents... students still practice writing cursive at school, despite what some may think. In math we are doing placements. In reading we are starting chapter books.

### • Fourth Grade

**Michelle Garcia**

We are excited about the new year! We are doing place value in math and expanding on what we have learned in previous grades. Special thank you to the PTO for providing a snack closet this year. It has been very helpful for teachers, especially when some students forget their snacks for the day.

### • Fifth Grade

**Teresa Horn**

5th graders are adjusting and getting to know each other, as well as mind-growth methods. We made a "Pot-o-Goals" to show off the students goals for their life. We are doing baseline testing, and working on the scientific method. We would like to see the science fair come back, as the science fair was a very beneficial experience for students. In math, we are doing difficult work in Chapter 1.

### • ESE

For 2nd - 5th Graders we have Interventions who help them individually. Kindergarten- 1st Grade is doing resource. We also have a full time ESE classroom this year.

## Open Forum/Q&A

**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

Motion to Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:

1st: Jaime Sheehan

2nd: Imogen Reddick



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**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

School store opens next Wednesday in the morning. We will announce it on Tuesday, the day before, in the school Newsletter.

**Meeting Adjourned at  
6:50pm**



**Next PTO Meeting  
September 19th, 2023  
6pm in the Media Center**