



MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2023
6:00pm

Attendance

Jenny Blair, Champayne Ricciardi, Melissa Smith, Maurica Peacock, Ressa Tomkiewicz, Stephanie Santiago, Debbie Blass, Lori Allen, Christa Romel, Karen Allen, Danielle Fried, Bethany Mitchell, Siobhan Dominy, Annemarie Gatlin, Lauren Brewer, Kim Colonna, Taylor Wright, Allison Hartsfield, Michelle Garcia, Elena Miller, Gina Burnette, and Jamie Sheehan.

Welcome - Ressa Tomkiewicz

Welcome to our third 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

KLES had 22 Faculty and staff complete CPR training recently. Lunch volunteers are awesome!! We did have an arson on campus and he was arrested. We wanted to give everyone an update on this. There was about \$8,000 done in damages. And last, we have had lots of sick kids and we are encouraging parents to keep kids home if they are sick.

Assistant Principal's Report - Champayne Ricciardi

Report cards are going out tomorrow afternoon on the portal. If you have a child in reading intervention, they will be sent home with a Lexia parent letter with their progress and what they are working on. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. Progress monitoring will be done on December 10th and 12th. Our goal is to have a plan and put it in place when we come back in January. Also, thank you for the lunch volunteers!

Share Night Update - Katie Giagios via Ressa

Our last two were Hangar 38 and Red Elephant and they weren't as successful as they were in the past. So are looking to do other restaurants and places we haven't tapped into before. We would love any feedback and ideas. Coming up we have Smitty's on November 7th. FSU School of Theater will be on November 17th "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!". December 12th is Skate World and we get 100% of all of the proceeds and it is shut down all for KLES only. We are working on Crumble cookie on the week of Valentine's Day. Looking for details for Hangar 38 bingo night in January.

Board Member Reports

• Director of Fundraising & Communications - Jamie Sheehan

We are finally done with the Patron Program and we raised \$18,500 this year. While this is less than what our goal was, I spoke with other schools and most places had trouble raising half of their goals. So I am very proud of what we achieved. The cookie contest winners were announced this week. Also Mrs. Wescoat and Ms. Crow won the teacher contests. Patron prizes will go out this week and spirit wear will go out next week. Spirit wear will be run multiple times a year.

Our Director of Communications has left KLES and Jamie has agreed to fill this role through the end of the year.

• Director of Finance - Allison Hartsfield

Copies of the budget are on each table. We have a bunch of new business partners and have raised \$5200. Our goal was \$4000 so congrats to Taylor. Fall Festival has raised \$1,155 so far in presales and the presale ends on Friday. We have spent \$1400 so far for the Fall Festival and we still have things left over from last year so our expenditures should be less this year. We also just received a check from First Day School Supplies and it was \$483. Patron totals have not been updated so it doesn't reflect the full amount raised yet. We also brought in \$350 from our School Store since school started. Spirit Wear so far has raised \$460 from open house. Hospitality has spent a little over \$100 so far. Grandparents Day we spent a little under \$500 which was under budget. Teacher allotments have spent \$1800 so far this year.

• Business Partner Coordinator - Taylor Wright

We are still looking for new partners and in the past we have continued to get new partners well into January. MK Notary Service, Hangar 38, Redemption Orthodontics, Equity and Realty Management Services, FSM Engineering are our new business partners to date.

• Volunteer Coordinator - Melissa Smith

No volunteer updates at this time.

Fall Festival Update

Redemptive Love, JD Athletics, Warner Soccer, BJ Party House, Bradfordville FD, North FL Wildlife, Kona Ice, Duck Donuts, Fired Up Pizza, Mr. Beasts Hot Dogs and Street Chefs are our returning partners. Lots of carnival games. And we are excited for the festival.

New Business

November 17th - Friendsgiving - We serve the teachers a catered lunch and give them a nice quiet lunch. We will also have a sign up genius for food and volunteers to make this luncheon a success.

November 30th - Storybook Character Parade - We need 2-3 volunteers for crowd control during the parade.

November 16 - KLES PTO Parent Social

Teacher Reports

• Kindergarten - Maurica Peacock

Continuing to work through our new letters and building new words and learning new sight words. On Friday they are planning a pumpkin celebration.

• First Grade - Debbie Blass

Language Arts - we are working on consonant digraphs and irregular words. We are noticing a huge difference in their reading and writing with this new program. Math - we are starting to enter into subtraction. Science - we are all about spiders right now. Field trip to Godby HS to watch a play.

• Second Grade - Lori Allen

Rocking along in 2nd grade. In reading, we are chipping away at the non-fiction text features. In Phonics, we are learning our long vowel sounds. In Math, we are learning 2 digit addition and all the regrouping strategies. In Science, wrapping habitat and the basic needs of living things. In Social Studies, we are stating map skills. And lastly, we have a field trip coming up to FSU for the pigeon play.

• Third Grade - Karen Allen

Reading Charlotte's Web and learning about cause and effect.. Winding down geography in Social Studies and starting multiplications in Math. In science, they are learning about plants and adaptations.

• Fourth Grade - Michelle Garcia

First field trip of the year to Mission San Luis was a success. Also excited about the book character parade. And last, they are starting to step up the accountability and responsibility on the kids.

• Fifth Grade - Michelle Garcia

Kids are working so hard on their Tropicana speeches which are due in November. Also prepping for the school wide spelling bee. We are learning multiplication and decimals in Math and different types of energy in Science.

• ESE - Maurica Peacock

Doing really well. Mrs. Vanderhoof and Mrs. Peacock both won a \$500 grant from Envision for wobbly chairs and the breakfast club to work on kids social skills.

Open Forum/Q&A - Ressa Tomkiewicz

No questions were asked.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm



**Next PTO Meeting
December 5th, 2023
6pm in the Media Center**