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Killearn Lakes Elementary

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**PTO** 



**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 19, 2023**

**6:00pm**

**Attendance**

Imogen Reddick, Kristi Swartzman, Elena Miller, Danielle Fried, Cori Allen, Bethany Mitchell, Kim Colonna, Lauren Brewer, Siobhan Domingo, Teresa Horn, Champayne Ricciardi, Karen Allen, Taylor Wright, Annmarie Gatlin, Stephanie Santiago, Jeni Pratts, Angela Roeder, Laura Wilson, Michelle Garcia, Lenard Franklin. Katie Giagios, Kate Fothergill, Jaime Sheehan, McKenzie Ketchel, Starla Belfast, Troy Diggs

**Welcome**

**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

What a great turn out today! The PTO meetings are a great way to see the school community at work, and see how you can stay involved. Unfortunately Principal Blair had a conflict this evening and will not be here.

**Assistant Principal's Report**

**Champayne Ricciardi**

PikmyKid has been going beautifully, and we are so thankful for the office staff that has helped us figure it out. We have our permanent guardian, Josh Gilmore, and he has been wonderful with the kids. He's everywhere on campus, and has been a great fit for us. We finished our Florida FAST progress monitoring for the beginning of the year. We do the FAST tests at the beginning, middle and end of the year. The FAST tests actually test for end of year benchmarks, so don't panic if your child comes home with a lower score than you anticipated. It's a great starting point and a way to track their progress. We will do it again in December. We will share the December data from those tests in January. We encourage parents to attend the SAC meeting. We can't wait to see everyone on Thursday!

**Share Night Update**

**Katie Giagios**

Hangar 38 is going to be next Thursday- 15% donation of sales to the school. Dine in and Take Out, Free Game Cards. I also booked Red Elephant for the first time in a couple years, it will be October 16th on a day off. They do 20% donations and will do both Dine in and take out. I booked Smitty's for November 14th. Smittys does 15%, 20% of its a good turn out. Skate World is on the calendar, and was a huge success last year. Parents should show up early to try to skip the line. SkateWorld shuts down the entire venue for the school - and 100% of sales goes to the school.



## **Share Nights (Continued)**

**Katie Giagios**

We will do SkateWorld in December, and then again in April. FSU School Theater is doing another kids play in November, and I'm waiting on them to get back with me with dates. I also got District 850 cards down in the spring - 10% of each card sold goes back into the school. I may also reach out to El Jalisco to try to book a taco share night, and Crumbl Cookies, and Hurricanes as well. I'm trying to book The Frothers Daughter in May. Will also look into Donut Kingdom & Firehouse Subs.

## **• Director of Fundraising**

**Jaime Sheehan**

Since our last meeting we had a hurricane, which threw off the Patron Program start. Teachers have also had trouble finding room parents, so the Patron Program is a little behind. We are at \$6,203 our goal is \$20,000. I will start reaching out to teachers this week to let them know who is in the lead. Last time I checked Pennington and Wescoat were the classes in the lead.

## **• Director of Finance**

**Allison Hartsfield (Ressa)**

Our business partners are up and running, we have brought in \$550, and another \$700 just came in. That is really kicking off, which is a great source of revenue for our school. The school store has been doing well - \$79. The T Shirts we were able to sell at Orientation brought in \$885. Expenses have been used on Book Club, Boosterthon, The Fall Festival, and Patron Prizes.

## **• Volunteer Coordinator**

**Melissa Smith (Ressa)**

Melissa unfortunately could not be here tonight, but here are the upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Picture Day
- Book Fair
- Grandparents Day  
& the Faculty Meeting.

Look out for Sign Up Genius forms to volunteer.

## **• Business Partners**

**Taylor Wright**

I'm Taylor Wright, I'm the Business Partner Coordinator and I'm working to revamp the program and expand it. I'm spending a lot of time going out to a lot of new businesses and making a lot of renewals this year. I'm super excited about this year!



## **Old Business**

**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

We have been doing a lot of recruitment and organizing. We filled the majority of our chairs, including Yearbook, Fall Festival, and Lunch Volunteer Chair. Big thank you to all of our volunteers!

## **New Business**

**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

Our Spirit Wear Store is about to launch, it's an online apparel store with our school designs. Long sleeves, hoodies, dry fit, and more. The Fall Festival is November 4th on a Saturday from 12-3pm. We had about a thousand people attend last year, and our team has been working hard to make it great. We have bounce houses, fave painters, Redemptive Love Farm, AR Workshop, K9 Unit, Tallahassee Fire Department, WTXL, Challenger Learning Center, Killlearn Lakes Taekwondo, FSU Robotics, Werner Soccer, Kona Ice, Duck Donuts, Mr B's Finest Hotdogs, as well as a cake walk and carnival games. It's a really fun event, so please spread the word and volunteer if you are able. We will need about 40 volunteers to help pull it off.

## **Teacher Reports**

### **• Kindergarten**

**Imogen Reddick**

We are rocking it with the early assessments in Kindergarten on the computer. We are having fun learning. We have covered the letters ATSM& I. We have been working on beginning sounds, ending sounds. They are building words this early in Kindergarten, changing the beginning and ending to words. We have covered 4 sight words. In math we have done numbers 3 & 4. Counted 0-5 and 1-5, as well as counting backwards. In social studies we just finished the 5 senses & are starting Johnny Appleseed and learning all about apples. Thursday is open house!

### **• First Grade**

**Laura Wilson**

In first grade we have been working on a lot of same things with letters, and working on short vowel sounds, as well as a lot of projects. We made "Ellie the Elephant" for short-e's, getting all these in to help build those words. We have been really big into AR, trying to take 2 tests a week. They love the Sunshine State books to earn their "brag tags". In Math we finished counting forward and back to 120. We have been working on place value and took a test on that. In Social Studies we have been working on the constitution, and they wrote their own constitutions. We also finished our 5 senses unit. We are working hard!



## Teacher Reports

### • Second Grade

**Lori Allen**

This is my first year at KLES. I was teaching Kindergarten last year, so when we worked on computers in second grade... I didn't know what to do with myself. They had it covered! As far as ELA, we are wrapping up our elements of poetry as well as our realistic fiction. In writing we are working on personal narratives. In Math we have been working on rounding, place value, and addition & subtraction strategies. In Social Studies we also have been working on our constitution and branches of Government and how to be a good citizen. In Science we are starting life cycle units. Huge animal research project coming!

### • Third Grade

**Karen Allen**

In Language Arts we just finished our book study on "Judy Moody Declares Independence" and that was so much fun! We use our book studies to take a break from other work. The book went right along with our Social Studies work on the constitution and Declaration of Independence. Math we are working on rounding. In Science we are doing the design process.

### • Fourth Grade

**Michelle Garcia**

We have been rocking and rolling - The Museum of Florida History is coming to the school, and we had a guest speaker last week. He came in and talked about the Seminoles of Florida, state reptiles, state mammals, and the kids loved it. We are having a field trip in October to Mission San Luis. We have also been working on the constitution and learning the preamble. In Language Arts they have been given their first book report, which is due at the end of the 9 weeks. Math we have been working on multiplication. 2 digit and 3 digit multiplication. We are excited about Open House!

### • Fifth Grade

**Teresa Horn**

In Social Studies we are continuing US Geography Interactive Notebook and Celebrating Freedom Week. We did Hats Off to Freedom, Wear Red to Remember, Flag Still Stands for Freedom, and I'm Lucky to Live in the Land of the Free. Friday is Grandparents Day. In Reading we are wrapping up informational text and text speakers, and gearing up for our Week at Poetry. In Math, we have finished Chapter 2 on building foundations in division. In Chapter 3 is all about place values and decimals. In Science we are working on the scientific method and types of investigations Scientists perform. The fifth grade bike ride is this week and they are very excited for that. Thank you to our PE teachers for working so hard to organize that.



**Open Forum/Q&A**

**Ressa Tomkiewicz**

No Questions. Please always remember to sign the sign in sheets at the PTO Meeting!

**Meeting Adjourned at  
6:44pm**



**Next PTO Meeting  
October 24th, 2023  
6pm in the Media Center**