



MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2023
6:00pm

Attendance

Champayne Ricciardi, Ressa Tomkiewicz, Taylor Wright, Jamie Sheehan, Katie Giagios, Imogene Reddick, Karen Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Bethany Mitchell, Siobhan Dominy, McKenzie Ketchel, Stephanie Santiago, Annemarie Gatlin, Elena Miller, Lauren Brewer, Christa Romel, Lenard Franklin, and Troy Diggs.

Welcome - Ressa Tomkiewicz

Welcome to our fourth 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 and Assistant Principal's Report - Champayne Ricciardi

We are still hiring but we are hoping to be fully staffed soon. Today our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders completed their FAST testing. We will be doing Math testing next week. In January, our staff and kids will be showcasing their skills to parents. Kids will be showing the cool things they do with the programs they use in class. Please come out and support your kids. We love to showcase our kids and show what we have going on.

Share Night Update - Katie Giagios

We have an upcoming share night at Skate World on December 12th. We are promoting tips on how to beat the lines and reminders to bring socks. We get 100% of the proceeds. Morgan expressed that she needs some help with distributing the flyers to the teachers on Thursday. We need to distribute the stickers Monday evening so the stickers will go home on Tuesday.

We received our check from Smitty's and we are expecting the check from the FSU play soon but it sounds like it was successful. We will be having a Chick-fil-a event January 18th from 5-7pm and it has to be in person purchases and purchases can't be done through the app. We are working to have a Crumble Cookie event in February. Two weeks before spring break, we will be selling cards for District 850. The cards can be used at any time and there isn't an expiration date. We have reached out to Frother's Daughters but we haven't been successful. Also Marco's is another option that we are working on but nothing yet. Hoping to set up a couple more things for the spring. Promote Skate World please!!

Board Member Reports

• Director of Fundraising & Communications - Jamie Sheehan

The only update for the Patron Program is we reached \$18,250.16. We do need to approve the minutes from the last two meetings. Ressa Tomkiewicz made a motion and Taylor Wright seconded the motion. The September and October meeting minutes were approved.

• Director of Finance - Allison Hartsfield via Ressa Tomkiewicz

Fall Festival update, we brought in just shy of \$4000.

Holiday Giving Update - Jamie Sheehan

We currently have 3 KLES families that we will be supporting over the holidays. The food drive was a success and we were able to pull together lots of variable food items for these families. The gift drive started yesterday, so please remind your kids to bring in their items if their parents sign up. We will be collecting gifts until next Friday, December 15th and the 3 families will be picking up their gifts and food items the following week before Christmas break. A special thanks to Ressa and Taylor for stepping in while I was out of town this past week.

Old Business

Fall Festival - we had 104 volunteers, 14 Community Partners, 11 games, and 5 food vendors. We had a great event debrief so we have some bigger and better ideas for next year to make it more efficient.

And a special shout out to Taylor Wright, Jamie Sheehan, Katie Giagios

Friendsgiving - we want to thank all the volunteers who sent in food. It was a special event and we were able to shower our teachers and staff with a break and enjoy some amazing food..

New Business

Campus Enhancement - Stephanie Santiago will be leading this campaign this year. Last year, we used the money for the new memorial garden out front. We have \$8,600 to spend this year and we are working closely with the teachers and PTO to get some ideas of what are the school's needs.

Fifth Grade Graduation - We start planning after the first of the year. It is a huge undertaking with the ceremony and the luau party. We have one chair committed but we need 2 more. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please reach out to Ressa.

Yearbook - We start after the first of the year and Kim Colona will be our contact for all things related to the Yearbook. The cover has been submitted. We will start selling it in January but we need photos. Please send pictures to KLESyb@gmail.com

Teacher Reports

• Kindergarten - Imogene Reddick

We just had an on-campus field trip with community helpers, Momma P's, Redemptive Farm animals and a K9 unit with a pizza lunch. Social Studies - We went over then and now and used cars for examples to show the advancement of technology. Science - we learned about objects that change form and how these things change with heat. Math - we are reviewing all the numbers 0-20. They are now filling in the missing numbers and leading into subtraction. LA - We are using YouthFly program and when they introduce the letters, it makes them more aware of where the letters fall. For example, we just showed the letter r and how it sounds in the first and second position.

• Second Grade - Elizabeth Allen

Doing great 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 subtraction and strategies. In Science, wrapping habitat and the basic needs of living things. In Social Studies, we are wrapping up Native Americans and we will be starting earth science standards next week. We had great time on our

field trip to FSU for the pigeon play!

• **Third Grade - Karen Allen**

Just got back from the Jacksonville Zoo and the kids had a great time. The crowds were low and the weather was amazing. Science, we are finishing up their habitats. Math - fast facts and multiplication. Social Studies - learning about our regional neighbors. LA - reading historical fiction.

Open Forum/Q&A - Ressa Tomkiewicz

No questions were asked.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43pm



Next PTO Meeting

January 23, 2024

6pm in the Media Center