



MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024
6:00pm

Attendance

Ressa Tomkiewicz, Jamie Sheehan, Taylor Wright, Imogene Reddick, Karen Allen, Lisa McCaffrey, Bethany Mitchell, Siobhan Dominy, McKenzie Ketchel, Stephanie Santiago, Annemarie Gatlin, Elena Miller, Lauren Brewer, Lenard Franklin, Danielle Fried, Maurica Peacock, Kim Colonna, Lauren Brewer, Adrian Gutierrez, Christa Romel, Jessica Rhodes, Jenny Blair, and Champayne Ricciardi.

Welcome - Ressa Tomkiewicz

Welcome to our February 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 for the Daddy-Daughter Dance and the Boosterthon! New second grade teacher has started and this is her first year teaching. District is giving us three additional cameras to replace old cameras. The cameras will be located in the front. We are also going to have some additional security measures in place including new key fobs. We had a medical emergency at EDEP and thanks to staff training, all ended well.

Assistant Principal's Report - Champayne Ricciardi

We had a wonderful time at the dance and it was so precious and beautifully decorated. The end of the year is upon us and rapidly approaching. We are digging into data and we will pay teachers for some extra planning time to evaluate kids that need extra help. We are hoping that some of these teachers will work afterschool with kids to help them catch up.

Board Member Reports

• Director of Fundraising & Communications - Jamie Sheehan

We need to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Taylor Wright made a motion and McKenzie Ketchel seconded the motion. The February meeting minutes were approved.

• Director of Finance - Allison Hartsfield via Ressa Tomkiewicz

Two main things, the dance brought in more than we expected. Under field trips, we have had a lot of need requested this year for 4th and 5th grade fees and have spent \$726. Thanks to Mr. Franklin for almost reaching his goal. If you have any questions about the budget, please contact Allison Hartsfield.

Old Business

Valentine Days - We supplied donuts and coffee for teachers.

National Crossing Guard Day - we were able to recognize our crossing guards and gave them flowers and gift cards.

Daddy Daughter Dance - We sold 321 tickets at presale, at the door 55 tickets, and we were able to provide lots of food and goodies to all of the kids.

New Business

Mother/Son Event - We have officially decided to do an All Star Event with lots of sports and activities. It will be here at the school on April 13th in the afternoon. More to come...

Field Day - It is approaching quickly. We sent out a sign up genius and we will need lots of volunteers for both days with 40 in the morning and 40 in the afternoon.

Campus Enhancement - Met with admin last week and we canvassed lots of other schools to get some ideas and inspiration. Possible options - Update the media and tv news equipment; Add a little color and paint with a possible mural to the exterior; Update the front office and conference room; Add some fence cups to the fence; and the front marqui could possibly be updated.

Teacher Appreciation Volunteers - We are way out but we will need some extra committee members. If there is anyone that loves to decorate, please email Ressa. We will need help in particular the week of May 6-10 and volunteers on May 3rd. March 21st, we will have a room parent meeting by Zoom and will be shared shortly.

Board Positions - Danielle Fried will take over the Communications Director position. We still need a Volunteer Coordinator for next year.

Share Night Update - Katie Giagios via Ressa Tomkiewicz

We made \$191 on Chick-fil-a and Crumbl brought in \$300. District 850 Arcade Cards - available online now and will be distributed on March 6th.

Teacher Reports

• Kindergarten - Imogene Reddick

We are doing good in Kindergarten. We are trying to get everything covered. Just finished our unit on American symbols. Valentine's Day was fun. We are starting famous Americans this week. In Science, we used the conversation hearts to distinguish between sink and float. We are still dealing with adding and subtracting numbers in Math. We also started our new unit on phonics and continuing to cover digraphs.

• ESE - Maurica Peacock

We are also starting to cover digraphs in ESE. We are in the middle of IEP development and evaluating their progress and goals for next year. We have two VPK classes next year so spread the word about the special advantages and consider us for next year.

• First Grade - Lisa McCaffrey

We are working on learning about money with adding and subtracting. Language Arts, these kids are learning about opinions and writing about those. Still pressing to learn and read at home and then take those AR tests in school. Math, we are finishing up learning about money. Social Studies, we are learning about biographies and working on their famous Americans at home. And we are going to

Panacea in March. We also have some other great things coming up such as Curriculum Night on February 29th.

• **Third Grade - Karen Allen**

We are getting ready for the FAST tests and helping them get ready to test on the computer with the ReadWorks program. We are continuing to learn cursive and we are in Unit 4, week 3 in Savas. In Social Studies, we are finishing up famous Americans and then starting our economics. In Science, we are learning about types of energy. In Math, we are working on area and perimeter. We are having a special mystery reader this week and we are super excited.

• **Fourth Grade - Michelle Garcia via Jessica Rhodes**

They had a wonderful field trip to Blended Lives and will be visiting sites around Cascades Park and this will tie in with Black History month. And then we will head to Goodwood Museum for a fun filled learning experience on February 6th. This is our first time since before the pandemic. We also are getting excited about our St. Augustine trip. We have been working with new software to practice typing for their writing test. In Math, we are into fractions and trying to get the children to visualize. In Science, we are doing energy as well. All is good in 4th grade!

• **Fifth Grade - Jessica Rhodes**

In Science, we just finished unit 4 on the weather and we have the human body coming up next. In Math, we are starting on shapes and geometry.

Open Forum/Q&A - Ressa Tomkiewicz

SAC Meeting - we will be having one on February 29th. Mrs. Riccardi will be in touch with further information.

We are shifting from ListServ to Focus to deliver all of our messages. The emails and phone numbers in Focus are extremely important. ListServ will be eliminated by the end of the school year.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51pm



Next PTO Meeting

March 26, 2024

6pm in the Media Center