



MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2024

6:00pm

Attendance

Ressa Tomkiewicz, Jamie Sheehan, Melissa Smith, Imogene Reddick, Karen Allen, Lisa McCaffrey, Bethany Mitchell, Siobhan Dominy, McKenzie Ketchel, Stephanie Santiago, Annemarie Gatlin, Elena Miller, Lauren Brewer, Christa Romel, Lenard Franklin, Danielle Fried, Maurica Peacock, Michelle Garcia, Gina Burnette, Jenny Blair, and Champayne Ricciardi..

Welcome - Ressa Tomkiewicz

Welcome to our fifth 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

We are starting the second part of the school year. We are dealing with cold weather. New second grade teacher will be hired soon. New Horizons had to take a hiatus but we now have a new person starting soon. We also have a new phone system and are loving it once we learn how to use it. Also Melissa Smith has moved to Guidance.

Assistant Principal's Report - Champayne Ricciardi

Progress monitoring is done. Now, April 4th-5th our 4th and 5th grade will be taking the writing portion. The first 2 weeks of May will be testing for almost all grade levels. Please do not schedule anything on these days and they will not be excused absences if requested. We are going to go back to summer school only being for 3rd grade. And 3rd grade will be going back to a mandatory retention grade.

Board Member Reports

• Director of Fundraising & Communications - Jamie Sheehan

We need to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Elena Miller made a motion and Maurica Peacock seconded the motion. The December meeting minutes were approved.

• Director of Finance - Allison Hartsfield via Ressa Tomkiewicz

Holiday lunch at \$1,000 was our largest recent expense. Share events have brought in almost \$1,400 total. Our largest event was Skate World share night which brought in \$729 and it was a huge success. Spirit wear brought in approximately \$363. If you have any questions about the budget, please contact Allison Hartsfield.

Old Business

Holiday Giving - we were able to support 4 families with 10 children. We were also able to support our faculty with a holiday lunch from Moe's.

New Business

Daddy Daughter Dance - We will be having the dance in the cafeteria on February 16th from 6-8pm. We will have snacks, a DJ, and a photo booth. If you haven't bought your tickets, please do so soon.

\$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. We will be needing volunteers before and during the dance to decorate, photographer, floaters and we will reach out to everyone soon to sign up.

Mother/Son Event Chair - We are currently looking for a chair to manage the event later this spring. It will be held in April. Danielle Fried and Eleana Hill volunteered to co-chair. We are open to ideas for the event. Ressa will meet with the new chairs to get the event planning going.

Campus Enhancement - We recently got together and started vetting some ideas. We are looking to have a few projects next year. We should have some more details at the next meeting.

Report Card Certificates - Melissa Smith has been working with a lot of businesses in the city. Hangar 38, Skate World, Sweet Frog, Growler Country, Fun Station, Red Elephant, Duck Donuts, and Walk On have expressed interest. We will keep networking to see if there are any other businesses that might be interested.

Fifth Grade Graduation - We have started planning and have a meeting scheduled on Jan 29th at Ressa's house at 7pm. We are still looking for chairs and help. We always plan the luau, graduation, 5th grade Walk and we need quite a lot of people to help pull this off.

Share Night Update - Katie Giagios

We have a couple things on the agenda coming up. Skate World was a huge event and we recently had our Chick-fil-a event. We made approximately \$192 at our recent Chick-fil-a event.

We have our Crumbl Share Night next month on February 13th from 3-8pm. Then we have our event with the District 850 Arcade Cards. They will be on sale before Spring Break and they are good for a whole year. Parents can send in a check and they can be purchased online. We are hoping to get the cards to the teachers the week before Spring Break.

April 18th we will have Kona Ice on Kindergarten orientation night. And we are hoping to do some more things before the end of the year.

Teacher Reports

• Kindergarten - Imogene Reddick

We have a lot of exciting things happening in Kindergarten. We are welcoming in winter and we have been doing weather related activities and landforms. We have our 100th day coming up next week! We are also learning our addresses and phone numbers. In math, we just finished adding. In Savas, we are learning about ending sounds and then and now/ changes with the past and the present.

• ESE - Maurica Peacock

We have a lot of exciting things happening in ESE. We are helping them with the IEP goals. We are doing the breakfast club and it is a social skills activity. We have between 10-15 kids every time. We are also working on our gardens which have brussel sprouts, beets, and lots of other fun vegetables. We also have the LEAP program for a couple of 1st grade students. We also got a grant for flexible seating and it has been a success with the kids.

• **First Grade - Lisa McCaffrey**

We want to first thank the PTO for all of the things they have done to support our teachers with classroom needs. We are working on learning about money with adding and subtracting. Language Arts, these kids are reading up a storm and they can earn lots of neat prizes. Social Studies, we are learning about our 5 American symbols. Mama P was our mystery reader this past month. No one recognized her without her truck. We don't celebrate the 100th but we will be celebrating 101th day on Friday, February 2nd.

• **Third Grade - Karen Allen**

For Language Arts, we are working on a book study of Sarah Plain & Tall. We also started cursive and we are in Unit 4, week 1 in Savas. In Social Studies, we are learning about famous Americans. In Science, we are learning about types of energy. In Math, we are working on division. We are having a special mystery reader this week and we are super excited.

• **Fourth Grade - Michelle Garcia**

Thanks to the PTO for everything you have done! We are gearing up for a 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 - Michelle Garcia for Heather Lugo**

In Science, they are creating a planet sales project. In Math, we are starting on dividing fractions by whole numbers and vice versa. In Social Studies, we are learning about the historical geography of Native American tribes.

Open Forum/Q&A - Ressa Tomkiewicz

SAC Meeting - we will be having one soon. Mrs. Riccardi will be in touch with further information.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49pm



Next PTO Meeting

February 20, 2024

6pm in the Media Center