KES PTO Meeting

SEPTEMBER 12th, 2016

**Today’s PTO Meeting began at 7:45 a.m. Attendance included:**

Principal Kathy Tucker

Jamie Knight (1st Grade)

Michelle Moore (Volunteer Coordinator)

Jenny Ranick (PTO President)

Christie Carrera (PTO VP)

Erika Metzger (PTO Treasurer)

Kristi Sanchez (PTO Secretary)

Debbie Caro

Joan Mercado

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Erika reported an account balance of $6,645.06 which does not include two new donations from *Zaxby’s* and *Vinny’s Pizza*.

**Square One Art**

* Jenny informed everyone that Square One Art is right around the corner. She will be distributing the information to the staff within the next few weeks.

**Sponsorships**

* Erika shared the news that we have two new sponsors for a total of four. She has reached out to over 50 downtown businesses already and hopefully her hard work will pay off! Thanks Erika!

**Bus Driver Appreciation**

* Christie and I distributed KES t-shirts to the Bus Drivers and their assistants last week and thanked them for all that they do to keep our kids safe. As always, they were grateful that we thought of them! We will hand out Publix gift cards next, prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday, as this is always well received before the holidays.

**Boosterthon Update**

* This year the Boosterthon Fun Run will take place on March 8th. It will kick off the preceding week with the Pep Rally on February 27th. Jenny informed everyone that we will be doing “Fun Run You” this year which will allow KES to keep more of the profit of funds raised by not implementing the full staff and services of the Boosterthon team.

**Spring SUP (Paddleboard) Race**

* Christie mentioned that there was some conflict of opinion regarding the tentative date for this Spring’s SUP Race, since the initial date didn’t fall in May (Water Safety Month). After some discussion we all agreed that the best option for the new date would be May 6th.  More details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

**Principal’s Report**

* Kathy started by mentioning all the new staff KES has acquired in recent weeks, including three additional Extended Day staff hired by Janet. We are growing! PTO will provide the new staff members with KES shirts.
* October 17th will be the official make-up day for our recent hurricane day off.
* The initial round of DE Testing is now complete.
* The *Ancient City Roadrunners* has donated $250 to KES for recess equipment. Thanks Roadrunners!
* We are now back on a monthly schedule for the Dolphin Digest, much to everyone’s relief! This is easier all-around for teachers and parents.
* Brian Taylor is working on a screen to go over the fence and more cameras are being integrated throughout the school for improved security.
* Kathy was pleased to inform us that K-Kids (Kiwanis) will be returning to KES for our 4th and 5th graders. This is a great program that builds leadership and fosters community service, plus it’s the foundation for the Builder’s Club in Middle School and the Key Club in High School.
* Last, but not least, Kathy indicated that due to the frugality of the Extended Day and Enrichment programs through the last few years, we have a nice surplus that she would like to reinvest back into the kids of KES. She’s requesting we all think big to come up with something great! More to follow…

**Volunteer Orientation**

* Two new volunteers sat in on the PTO meeting today and Michelle went through a brief introduction of the volunteer process at KES during the meeting. After the meeting wrapped up, Michelle stayed with both of them to continue the discussion.

**Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting Scheduled for October 10th at 7:45 a.m.**