KES PTO Meeting

SEPTEMBER 25th, 2017

**Today’s PTO Meeting began at 8:00 a.m. Attendance included:**

Principal Kathy Tucker

Jenny Ranick (PTO President)

Christie Carrera (PTO VP)

Erika Metzger (PTO Treasurer)

Kristi Sanchez (PTO Secretary)

Amy Sapp

Debbie Caro

Sarah Widerstedt

Jessica Misterly

Jill Laidler

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Erika reported an account balance of $9,719.95 which does not include our profit of $675.85 from *Chipotle’s* Spirit Night.

**Staff Appreciation**

* We discussed some potential dates for upcoming Staff Appreciation events and decided that we don’t have enough time to put something together for September due to the recent lost days from Hurricane Irma. We’re hoping for a confirmation from *Applebee’s* for an October 26th lunch and considering the next event in November to take place on the 10th, which was originally a vacation day for Veteran’s Day.

**Fall Event**

* We brainstormed this year’s Fall Event and weighed the pros and cons of organizing a Fall Festival again versus Movie Night. The excessive organization and lack of volunteer participation makes Fall Festival impractical. Christie had an idea about combining something with *Nights of Lights* and *Ripley’s* trolley rides in early December. Jessica and Debbie both volunteered to assist her with planning this event. More details will be forthcoming.

**Sponsorships**

* Erika & Christie repositioned banners from our sponsors to the fence adjacent to Francis Field. Christie is trying to get an estimate of foot traffic for a given time-frame to share with potential sponsors to prompt increased sponsorship. She will also be highlighting one sponsor each Friday on Facebook. Thank you both!

**Principal’s Report**

* Kathy started by mentioning the rescheduling of Picture Day (due to Hurricane Irma) for October 24th.
* Other implications from the recent storm, in conjunction with the recent Hurricane Matthew, has negatively impacted our enrollment due to the permanent relocation of some of our families out of necessity.
* KES has been directed by the District to add a new classroom for the Behavioral Unit bringing the total to three. That has necessitated some additional staff and Kathy was pleased to announce that KES has two wonderful, new Para-pro hires.
* Kathy explained the parameters around the new i-Ready testing and indicated that the first round is about wrapped up. The next round will begin in January.
* Mighty Milers is underway and the kids have begun to earn their incentives.
* Kathy mentioned the importance of parent input in the Accreditation Survey which will go out via our school messenger email system. We’re aiming for 60% participation.
* Last, but certainly not least, Kathy informed us that Mitch Moody is, regrettably, leaving KES for another opportunity. This is a bittersweet move for Mitch and we all wish him the very best but will miss him tremendously!

**Miscellaneous**

* Upcoming Spirit Nights will include *Chick-Fil-A* in October and *Zaxby’s* in November.
* We are still on the search for someone to head up the creation and compilation of this year’s Yearbook.
* We briefly discussed a membership drive for PTO but the response was a little less than enthusiastic so the jury is still out.
* Christie mentioned and we discussed getting the PTO certified on *GuideStar* as a non-profit, which will allow us to raise funds online through a variety of venues, including *Amazon Smile*.
* We nixed a potential sock fundraiser after Jenny reported the cost to PTO of the product and required minimums.
* The fundraiser at *Collaborative* is currently on schedule for November 18th with final details, such as ticket cost, to be worked out in the coming weeks.

**Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting Scheduled for October 9th at 7:45 a.m.**

***Thank you to everyone in attendance! We were happy to see some new faces!***