

KES PTO Meeting

September 13, 2022

7:55 A.M.

Attendees

Kathy Tucker (Principal)	Alison Neumark
Megan Barlow (Interim VP)	Laradel Schlegelmilch
Jossy Taylor (Treasurer)	Sarah Rideman
Lindsay Niewoehner (Secretary)	Jessica Misterly
Lisa Desai	Channi Higgins
Ashley Bedell	Lisa Penny
Allison Baker	Ashley Coffey

Opening Remarks

- Megan Barlow opened the meeting and welcomed the group to the first meeting of 2022-2023 School Year!

Principal's Report

- Principal Tucker thanked everyone for a great start to the school year. She is looking forward to the upcoming year and encouraged by a great staff and supportive community. She acknowledged PTO volunteer efforts and thanked Janet Bryant for stepping up and assisting PTO during the president position vacancy. She also noted that the monthly staff appreciation gift from Lourdes Ramon was a hit!
- Principal Tucker extended her thanks to the PTO for its support of the school and for contributing to the teacher/staff lunch (provided by Carrabba's) and for sponsoring donuts (provided by Itty Bitty Donuts) during the first week back after the summer break. Principal Tucker discussed some of the needs that may come up during the year, and how music and technology will be a focus. She recapped how the proceeds from the Fun Run have been distributed to support the school.
- She provided an update on the status of FAST testing and explained that reports will go out soon after testing is complete. She also discussed the Media Advisory Council and noted that the school will be proceeding with SSYRA again this year. She explained that the program has been great for the school and helps to drive the high circulation rate of the media center books.
- Principal Tucker opened it up to the group for questions and there were none.

Treasurer's Report

- Jossy Taylor provided an update on the PTO account balance and noted that the success of the Fun Run in the spring, which raised around \$26K, has enabled PTO to make some significant contributions to the school while maintaining a strong financial position. She noted that our first two spirit nights have had a great turnout. Fun Run proceeds have been distributed as follows:
 - Recess Equipment \$2,959
 - Classroom Supplies (\$250 per teacher) \$7,250
 - Media Center Donation \$500
 - Technology (20 classroom laptops) \$10,000
 - Music Program \$2,500

New Business

- PTO Initiatives

Megan Barlow provided the group with an overview of the PTO initiatives and goals, some of which include; promoting school spirit, supporting academic programs, recognizing/supporting staff, celebrating student accomplishments, etc.

- Elections

The position of PTO President is vacant. Megan Barlow nominated Lindsay Niewoehner, seconded by Jossy Taylor. There were no other nominations. Lindsay was approved as president with no objections. Megan congratulated Lindsay on her new position and announced the vacancy of the Secretary position. No nominations followed. The Secretary position remains open. Anyone interested in learning more about the position is welcome to reach out to Principal Tucker or Lindsay with questions.

- Volunteer Opportunities

Megan discussed the volunteer opportunities that have been posted via Sign-up Genius. There has been had a great response, however a few openings remain to be filled. She discussed the open opportunities in more detail. The PTO members in attendance asked questions and discussed the various initiatives. Several of the open positions were filled during the meeting.

With the Fun Run being the biggest fundraiser, there are a lot of volunteer needs and it's best to have a committee. Jossy explained that by putting the event on ourselves, we are able to keep a much bigger portion of the money raised. Expenses are kept to a minimum; prizes, printing, supplies, insurance, etc. Megan explained that PTO does not carry general liability insurance for members, but we get insurance for individual events, as needed. After discussion, the group formed a committee consisting of Megan, Jessica (Prizes), Ashley B. and Lisa D.

- Getting the Word Out

Amazon Smiles: Ketterlinus PTO is a participating charity with Amazon Smiles. Signing up is easy and if you are signed up and select KES PTO as your charity, a small portion of Amazon purchases come back to the school. We would like to encourage new as many families to sign up as we can over the coming months.

Fill-the-Fence: PTO is looking for local businesses interested in sponsoring banners for our annual Fill-the-Fence fundraiser. Banners will be displayed on our sponsorship fence in the school parking lot throughout the year. A flyer has been emailed out school-wide, and we can use everyone's help in getting the word out and helping us connect us to potential business partners.

Upcoming Dates

- Spirit Night at Moe's Southwest Grill, October 11
- Coffee With a Cop - October, 5 2022
- Next meeting: October 4th @ 7:55 am

Adjournment