

KES PTO Meeting
October 04, 2022
7:55 A.M.

Attendees

Kathy Tucker (Principal)	Alison Neumark
Lindsay Niewoehner (President)	Stephanie Reems
Megan Barlow (Vice President)	Laradel Schlegelmilch
Josy Taylor (Treasurer)	Sarah Rideman
Lisa Desai	Channi Higgins
Ashley Bedell	Lourdes Ramon
Allison Baker	Katie Mahon
Nicole Eubanks	Erik Ostrander

Opening Remarks

- Lindsay Niewoehner opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Principal's Report

- Principal Tucker thanked everyone for coming. She noted that after being out for several days for Hurricane Ian, school this week has been relatively normal. Thankfully, the school building did not sustain any flooding or damage. The playground needed some attention, but everything has already been taken care of.
- She noted that FAST testing has wrapped up. Families are encouraged to discuss testing results with teachers during teacher conferences. Conferences are taking place this month (October).
- As of right now, we do not have any information about make-up days due to the storm last week, but that will be communicated to families as soon as a decision is made.

Treasurer's Report

- Josy Taylor provided an update on the PTO account balance, which is in line with last month's balance of \$49K. Funds from our most recent spirit night at Chick-fil-A should be coming in soon.

Old Business

- Acknowledgements
Lindsay thanked PTO volunteers for their work on the many initiatives that we have going on including Square One Art, Spirit Night Planning, Coffee with a Cop, and T-shirt Sales. Also, we are really looking good for the Fun Run, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you everyone for stepping up!
- Status Update on Current Initiatives
 - Spirit Night: Karen Hart has volunteered to coordinate Spirit Nights for the remainder of the year. She has already reached out to a number of local restaurants and made a lot of progress lining up potential Spirit Night hosts.
 - Spirit Wear: Alison asked the group about placing an order for KES sweatshirts. After discussion the group decided to order both adult and youth sized sweatshirts. Lindsay announced that the KES water bottle order is expected to arrive in mid-October.

- Square One Art: Square One Art is off and running. Order forms will be going out soon so that items will be received in time for the holidays! Thank you, Lisa and Channi!
- Appreciation Gifts: Allison Baker provided an update on bus driver appreciation gifts that went out last week. The group also discussed custodian appreciation gifts and ideas for Bus Driver appreciation week toward the end of the school year.

New Business

- Administrative Items
 - The position of Secretary is still vacant. If anyone is interested in the position or would like to learn more about it, they can reach out to Principal Tucker or Lindsay.
 - The PTO page on the KES website has been updated! Thank you, Ms. Sturm! The page now has links to frequently used documents such as the PTO Reimbursement Form, the T-shirt Order Form, the Fill the Fence Letter and Business Partner Flyer, and our Sign-up Genius page for volunteer opportunities.
- PTO Initiatives / Volunteer Opportunities

Lindsay noted that PTO involvement has been great this year. There is a lot of really good momentum. She inquired whether the group would be open to an additional teacher/staff appreciation project for the month of November. After discussion, the group agreed to move forward with the proposal. She also asked if there would be interest in having PTO host an afterschool playground meet-up or event. After discussion, the group agreed that the PTO should look into a fall-themed event in November. Lindsay will get with Principal Tucker on a possible date and will get back to the group. The group also discussed several potential fundraising ideas.
- Getting the Word Out

PTO has several events coming up (see below). We hope you can join in. And remember to spread the word about Amazon Smile and our Fill the Fence fundraiser!

Upcoming Dates

- Coffee With a Cop - October, 5 2022 at 7:30 am
- Spirit Night at Moe's Southwest Grill, October 11 from 4-9 pm
- Spirit Night at Huey Magoo's, November 8 from 5-8 pm
- Next PTO meeting: November 1st @ 7:55 am

Adjournment