

# **KES PTO Meeting**

## **November 1, 2022**

### **7:55 A.M.**

#### **Attendees**

Kathy Tucker (Principal)  
Lindsay Niewoehner (President)  
Jossy Taylor (Treasurer)  
Channi Higgins  
Ashley Bedell

Alison Neumark  
Nicole Eubanks  
Laradel Schlegelmilch  
Catherine Williamson  
Jessica Misterly

#### **Opening Remarks**

Lindsay Niewoehner opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

#### **Principal's Report**

- Principal Tucker noted that things are going smoothly and have continued to be relatively normal, even despite the disruption from Hurricane Ian. She provided an update to the group on upcoming FAST testing (to start on 12/5). She also informed the group of an upcoming staffing change that will affect Kindergarten.

The First Annual “KES Turkey Trot” starts this week! It’s a Freckle Math Competition. Students are encouraged to use Freckle Math at least 15 minutes a day. Students and classes with the most minutes at the end of the month will earn prizes/rewards. Details will be coming home with students this week.

Ms. Hinman has made a video about Accelerated Reader that parents are encouraged to check out. Students are going to start to be able to access AR tests at home. She noted that PTO purchased the Accelerated Reader program for KES and it is neat to see how it has built its momentum.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Jossy Taylor provided an update on the PTO account balance, which is about \$44K. Yesterday was the final day for Square One Art. KES had record sales of over \$5,200! Funds from Spirit Night at Moe’s Southwest Grill have come in. Chick-fil-A funds should be 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, the Thank You Note Project, T-shirt Sales, and the Fall Festival. She also congratulated the PTO for being recognized by Character Counts of St Johns Co. at the Community Partners Recognition Event in October for contributions made to KES.

- Status Update on Current Initiatives

- Square One Art: Thank you Lisa and Channi for all of your efforts and organization! Also thank you to KES teachers and staff who did such an amazing job promoting and supporting the fundraiser. Orders were due yesterday and items are already starting to arrive! The group discussed the timing and some ideas for next year's roll out. Lisa has prepared a reference packet with details from this year's fundraiser. The group agreed that planning should begin in the Spring for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Spirit Nights: Thank you to Karen Herrin for taking on Spirit Night coordination. We have a lot of great restaurant partnerships lined up. The next one is Huey Magoo's (November 8). We also have Cantina Louie and Uptown Scratch Kitchen lined up for January and February!
- Fill the Fence: The new banners are up and PTO has raised about \$1,750 so far! We can still accept new sponsorships throughout the year. Flyers are available in hard copy at the meeting and also online on the KES PTO webpage.
- Thank You Note Project: The November "Thank You Note Project" has kicked off. Postcards went home with students last week. Thank you, Channi for helping with the packets and for volunteering to coordinate throughout the month. Mail will be gathered from the "Dolphin Mailbox" weekly and delivered to staff inboxes. Please encourage your students to write and decorate their postcards! Grown-ups can participate too. This is a great opportunity to remind our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated!
- Spirit Wear Sales: Thank you to Alison for all of her work, selling, delivering, ordering and organizing shirts. It's a huge undertaking! The impromptu sweatshirt pop-up last month was a success! There were so many sales that we've already had to place another order. The KES Spirit Wear online order form has been updated to include sweatshirts. The new order of KES water bottles is also in. We will be selling spirit wear at the Fall Festival (t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, stickers).

## **New Business**

- Fall Festival

We had a great turnout for the planning meeting. We are grateful to the business sponsors and donors that are covering our costs so that we can keep things affordable for attendees and not use funds from our general fund.

At the planning meeting, we discussed including a community service element to the event. The group discussed various organizations that we could support and decided that we would reach out to Ayla's Acres to see how we can help with a donation collection drive. Ayla's Acres is a no-kill animal rescue that was significantly impacted by Hurricane Ian. The group discussed activities, refreshments, and which items were still needed. Thank you to Stephanie for designing flyers for the event. PTO will have them printed and sent home with students this week.

Volunteers are needed for the event. Volunteer opportunities have been added to a Sign-up Genius page. The link will be sent out after the meeting.

- Custodian Appreciation  
The group discussed and settled on the gift and timing for the Custodian Appreciation.
- Fun Run  
The committee will meet in December to kick off planning. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Stay tuned for details on the planning meeting date.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Spirit Night at Huey Magoo's, November 8 from 5 – 8 pm
- Fall Festival November 17 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Next PTO meeting: December 6 @ 7:55 am

### **Adjournment**