

KES PTO Meeting

February 14, 2022

7:55 A.M.

Attendees

Kathy Tucker (Principal)
Lindsay Niewoehner (President)
Jossy Taylor (Treasurer)
Megan Barlow (Vice President)

Alison Neumark
Jessica Misterly
Matt Brown

Opening Remarks

Lindsay Niewoehner opened the meeting and welcomed the group and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Principal's Report

- Principal Tucker thanked PTO for putting on the Fun Run and remarked at how well it went and how much the kids enjoyed it. She noted that this is the time of year that teachers are really focused, trying to minimize disruptions, now that we are well into the year. She reminded the group that in-take conferences would be started later this month.

KES is participating in the Wordmaster Challenge again this year. Ms. Tucker noted that last year, our 5th graders ranked #1 in the nation! The KES robotics team did well in their first competition at Webster earlier this month!

She noted that there is a lot in the news regarding new state mandates. The group discussed the new mandates relating to books in school libraries and classrooms and how those mandates might be interpreted or applied. Ms. Tucker informed the group that Ms. Hinman will be training this month and, after that, would have more details on how to proceed with her review of the books.

Ms. Tucker informed the group that the bleachers in the Ketterlinus Gym have been replaced and that over Spring Break, they would begin construction in the front office.

Treasurer's Report

- Jossy informed the group that the PTO account balance is nearly \$44K and does not include proceeds from the Fun Run or Spirit Night at Uptown Scratch Kitchen.

Old Business

- Acknowledgements
Lindsay thanked PTO volunteers for their tireless work at the Fun Run, and especially the work of the Fun Run Committee. The event was a huge success and a true community effort! We've exceeded our goal and all the kids had so much fun! A huge thank you to the KES teachers and staff for their support.

- Status Update
 - Fun Run:
We will be wrapping up the fundraiser today and will be issuing final prizes this week. Class parties for the top earning classes will be this Friday (Feb 17). We will have more details on final fundraising numbers at the next meeting.
 - Volunteer Needs:
 - Still looking for volunteers to sell yo-yo's (Ned Show) in the morning next week.
 - We also have a couple of months open for KES staff appreciation gifts.
 - We are going to have a PTO closet clean out this Wednesday from noon until the end of the day. Anyone who likes to organize and is available to help is welcome!
 - After the meeting, Lindsay will email the larger group above the above needs.
 - Playground Equipment:
Ga-Ga Ball pits are on the way and should be here next week! They were purchased with proceeds from last year's Fun Run.

New Business

- KES Shirt Sale
The group discussed and agreed to an end of year sale on KES spirit wear to help clear out inventory. The group discussed holding another pop-up in case any families want to buy/refresh shirts for Field Day or field trips and agreed to look into a good day(s).
- Kona Ice/Field Day
Kona Ice has been booked to come to Field Day and will serve Fruit First Kona Ice to all of the students. The vendor wanted to remind families that Fruit First Kona Ice has 70% less sugar and is school lunch approved. We will ask families to send in \$3 per student to cover costs. There is also an online payment portal option that we can pursue.
- Upcoming Agenda Items:
It's hard to believe, but it's time to start planning for end of year events. There will be lots of volunteer opportunities. On the horizon and on next month's agenda we will be discussing:
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation
 - Bus Driver Appreciation
 - Fifth Grade Graduation: Gift/Glow Party

Other Items

- The next school district stakeholder meeting is on March 1, and after that there will be one on May 10. The meetings are held at the Fullerwood Center from 9 – 11 am.

Upcoming Dates

- Spirit Night at Anastasia Mini Golf: Sunday, March 5 from 1-5 pm.
- Kona Ice will be at Field Day March 6.
- Next PTO meeting: March 7 @ 7:55 am

Adjournment