

KES PTO Meeting
March 7, 2023
7:55 A.M.

Attendees

Kathy Tucker (Principal)	Alison Neumark
Lindsay Niewoehner (President)	Jessica Misterly
Jossy Taylor (Treasurer)	Matt Brown
Lisa Desai	Katie Mahon
Catherine Williamson	

Opening Remarks

Lindsay Niewoehner opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Principal's Report

- Principal Tucker thanked PTO members for all of their recent volunteer efforts. She reminded the group that the third quarter is ending on Thursday, which is also the deadline for meeting AR goals! Several classes will be taking field trips this week. FAST testing will be the last week in April for grades K-2 and will be the first week of May for grades 3-5. Ms. Tucker noted that KES recently received funding from the government for extended learning. Programs have already been put into place and will carry on into the next school year. She also announced that the KES library will be renovated over the summer.

Treasurer's Report

- Jossy informed the group that the PTO account balance is about \$76K now that Fun Run proceeds have been deposited. There are a few expenses outstanding, but net proceeds are looking to be about \$30K. She noted that thanks to the group's tremendous volunteer efforts, we are able to minimize expenses by not using a vendor, which means we can retain a significantly larger percentage of the donated funds for the benefit of the school.

Old Business

- Acknowledgements
Lindsay thanked PTO members and volunteers for their help and volunteer efforts over the past month related to a number of housekeeping items (Fun Run wrap up, the PTO closet clean out, the pop-up KES shirt sale, yo-yo sales, and more.). She noted that recent spirit nights (Uptown Scratch Kitchen and Anastasia Mini Golf) have been well attended by KES families with many positive reviews. PTO appreciates the local business support. Many thanks to Karen Herrin for her efforts in taking on spirit night planning this year!
- Fun Run
The group discussed Fun Run wrap-up and requested feedback for future fundraisers.

New Business

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation
Planning for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 8 – 12) will kick off after spring break. Anyone who is interested in helping out or coordinating should email Lindsay. The group discussed ideas for recognizing our amazing teachers and staff. The group also went over plans for Bus Driver Appreciation Day (April 25).
- Fifth Grade Recognition
Ms. Tucker informed the group that the fifth grade teachers were looking at May 23 or 24 for the fifth grade dance. It will be in the cafeteria. She will keep the group posted on how PTO can help as details are finalized. The group discussed and decided on a gift to present to the graduating fifth graders.
- Business Sponsorships
We have been very fortunate to have amazing support from the local business community. The group discussed a Business Sponsor Shout Out Initiative to say thank you to the many businesses that have partnered with us during the year. Given the number of different types of sponsorship opportunities, next year it could be helpful to have a business sponsor chair that coordinates with local businesses throughout the year.
- PTO Membership and Leadership Opportunities
The group discussed the need to ensure a leadership pipeline for PTO. Board member turnover is a constant as students move through the grades. Lindsay reminded the group that the secretary position is vacant. This is a great opportunity to learn about how the PTO operates. There are also many opportunities throughout the year for volunteers to take on leadership roles by coordinating initiatives. She encouraged the group to reach out to potential members to see if they might be interested in getting involved. New members are always welcome. Planning for 2023-2024 will start this summer, which is coming up quickly!

Other Items

- The next school district stakeholder meeting is on May 10. The meetings are held at the Fullerwood Center from 9 – 11 am.

Upcoming Dates

- Next PTO meeting: April 4 @ 7:55 am

Adjournment