

**Keller Elementary PTA
General Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

Secretary Report, Jen MacKenzie

- Amanda Stier made a motion to approve minutes, Sarah Lutz seconded - Minutes approved.

Principal's Report, Marcie Dryden

- 4/10 M-Step Starts
- 4/12 Husky Pack - no late start
- 4/12 5th Grade instrument fitting @HS 4-7pm
- 4/19 & 4/26 Late Start
- 4/27 Second Grade Concert
- Lego camp over Spring Break was a success
- 4/15 registration for Free Summer School Begins
- Registration for summer sports available
- Keller Jedi Team:

Kara Daunt:

- WKBS Team - 5th Graders give a news broadcast
- Shares videos on international issues & learner traits
 - Today's video: What is Dyslexia?
 - Last Week: Boundaries Song
 - Would like to figure out how to share with families

Bethany Carline - 2nd grade teacher

- Lead person for WKBS- meets with 5th grade every Wednesday and records for the next week
- Autism Awareness working with level 3 teacher & student council for No Place for Hate

Andrea Kirkwood - 4th grade teacher

- Community Outreach
- Getting together with local companies and businesses
- Possibly family outing night - around the world in your backyard

Kayla Sakorfis - 2nd grade teacher

- Last year worked on curriculum audits
- Collecting resources for teachers
- Working on mini-lessons with books in the library

Julie Molnar - ELD/ESL teacher

Armen Gulian - Speech Pathologist

- Flooding on the playground is on Mrs. Dryden's radar and the districts

Board Member's Report, Tim Ciechorski

- Middle School PTA invites all 5th grade parents to their next meeting, Monday, April 17th at 7pm - Dinner will be served
- Next long-range meeting is 4/18 @6pm
- Applied for a grant: Safe Route to School - work with city & MDOT

Teacher's Report, Laura Stankiewicz

- Karen Kaiser is retiring at the end of the year
- Ms. McLeod - thank you for the books from the bookfair
- 5th grade - Mrs. Dziengowski - M-Step started this week, will continue over the next few weeks, students are researching their exhibition topics now. 5th grade exhibition is June 6th at 6pm.

President's Report, Carie Hooker

- Council News: voted on an Executive Board & it was approved
 - Focus on PTA mission & Advocacy
- MIPTA Convention - April 21st-April 23rd
- E-mail from Anna King - National PTA Director - Membership dues
 - National PTA dues will increase to \$4.00 from \$2.25
 - Our current dues breakdown:
 - National Dues: \$2.25
 - MI Dues: \$3.25
 - Keller PTA Dues: \$1.50
 - We would like to discuss & vote on increasing dues - we would need a motion to amend PTA Bylaws Article 7, Section 7 - current dues \$7
 - John Staniszewski makes a motion to amend "Each member of the PTA shall pay annual dues of \$10/family \$18 to the organization. The amount of such annual dues shall include the portion payable to the Michigan PTA and the portion payable to the National PTA.
 - Melissa Golpe seconds it
 - PTA can cover dues for a family hardship if there is an issue.
 - Discussion:
 - emphasize this is an annual membership.
 - The two members under a family membership do not have to live at the same address.
 - It doesn't have to be both parents it can be a grandparent or aunt/uncle
 - All in favor of raising dues: \$10 per person/ \$18 a family - motion passes
- Red Bag - teacher's bags have class lists
- Drawing for IFFF International Boards: Winner - April Ryker - Felix Ryker (Piwko)

Treasurer's Report, Sarah Lutz

- Received \$160 from Kroger
- Received \$70 from online giving foundation
- Wrote checks for IFFF
- \$8500 came in from Auction
- Paid \$200 for leadership conference
- Paid for paper rolls
- Paid for rock wall for fun fair
- \$155 came in from Ray's
- \$200 came in from Vera Asian

Committee Report

- Staff Appreciation - Jessica & Danielle
 - May 1st-5th
 - Travel Theme - You Mean the World to Us
- Talent Show - Libby & Melissa
 - 4/21 doors open at 5:30
 - Can prepay for tickets online
 - Volunteer sign-up genius just went out today
- Book Fair - Carie
 - Scholastic Sales: \$9000 - minus tax we will get ½
 - We spent \$2000 on teacher books & books for kids who couldn't get them..
- Nominating Committee - John Staniszewski
 - Nominates:
 - President – Carie Hooker
 - Treasurer – Sarah Lutz
 - VP Communications – Jennifer Streamer
 - VP Membership – Melissa Berry
 - Secretary – Jennifer Brown
 - Member at Large – Charity Gingell
 - No objections
 - The nominations are closed
 - The officers have been voted in - start on the last day of school
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - Compost Bins arrive this week
 - Trays in April
 - Trays & Milk Cartons - May

- Trays, Milk Cartons & food - June
 - Looking for volunteers
- James: some businesses want to offer fundraising, signs for donors for the auction are in the PTA closet

- Next Meeting: Monday, May 8th Location to be determined - Adults Only
- Adjourned at 7:58 pm