

**Keller Elementary PTA
General Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Introduction to PTA and Executive Board - Carie Hooker

- Executive Board:
 - President: Carie Hooker
 - VP of Communications: Amanda Halabou Stier
 - VP of Membership: Erin Alexander
 - Secretary: Jen MacKenzie
 - Treasurer: Sarah Lutz
 - Member-at-Large: John Michael Staniszewski jr.

Secretary Report, Jen MacKenzie

- June Minutes: Erin Alexander made a motion to approve, Sarah Lutz seconded -All in favor -motion passes, minutes approved

Principal's Report, Marcie Dryden

- Our PTA is amazing!
- The year is off to a great start, 5th graders are doing a great job helping get the students in and to lunch on time.
- We are working on building relationships and establishing routines
- Thank you PTA & volunteers for BTSP it was a great turnout.
- September 13th - Virtual Curriculum Night - teachers will send out links.
 - DK-2 @ 6:30
 - 3-5 @ 7:30
 - If you have multiple students at Keller and their meetings overlap- attend the oldest child's curriculum night.
- Late Start
 - September 14th
 - September 21st
 - September 28th
- NWA coming up: Reading and Math - Window opened today and runs until September 30th. Some students will begin taking the test this week. DK & K will take theirs later in the month.
- Please call the safety check if your child will be absent. 248-542-6500. It is also helpful to send your child's teacher a message or email.
- No dogs are allowed on school property when kids are in session - this goes for latchkey as well. We had a lost dog on our grounds today - her family was found.

- Parent Question: Maybe add a blurb in the weekly newsletter of why there is a no dogs policy - Possibly scared kids, ect. There are signs on the school grounds also indicating this.
- Looking for parking lot volunteers to help with safety.
- Q: Is there a crossing guard for Campbell?
A: Mrs. Dryden will look into it.
- Q: Parking Lot Volunteers? Time?
A: Mornings 8, afternoons 3 Families really start arriving around 8:15 in the morning.
- Q: Late student or picking up students early?
A: Call the safety Hotline, sign-in in Lobby, notify teacher

Board Member's Report, Tim Ciechorski

- School Board Meeting: voting on Observing Suicide Prevention Month
- Honoring National Hispanic Month September 15- October 15
- Gun Safety - Police department has free gun locks
- Long Range Planning - where the school district should go in the next 10 years - information on how to participate in this planning or how to contribute ideas will be sent out soon. If you have ideas or concerns reach out to Mrs. Dryden or the school board.
- Q: Will this planning include buses? A: Buses are being looked at
- ROMPA event September 23rd @ 5pm at Normandy Oaks (details mentioned in Mrs. Dryden's Newsletter)

Teacher's Report, Laura Stankiewicz

- New Math Program: Bridges - used a fun popsicle lesson
- Thank you for school supplies - they are appreciated!

President's Report, Carie Hooker

- Rompa Event - September 23rd at 5pm
 - Food trucks
 - Free Magic Show
- Volunteers & Chairs - pointed out the Volunteer Room
- Standing Rules presented to all members in an email

Treasurer's Report, Sarah Lutz

- Budget
 - Increased field trip fund to include DK and extra K classroom
 - Continued the reading counts program
 - Mr. Potter wanted to do a spring skating session grades 3-5
 - Removed the admission fee for Fun Fair next June
- Motion to approve Budget

- Erin Alexander made motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget
- Pilar Calderon seconded the motion
- All in favor - motion passes and the Budget was approved

Committee Report

- Membership - Erin Alexander
 - Membership is at 218
 - August's membership raffle: t \$150 worth of gift cards - winner will be drawn tonight
 - Anyone who joins in September will be put into a drawing for \$50 in gift cards: \$25 Oak Deli & \$25 Made in the Mitten
- Parent Social Event - Charity
 - Scavenger hunt/quiz/walking road rally
 - \$10 per person, set up in teams of 4
 - Meet at O'Toole's @ 6:30
 - Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place
 - Flyer will be out soon
 - Expenses: \$316.94 for Goose Chase App, \$183.06 Prizes
 - If we get 50 participants @ 10 we will break even and it won't cost the PTA anything
- Restaurant Night -
 - 1st event: Sherlie's Delights September 24th 8-5:30 pm
- Staff Appreciation - Jessica, Danielle, Marissa
 - Stock the Lounge - collecting food & drinks in the lobby through this week. If purchasing fresh fruit please drop off Friday or Monday the 19th - the lounge will be stocked on Monday, September 19th
 - Items can be homemade - there are 75 staff members
- Room Parents - Lois
 - We are looking for Room Parents - New this year: Room Parent Meeting in early October.
- Huskies Run
 - Primary Fundraiser
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Flyer at the end of next week
 - Memberhub - this year
 - Hoping to spend less on fees
 - Don't tip - the money does not come to Keller
 - The fewer amount of transactions the better

- The kids will receive a t-shirt this year instead of trinkets - each grade will be a different color, teacher's will get one too
 - Fun prizes: gift cards, an electric scooter
 - Selling signs again the week before, \$5 a sign
 - Pledge to participate
 - Jazzercise will be here the day of to warm them up.
 - On the field they will run in a loop for 8 minutes
 - Afterwards they will get a piece of fruit, they bring their refillable water bottles.
 - If the kids meet a goal:
 - Pie in the face or spend the night at the school (Mrs. Dryden) For every \$1000 over goal add a teacher.
 - Goal is 20,000
 - Q: Is there a minimum donation for memberhub A: no
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - By-Law changes (handout)
 - Sarah Lutz made a motion to approved the By-Law Changes
 - Amanda Stier seconded the motion
 - All in favor the motion passes to approve the by-law changes
- Chairperson Training
 - Everyone was emailed a PDF
- August Membership Contest (everyone who signed up for a PTA membership in August)
 - Mrs. Dryden pulled: Chris Prather
- September Contest goes until September 30th and the winner will be pulled during the October meeting.
- Next meeting in the Learning Commons at Keller @ 7pm October 10, 2022

Adjourned at 7:58pm