

**Keller Elementary PTA
General Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Secretary Report, Jen MacKenzie

- November Minutes: Jen Thorstad made a motion to approve, Derek Cookson seconded

Principal's Report, Marcie Dryden

- Support from the community truly appreciated.
- Late Start Wednesday 12/15
- Teachers will review language used during a lockdown with students this week. A drill will be held Thursday. An email with the language used will be sent to parents so they can discuss it with their child/children.
- Required to hold 3 lockdown drills (Thursday's drill is the 2nd one)
- During Monday's training staff went through all the steps of a lockdown and reviewed language to use.
- Teachers have Epic System which notifies the office of an emergency, and notifies 911. Staff will continue to practice
- DEI work will continue
 - Audit classroom IB units
 - Leadership team will present during February's PTA meeting
 - Next steps to audit books in the Library and train Media Center Clerks
 - Work to select diverse books to showcase and have books match up with monthly celebrations showcased by the PTA
 - DEI PTA committee will help with this
- Thank-you PTA/Teacher Appreciation committee for food during Conferences
- Picture retake day Jan. 19th
- December 20th - December 30th No School
- Happy Holidays & Happy New Year
- Erin Alexander's Question for Mrs. Dryden: What type of locks are on the classroom doors?
 - Answer: The doors are solid steel and frames, bolt system - quick red & green so it's clear if the door is locked. When a lockdown is called the teacher will quickly scan the hallway, lock door, pull shades and move furniture in front of the door.
- Second Question: Are students instructed on what to do if they are not in a classroom?
 - Answer: instructions on this will be provided to students on Thursday during drill, it will also be sent home in the email.
- Sarah Lutz's Question: Will Room Parents be able to come in and help in classrooms?
 - Answer: for the time being we will stay with limited volunteers in building and no volunteers in classrooms. K-12 council meet the 2nd Monday of every month and we hope in February we will be in a different situation. We don't have student vaccine numbers yet.

Board Member's Report, Tim Ciechorski

- Thank you Mrs. Dryden for everything
- On Tuesday Board Members watched the same training video the staff watched on Monday
- CCEC meeting canceled because of staff illness- most likely rescheduled for January 10th
- Board met with Moms Demand Action - Be Safe Presentation prior to the Oxford Tragedy
- January 17th Martin Luther King Jr Celebration a collaboration between ROSD & Berkley Schools

Teacher's Report, Laura Stankiewicz

- Thank you PTA Staff Appreciation for the meals during conferences. It was nice to make connections during meals and take a minute to talk with each other.
- Thank you for the Bread!
- 5th grade and down are writing love notes to teachers and it is appreciated.
- Reading a great book: The Confidence Code - things to be thankful for despite all the horrors.

President's Report, Carie Hooker

- Covid Clinic did not pan out
- Reached out to Dr. Martin to come to March meeting. Dr. Martin is the district's DEI coordinator
- Parent University tonight from 6-8 is being recorded - the topic being discussed is Social Emotional Learning.
- No events in January
- February Family event moved to March to give the chairs time to plan.
- Update on IFFF
 - One chair dropped off
 - Going to cancel this event for this year
 - Brainstorming for next years event - more DEI - get a group together
 - Pilar - hoping not to cancel IFFF because it is an important event - Carie will reach out and see what can be done. Mrs. Dryden is thinking spring so events can be outside
- Still need one chair for Talent Show - Talent Show will take place May 20th
- Remind friends to sign up for the PTA - we are still short of our goal.
- Spiritwear available 24/7 with new vendor

Treasurer's Report, Sarah Lutz

- We still have a couple teachers that need to use their \$100 classroom allotment
- Fun Run Check just shy of \$25,000
- Blaze Pizza - \$143.00

- Amazon Smile \$77
- Not a lot of money going out right now

Committee Report

- Staff Appreciation: Jessica Kammann
 - Dinners for the teachers during conferences
 - Bread Day
 - Planning a surprise for staff with overage.
- Restaurant Night: Melissa Berry and Jennifer Streamer
 - Tomorrow at Lily's Seafood all day - 10% back
- Reflections: Carie presented
 - Stays at Keller now
 - Art Contest
 - More information coming soon
- Cultural Arts
 - Tomorrow's Science Assembly will be virtual 8:45 & 9:45
 - January 19th @7pm Family Assembly - Bees in the D - limited spots

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Next Meeting January 10, 2022 at 7pm

Adjourned at 7:48