

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to PTA

- President: Carie Hooker
- Vice-President of Communications: Amanda Halabou Stier
- Vice-President of Membership: Erin Alexander
- Treasurer: Sarah Lutz
- Member at Large: Jen Thorstad
- Historian: Derek Cookson

Secretary Report, Jen MacKenzie

- June Minutes: Erin Alexander made a motion to approve, Jen Thorstad seconded

Principal's Report, Marcie Dryden

- Thank you Carie & Welcome New Board
- September 21st Curriculum Night - Virtual
- Late Start: Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29
- Homework Club: late starts, students can work on homework or assignments, bring a book along or coloring books. Students will be in regular classrooms to maintain cohorting. Space available - paper form & online to sign up. Drop-off similar to regular drop-off, line up in class spots and assigned adult will collect the students.
- Call if your child will be out sick
- Please call or email if you have questions about anything
- Online registration, if you haven't completed this please do ASAP.
- Chess Club on late start hope to bring it back 2nd semester
- Thank you Royal Oak Foundation for the donation of 2 diversity books per student.
- Follow Mrs. Dryden on Facebook

Board Member's Report, Tim Ciechorski

- Reappointed to Keller through the end of 2022
- Oakland County paid for nurses to be available in the schools last year. Royal Oak Schools is going to contract with the nurses and pay them to continue this service at least for the first semester. Nurses will be paid with funds from The Covid Emergency Fund - money for this will not come out of the general fund.
- Communication about lunches could have been better, hot lunches will return to the Elementary Schools September 27th. The School Board does not vote on school lunches and so were not aware of the issue.
- Question: Who is paying for the free lunches? Answer: Federal Funding, not the school budget - Every student will get a free lunch regardless if they qualify for free lunch or not. If you qualify please fill out the form, this helps with Title One funding.

Teacher's Report, Laura Stankiewicz

- Thank you for stocking the teacher's lounge with treats and drinks. The teachers and staff really appreciate it.
- When sending in money with students make sure to label it with your child's name.

President's Report, Carie Hooker

- PTA - Every Child, One Voice
- Check out the Website: Helenkeller.net
- Sign-up for the PTA on the website or scan QR code, don't forget to complete the memberhub - can get in contact with other members through the hub.
- If you have questions for the various PTA committees their email addresses are available on the PTA website.
- IFFF - looking for 1 chair
- Performing Arts needs 2 chairs
- Silent Auction needs 2 co-chairs

Treasurer's Report, Sarah Lutz & Carie Hooker

- Jen Thorstad made a motion to approve the budget for the school year 2021-2022, Derek Seconded

Committee Reports

- Reflections: Tressa Orthmeyer
 - Arts Program, Students work on selecting themes
 - This year's theme: I will change the world by...
 - In need of a Co-Chair: Mary Ann Traqq volunteered
 - keller.pta.reflections@gmail.com
 - In need of volunteers for various roles - if interested reach out via email.
- Huskies Run: Jessica Kammann, Melissa Berry
 - Friday, October 8th
 - Biggest Fundraiser - goal \$18,000
 - Register online, encouraging all donation through the website
 - Sign-up genius coming
 - If goal is met Mrs. Dryden will sleep on the roof
- Restaurant Night: Melissa Berry
 - Panda Express 50% of profits, all day Tuesday, September 21st
- Spiritwear: Erin Alexander, Laura Shultz
 - Using a new company, fewer options but guaranteed in stock, we have an updated logo
 - Not a fundraiser but the PTA does make a small profit
 - Store open until September 20th
 - Will run again before Christmas and in the spring
- Membership: Erin Alexander, Melanie Macey
 - Currently we have 143 members
 - August sign-up contest winner: \$50 PF Changs gift card: April Ryker

- September's contest: \$50 Kouzina gift card. All new members that sign up in September will be put in the drawing for this gift card.
- October will also have a \$50 gift card drawing.
- Goal is to have 200 members by the end of September
- Solid membership = 250, Amazing = 300+
- Room Parent Coordinator, Lois Barr
 - Teachers need lots of help
 - October the list of teachers who still need room parents will come out
- Cultural Arts & Assemblies, Laura Shultz
 - December 14th - Michigan Science Center -Frostology Assembly
 - Two assemblies, 1 upper & 1 lower elementary

Old Business

- No Old Business

New Business

- Chairperson Training TBD: zoom
- Next Meeting - Virtual October 11th
- No questions

Meeting adjourned at 7:45