

**Keller Elementary PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 14, 2019**

**Board Members and Officials Present:** Marcie Dryden, Principal; Jeff Brinker, School Board; Megan O'Shea, President; Erin Alexander, VP Membership; Lisa Dougherty, VP Communications; Carrie Hooker, Treasurer; Katie Bonus, Secretary; Jessica Cislo, Historian; Brooke Ryan, Member-at-Large

**The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.**

**Secretary's Report,** Katie Bonus:

- September 2019 Minutes: Lisa Dougherty made a motion to approve, Carrie Hooker seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Principal's Report,** Marcie Dryden:

- Week of 10/14 and 10/21- grade level teams discussing student data with aim of improving instruction and intervention.
- Thank you to Jessica Kammann, Melissa Berry, Megan O'Shea and Huskies Run volunteers. Event was well-organized, fun and there was a lot of participation.
- Thursday, October 17 7:00 pm- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Keller. Will include remarks from Superintendent and Principal, Royal Oak Children's Choir and a community tour.
- Thursday, October 17, 7:50 am- Walk to School Day, meet at Cody Park. Hugo and the ROPD will be there.
- Friday, October 18- Picture Day
- Thursday, October 31, 2:45- Halloween Parade, information to come home week of 10/14.
- Friendship Path- this spring, Mrs Eovaldi will help student's decorate rocks and create a path from the school to the playground. Inspired by book *Only One You*. More info and donation requests (for rocks, weed barrier, acrylic paints, etc.) to come.

**Board Member's Report,** Jeff Brinker:

- See attached

**Teacher's Report**

- Mrs S- 1st graders to participate in Empty Bowls project. Will make bowls in art class and raise funds. Ties into *Sharing Our Planet* unit. Field Trip to Troy Historical Museum
- Mrs Ault- 2nd graders collecting socks for homeless people. Ties into *Who We Are* unit. Appreciated Lois Barr and Lisa Dougherty's efforts to ask for room parents on Facebook.
- Mrs D- 5th grade teachers are looking at how to engage with the community more in the long term

**President's Report,** Megan O'Shea:

- Attended Royal Oak PTA Council meeting.
- Saturday, October 19 at Royal Oak Middle School 12-3: ROam Home to showcase nonprofits in a family-friendly community event.

- National PTA School of Excellence survey is out and will be live for two weeks. Feedback will allow Keller PTA to make improvements. Second survey to be launched in spring.
- Thank you to Jessica Kammann, Melissa Berry and all Huskies Run volunteers and donors.
- Mrs Daunt would like help putting IFFF paper dolls back in hallways, Lisa Dougherty to make Facebook post.

**Treasurer's Report**, Carrie Hooker:

- Blaze restaurant night- check received for \$206. Thank you, Melissa Berry.

**Committee Reports**

- Huskies Run, Jessica Kammann: event brought in \$25,600 (above goal of \$18,000). Donation portal is open through Wednesday, October 16. Mrs. Dryden to sleep on roof. Thank you to volunteers and donors.
- Restaurant Nights, Megan O'Shea: Vera Asian on Thursday, October 17 from 4-8.
- Membership, Erin Alexander: Current membership- 294, above 10% increase goal. Most teachers are members.
- Book Fair, Candy Wilson: *Arctic Adventure Snow Much to Read* Book Fair October 21-25. Open M-Th 3:30-5 and F 3:25-8. Volunteers needed during event, Friday 17th setup after school and Monday 28th cleanup. Flyers went home including preorders for new *Dogman* and *Wimpy Kid*. EWallet feature allows children to shop without parents and parents to limit spending. All For Books program asks families to donate toward books for kids nominated by their teachers and for teacher wishlists.
- Trunk or Treat, Erin Alexander: Erin Alexander made motion to increase budget by \$100 to cover cider and candy. Jessica Cislo seconded. Unanimously approved. Trunk or treating to last one hour, then group will move inside for cider, donuts and parade. 5th grade class to sell hot dogs. Brooke Ryan created signup geniuses for middle and high school games volunteers. Lisa Dougherty to make facebook post thanking Hollywood for trick or treat bag donations.
- Grounds and Beautification, Jessica Cislo: Friday, November 1, 3:30- Fall Grounds Cleanup on Campbell side of building. Lawn bags and cider and donuts provided. Bring gloves, rakes and shovels. Be aware of young children while working near Campbell.
- Winter Market, Jessica Cislo- Wednesday, December 11, 3:30-6:30. Vendor registration is open. Looking to sell 50 tables. Register online or on paper.
- Cultural Arts and Education, Katie Bonus- upcoming assemblies: *Magic of Science* October 31 and *Okay2Say* November 11 and 13.
- Staff Appreciation, Katie Bonus: staff meals for conferences being planned, two catered, one potluck taco bar. Mrs Dyrden reports staff requests Wow! Bread Day upcoming on November 27. Families may bring in bread to share with teachers or participate in preorder set up by PTA and Bread by Crispelli's.
- Performing Arts, Lisa Dougherty: Talent Show permission slips sent home. November 15- tryouts, January 15- tech rehearsal, January 22- dress rehearsal, January 23- performance. New this year, parents are invited to perform along with their students.

Musical for grades 3-5- December 13- auditions, February 3- rehearsals begin (M and Th 3:30-5). Discussion regarding age restrictions for performers.

- Parent Social Event, Megan O'Shea: Pub Crawl, date moved to November 9. Look for info on Facebook, no flyers will be sent home. \$40 covers participation and samples at various bars and restaurants in Royal Oak.
- Box Tops, Lois Barr- Box Top cutouts due October 18, please include tally on envelope or bag. Prize for top classroom.
- Reflections, Tressa Orthmeyer- Made presentations in art and music classes. Flyer to come home and posters to go up week of October 14. Many categories including options for kids with special needs. Looking for volunteers after Thanksgiving and for assembly in January. Hosting a table for cooperative art and Q+A at Trunk or Treat. Brooke Ryan to create Signup Genius.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Brooke Ryan, Member at Large presented Standing Rules. Lisa Dougherty made a motion to approve. Carrie Hooker seconded. Unanimously passed.
- Bylaws- updates are on web site, changes based on template provided by Michigan PTA and specifics of new Keller positions. Review bylaws for approval vote at November meeting.
- Jessica Cislo proposed that \$250 overage in playground fund be applied toward friendship path project. Mrs Dryden recommended waiting until further planning has been done.
- 2 tickets to Spectacular paid admission area awarded to Becky Adair

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.**