

**Keller Elementary PTA
General Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary Report, Jen MacKenzie

- September Minutes: Erin Alexander made a motion to approve, Derek Cookson seconded

Principal's Report, Marcie Dryden

- Thank you everyone for smooth transitions
- Late Start this week/Professional Development Nov. 2nd - no school
- No late start Nov. 3rd
- Professional Development this week NWEA data
- DEI Leadership team meeting Wednesday, Oct. 13th
- DEI at Keller: Heritage Awareness Committee - lessons taught in Huskie Packs, Culturally Responsible Teaching -Audit IB units, continue work with Dr. Martin
- Thank you PTA for stocking fridge in staff lounge

Board Member's Report, Tim Ciechorski

- At Thursday's meeting Board to formally recognize Indigenous People Day
- 4 teachers will be recognized at this week's Board Meeting
- CCEC went well led by Dr. Martin
- Keller is leading the way in DEI

Teacher's Report, Laura Stankiewicz

- Mrs. Eovaldi- thank you for the materials for the rock garden
- Students can still bring a rock to decorate
- Vote to win grant for diverse guided readers for 1st graders -\$720 from Macomb Credit Union - info to be sent soon.

President's Report, Carie Hooker

- Arts, Beats & Eats had extra money each school going to get a \$625 donation
- PTA council is looking for a Treasurer and a Vice- President
- Royal Oak is celebrating its 100th Anniversary - will know more later
- Dr. Martin planning a Parent University Class for DEI
- Calendar Update: Virtual Bookfair Oct. 18th-31st, Trunk or Treat cancelled, Winter Market cancelled, PTA meetings virtual through January, Talent Show postponed until May 20th, M2M May 14th

Treasurer's Report, Sarah Lutz

- We still have a few teachers that need to use their \$100 classroom allotment
- \$180 deposit from Kroger for box tops

Committee Reports

- Huskies Run: Jessica Kammann, Melissa Berry
 - Almost at \$25,000 -collecting money until Friday
 - 1st Grade is in the lead
 - Husky Run will take place in the spring
- Restaurant Night: Melissa Berry and Jennifer Streamer
 - Blaze - October 27th
 - Nov. 24th - Sherlie's Baked Goods
 - Jen Streamer move to add \$50 to Restaurant expense. Jen Thorstad seconded. Approved
- Membership: Erin Alexander, Melanie Macey
 - Currently we have 165 members
 - September sign-up contest winner: \$50 Kouzina gift card: Jennifer Boden
 - October's contest: \$50 Sherlie's Delights gift card. All new members that sign up in October will be put in the drawing for this gift card.
- Book Fair
 - Virtual - October 18th - October 31st
 - Spend \$25 get free shipping
- DEI Committee
 - 1st real meeting, Wed. October 13th
 - Working on mission & goals - plan to create a hub
 - Create School Demographics beyond just race

Old Business

- No Old Business

New Business

- Standing rules
- PTA Procedures
- Committee Chairs are listed on PTA website
- Questions
 - Pilar Question: Can we use cancelled events' funds for other events?
 - Yes, if proposed and voted on.
 - Spirit Wear? We need another vendor, Carie will get information
 - Jen Thorstad Q: Halloween?
 - Answer: Mrs. Dryden - no Halloween Parade at any Royal Oak Schools, working on what will happen for Halloween, Halloween Parties will take place in classrooms this year 25-45 minutes.
 - Pilar: Safety in parking lot is getting out of control.
 - Answer: Pilar will create a sign-up for parent volunteers, Tim Ciechorski will ask Royal Oak PD to patrol, suggested maybe we need a sign clarifying that the entry is 1 way, need crosswalks, both pick up & drop off have safety issues. Derek Cookson volunteered to monitor traffic at the front of the lot to keep cars from going the wrong way when they enter the

lot. Other issues are cars parking along fence line and blocking crosswalk.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm