

**Helen Keller Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 8th, 2018
Keller Media Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary's report –

- Michelle Vinluan asked everyone to review the minutes.
- Jeff Brinker made a motion to approve minutes; Margaret Blount – Seconded the motion.
- Motion approved.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Dryden

- Oct 19 picture day.
- Hugo is officially the name for the Husky Mascot. In Greek it means "Thinker or Bright".
- Design for Keller renovations will be presented at one of the next 2 PTA meetings.
- Halloween Parade – Parade will be around 2:45. Classroom parties will be held before the parade.
- Ms. Leestma and Ms. Proper presented a new program called Husky Packs which are buddy groups of K-5 students that will be meeting 6 times this year. There will be a kick off assembly on Nov 9. The program will begin Nov 21 and will be held on non-late start Wednesdays. Students will stay with the same teacher through their time at Keller. The first lessons will be around the book Alma.

Board Member's Report - Jeff Brinker

- See attached notes from Jeff. Thank you, Jeff!

Teacher's Report - Mrs. Stankiewicz

- Thank you to the Sally Gilreath for assisting first grade teachers with securing volunteers.

President's Report

- 196 PTA members.
- All PTA committees/events have chairperson(s) by October 31, 2018. Still in need of:
 - Family Community Event (1 chair)
 - IFFF (2 co-chairs)
 - Late Start Programs Coordinator (1 chair)
 - Reflections (1 co-chair)
 - School Raffle (1 chair)
- Lifetouch still needs a volunteer for the afternoon of picture day on Oct 19.

- Cookie Cutter Fundraiser – Oct 11- 18 they will give \$5 back to the PTA.
- Royal Oak hosting an event about school funding. More info to come.

Treasurer's Report – Carie Hooker

- Changes were made to the money collection form to allow you to exclude the amount of money in the cash box.

Committee Reports

- Huskies Run – \$ 12, 888 collected so far. 48.3% of students are registered. 9 volunteer spots remain on the sign up genius.
- Cultural arts - Oct 31 All school assembly Re/max Hot air balloon pilots. Will be outdoors weather permitting or in the gym if it is too windy. Nov 5&7 – OK2Say assembly
- Book Fair –Mon Oct 22 - Thur Oct 25 3:30 – 5:00. Friday Oct 26 6:00 – 8:00
- Box Tops – Lori Klopfenstein. Due date: October 19th.
- Restaurant Night – Noodles and Company Wednesday October 10. You do need the flyer and you can use it for carry out. Next month will be McDonalds.
- Grounds and beautification – Nov 2 3:30 – 4:30 after school. Cider and Donuts will be provided.
- Parent Social Event – Nov 10 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Downtown Royal Oak Pub Crawl. \$30 - \$40
- Talent Show: Auditions should be November 16th. January 24th – Talent Show. Friday is Records Day. Snow Day is February 8th. January 17th and January 23rd – Rehearsals at ROMS.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Skate time – Mrs. Dryden brought information on a program Mr. Potter would like to bring to Keller. Skate time is roller skate instruction during gym class. The cost is \$9 per student. Looking for PTA to possibly pay half for 3rd – 5th grades. The program is 1 session per week for 5 weeks. Flyers were passed around.
http://www.skatetime.com/franchise/fra_mich.html
 - Andrea Morrison made a motion to donate \$1,000. Sheila Robine seconded the motion.
 - Since the amount is over \$1,000, it will be presented to the school board.
- Congratulations to Emily Bogart for winning a Red Robin Gift Card in the new Monthly Volunteer Raffle!

Our next meeting is Monday November 12th in the Media Center.

October is Principals month in Michigan. Thank you to Ms. Dryden as well as all of the principals for what they do for our students on a daily basis.

P.S.A. – Please vote on November 06, 2018. There are (3) candidates for (3) seats for Royal Oak Board of Education up for election.

The first state of Michigan Count Day for the 2018 – 2019 school year was last week. Introductory data shows that our K-12 enrollment on Wednesday was 4952, down 23 from 4975 last year. Our Kindergarten class this year is 375 compared to 403 from last year. More to come as we work through the numbers. Also, enrollment is part of the 6:00 discussion meeting on Thursday.

Finishing the summer construction projects punch lists and as-builts throughout the district. No unusual or exceptional uses of contingency costs to report.

Opportunities are available for citizen / parent participation in the board committees:

- Arts & Preservation
- Communications
- Wellness
- Health/Sex Education Advisory ([separate application form](#))
- Finance & Facilities
- Curriculum Advisory
- Readmission (not open to students)

See www.royaloakschools.org/district/board for more information and application.

Keller specific: Site Paving / Reconfiguration of Front – Summer 2019
 New Furniture – Summer 2019

Next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, October, 11 2018.