

**Keller Elementary PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2021**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.**

**Secretary Report, Jen MacKenzie**

- October Minutes: Erin Alexander made a motion to approve, Sarah Lutz seconded

**Principal's Report, Marcie Dryden**

- Thank you room parents for Halloween treats and planning - Halloween was fun, it was great to see kids in costumes and Halloween colors for our theme "Orange you glad you can read?"
- BFC is thinking of planning a spirit week next week for the week of Halloween
- Parent Teacher Conferences 11/9 & 11/18
- Late Start this week/teachers have record's day
- Report Cards will be posted between 2-4pm Friday, November 12th
- Picture Day, Friday Nov. 12th
- Holiday Break - Nov. 24-26, 1st time no school the Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- Continue DEI work, looking for students to join DEI club
- DEI at Keller: Heritage Awareness Committee - lessons taught in Huskie Packs - Mrs. Carline is the committee chair, Culturally, IB audit- Mrs. Sakorfis is the committee chair, Mrs. Daunt is the committee chair for the Book Committee - looking for 1-2 more staff members. Next meeting Leadership team 11/30 - working with Dr. Martin & Nicole Reynolds, Social Justice Coordinator. All DEI committees will meet this week
- Mrs. Sakorfis is going to join the PTA DEI group and Mrs. Carline has offered help as well - a meeting will be set for the Leadership Team to meet with the PTA DEI group.

**Board Member's Report, Tim Ciechorski**

- Working on a big overhaul of the Board Website - coming summer 2022
- Information Session that used to take place before Board Meetings is now being incorporated into the Board Meeting - Board Meetings will now begin at 6:30
- Board will have a table set up at the Centennial Celebrations for the city, 2nd graders are writing letters to the mayor about what they like about the city.
- Covid Vaccinations are now available for 5-11 year olds
- 7,000 children between the ages of 5-11 have registered for the vaccines
- To make an appointment:
  - Oaklandcountyvaccine.com
  - 800-848-5532

**Teacher's Report, Laura Stankiewicz**

- 1st Graders won the grant (\$720) to purchase 6 each of 60 different books. The book series is very diverse and the same characters appear throughout the series.
- Mrs. Dziengowski- 5th graders are finishing up their personal coat of arms, a poster with symbols that represent them.

- 1st grade is working on the Past & Present Unit. They've been discussing Indigenous people.

#### **President's Report, Carie Hooker**

- Marybeth Fitzpatrick - job fair was successful, will have another in the spring. Still in need of substitute teachers.
- Royal Oak Schools will receive 4.2 million in Covid funds - a survey on ways to use this money will be coming soon.
- We will be partnering with Moms a Demand Action on Gun Safety - we will know more soon on what that will look like and entail.
- Poll on Covid Vaccine Clinic had 225 people respond with 70 percent of people wanting a Covid Vaccine Clinic at Keller.
- Royal Oak is celebrating its 100th Anniversary - will know more later
- Updates from Dr. Martin:
  - Plans to attend a Keller PTA meeting.
  - A recording of the Parent University Class that took place on October 25th is available on the Royal Oak Schools website.
  - Subsequent meetings will take place on various days of the week, looking for topics.
  - The next Parent University will likely focus on Social Emotional Learning.
  - Working on MLK Service Activities
    - Possible Freedom Walk -1 mile or less
    - Assembly at ROMS, breakfast/snack, Detroit Youth Choir will perform virtually, still looking for a Keynote Speaker.
- Next ROMPA meeting Nov. 16th
- Caramel Apple Bar was a success - thank you: Jessica Kammann, Marissa Linn, and Danielle Lupcke
- Melissa Berry & Jessica Kammann - Great job on Husky Run!
- PTA received Thank you cards from Mrs. S & the 5th grade teachers.
- Still need parking lot help! Volunteer on Sign-up Genius.
  - Derek Cookson - directing traffic at the corner, making sure cars follow the one way signs. (M,T, W)
- Haven't met membership goal yet - talk to your friends about joining.
- Tim Ciechorski: If you get a vaccine clinic please let the Board know, Has parking lot safety improved at all? Answer: Parking lot is not improving.
- Mrs. Dryden asked Derek to share license plate numbers with her of cars not following the traffic signs and/engaging in unsafe behavior so she can reach out to the school police liaison and parents.

#### **Treasurer's Report, Sarah Lutz**

- A lot of money came in this month, not a lot going out.
  - Spirit wear
  - Panda Express \$1,297
  - Husky Run
  - \$625 Arts, Beats, and Eat donation

- We still have a couple teachers that need to use their \$100 classroom allotment

### **Committee Reports**

- Huskies Run: Jessica Kammann, Melissa Berry
  - Crushed our goal and raised \$28,686!
  - Top Class: Mrs. Smith's 1st Grade
  - Top Earner: Joseph Dishman (Mrs. Smith's Class) he earned a \$100 Toyology gift card and Emagine giftcard, he will also bring Mrs. Dryden dinner and read her a bedtime story on the roof,
  - 16 classes won PJ day for meeting their goal
  - 10 staff members will spend the night on the roof with Mrs. Dryden.
- Staff Appreciation: Jessica Kammann, Marissa Linn, and Danielle Lupcke
  - Dinners for the teachers during conferences
    - 11/9 Sandwiches from The Lunch Caf
    - 11/18 Soup & Salad Bar
  - Bread Day is coming up -Partnering with Crispelli's \$5 a loaf for staff to take home the Tuesday before a Thanksgiving - more information coming soon.
  - Dick's sporting goods donation of soccer balls - each teacher will be able to get at least 1.
- Book Fair
  - Have to wait 10 days for final report
  - Brought in \$1,500, Keller earned \$375 in Scholastic Dollars to use in their catalogue
    - Typically we use scholastic dollars to buy books for the library and for students in need, we can also buy furniture. We've bought mushroom chairs in the past and recently bought a classroom rug.
- Restaurant Night: Melissa Berry and Jennifer Streamer
  - Nov. 24th 7:30-5:30 - Sherlie's Baked Goods 20%
- Membership: Erin Alexander, Melanie Macey
  - Currently we have 188 member, 37 members shy of our 225 goal.
  - October sign-up contest winner: \$50 Sherlie's Delights gift card: Sarah Drumright
- DEI Committee
  - Working on mission & goals - plan to create a hub
  - Creating School Demographics beyond just race
  - Happy to have Mrs. Sakorfis & Mrs. Carline
  - Erin is working on a list of books that support DEI
  - Planning to help/work with the IFFF committee to offer support
- Mrs. Dryden: Great to have DEI work with IFFF, PTA Facebook Page has been doing a great job highlighting different cultures & Holidays.
- Carie: IFFF needs more chairs

### **Old Business**

- PTA Communication Survey from August

- Take aways: parents like information in emails, Facebook, Mrs. Dryden's newsletter with flyers being the lowest choice.

### **New Business**

- New Spirit wear - link will go up on PTA Facebook soon. Spirit wear looks completely different. Purchases will be sent directly to your house. No deadlines. Lots of sparkly options.
- Next Meeting: virtual December 13th @7pm
- Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm