



New Kent Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 10th, 2024 **Location:** NKES Cafeteria

Approval of March Minutes- Melissa Hummel moved to dispense with the reading of the march minutes. All in attendance approved. Melissa motioned to approve the march meeting minutes, Jarmilla Poorman seconded this. All in favor of approved minutes.

Principals Report- Dr.O'Dea/ Ms. Parson

Message from Dr O'Dea: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all that you have done for staff over the last month! We could not be more appreciative of all that you showered our staff with for Staff Appreciation Week!! We say it all the time, but please know we never take for granted that we REALLY have the best PTO in the world. Between treats in the lounge, gifts in mailboxes, and meals our staff look forward to all week - we are so grateful. We also truly appreciate the support in showering our bus drivers and cafeteria staff with love on their special days too!

Coin Wars felt like a huge success! LaDawn and I had so much fun with the Mario and Luigi theme. Can we bring that back every year?! We announced at the end to all students that they had earned a Book Vending Machine, and the kids are still talking about it! Their excitement for its arrival has affirmed that it was a great purchase. We couldn't make that happen without your partnership! It will be used as part of our whole-school positive behavior initiative to support both a love of reading AND positive behavior.

Our first-ever Kindergarten Transition Night was so heartwarming, and we loved seeing our newest River Otters leave with swag from y'all. Thank you for being there and always participating in our events.

A few other quick, behind the scenes updates...

- Teacher letters will be mailed July 31st this year! Open House will be by appointment on August 21st-22nd for PreK and K, and August 22nd from 4-6pm for grades 1-5.
- We are strategically planning our field trips vertically moving forward. All leads have met to identify overlap/repetition across grade levels. Next steps include taking your suggestions to replace repetitive trips in order to create a more streamlined, purposeful experience for our students.
- It's not too late to register for kindergarten! Contact our front office!
- We are so fortunate to be saying goodbye to very few of our staff next year, so we are in a pretty good place! We are still looking for a reading specialist though, so please tell any that you know to apply! We have been holding out for the perfect fit to join Clarissa Kornreich at NKES next year.

Thank you again for all that y'all do for our River Otter family!

Committee Reports-

- A. Yearbook- Laura Richards

281 yearbooks sold so far with NKES PTO making a profit of \$1,300. Yearbooks are scheduled to arrive June 4th and you can still purchase this yearbook or any past yearbook but they will have to be shipped directly to your house.

B. Staff Appreciation- Laura Richards

- Staff Appreciation Week

Has been amazing! Staff has loved every minute of it and are very thankful!

- End of year luncheon

We are still waiting on a confirmation date and plan to send out a form to the staff to vote on what they would like for lunch that day.

C. Treasures Report- Brittany Gutierrez

Bank Balance as of 5/10/24	\$ 21,507.32
Outstanding checks:	
#5736	\$ (1,276.01)
#5779	\$ (293.90)
#5735	\$ (115.88)
#5778	\$ (2,803.38)
Outstanding Deposits:	
	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 24.40
	\$ 68.73
	\$ 35.00
Operating balance	\$ 20,146.28

Old Business-

A. Board Positions

Lauren Paone- President

Melissa Hummel- Vice President

Brittany Gutierrez- Treasurer

B. Coin Wars

We will continue to keep the Mario theme as it was a huge hit! We raised \$2,508.25 and will be using that money and last year coin wars money to fund \$4,119 of the book vending machines cost. The total for the vending machine is \$7,200.

C. Fall Festival Date/ Summer Meeting

Oct 12th noon to 4pm will be our 2024 Fall Festival Date and time! We will be planning a meeting soon to start the planning of the fall festival. The meeting will be one night between July 29-31st.

New Business-

A. Year Review

- Graphic attached

B. Flying Squirrels

June 5th! \$4 of every ticket purchased will be donated back to New Kent Elementary PTO! Go to <https://fevo.me/nkes2024> to purchase your ticket. Please arrive by 4:45 PM if you'd like to walk in the parade beforehand at 5:30!

Important Dates

May

14th McDonalds 5-8PM

31st- PTO Workshop 1-3PM

June

5th Flying Squirrels Baseball Game (Parade is at 5:30 so please arrive by 5PM)

See you next year!!



2023-2024 PTO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FUN EVENTS



Holiday Shop



Book Fair



Fall Festival



Spirit Nights



Baseball Game



Bingo for BOOKS

WHAT DOES THE PTO DO?

- Plan, host and fund all school 'fun' events
- Help show appreciation to staff
- Provide volunteers to help the school
- Bring supplemental education and school assemblies
- Financially support things the school needs
- Provide resources and supplies to support classroom learning
- Creates community for NKES Families to build relationships outside of the classroom

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FALL FESTIVAL/SILENT AUCTION

HOLIDAY SHOP

PTO WORKSHOPS

BINGO FOR BOOKS

SPIRIT NIGHTS

PENNY WARS

POPSICLES WITH THE PRINCIPALS

BOOK FAIR

VALENTINE GRAMS

THANK YOU!

OUR PTO COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS ALL WITHOUT YOU!

HOW PTO FUNDS WERE USED IN 2023-2024



SCHOOL NEEDS AND SUPPLIES

- Walkie Talkies
- Beautification (Bushes to Rock Garden)
- Otter Pack Supplies and food
- Student Folders
- Counselors snack cabinet and food stock (for students)
- Classroom Funds to Spend at Book Fair (every classroom)
- Library Funds to Spend at Book Fair

STAFF APPRECIATION

- Woot Woot Wagon
- Pizza Lunch
- Holiday Break Gifts (Lanyard and Chapstick)
- Popcorn Bar
- Sip Sip Hooray Treat
- Stock The Lounge
- Cereal Bar
- End of year lunch
- Red Carpet Welcome with a Don Miguel Lunch
- Teachers Lounge Chairs
- Staff Appreciation Week (Breakfast, Gifts, and Lunch)
- Bus Driver Appreciation Goodies
- Birthday Candy for Staff



TREATS FOR THE STUDENTS

- Popsicles with the Principals
- KIND shirts for every student
- Valentine Candy Treat
- Science Fair Medals and activity supplies
- Books For "One School, One Book"
- Fifth Grade Graduation Shirts
- Second grade incubator and brooder plate
- Partial Funding of Book Vending Machine
- Pencil Sharpeners for fourth grade
- Author visit (Jerry Pallotta)
- Reptile Man
- Pre-K Laminating Film and rings
- Field Day Popsicles
- Field Day Inflatable Rentals



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- Fall Festival Inflatables
- Fall Festival DJ
- Fall Festival Reward "Ice Cream Party"
- Fall Festival Reward "Coops, Lanyards and Stickers"
- Fall Festival Spooky Sprint Shirts
- Penny Wars Ice Cream Party for Winners