



New Kent Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 14th, 2022 at 6:00 P.M **Meeting Location:** NKES Cafeteria

Meeting Called to Order By: Kristel Lamp

Attendance: (Attendance sheet attached)

Minutes: Minutes of 03/10/2022 meeting accepted.

Motioned by Lauren Paone and Seconded by Emily Williamson

Officers' Reports

President Report: Kristel Lamp

Already beginning to think about next year:

One executive board position will be opening next year so we are looking for someone to join our team! Caroline unfortunately will be stepping down from the PTO Board. She was the PTO's Vice President, however if you would like to join our board we are up for re-positioning the current board members to whatever works best for our new team. Feel free to reach out to any of us board members if you are interested. If we have more than one person step up, we will begin with the process of creating a ballot and taking votes.

Committee chairs needed:

Spirit wear coordinator

Staff Appreciation

Other chairs will remain the same:

Holiday Shop and Book Fair-Maggie Settlemyre and Erin Begonia

Yearbook-Laura Richards

Spirit Night-Rachael Hubbard

Jordan Wingenbach-Beautification

April Sabel-Coin Wars

During the meeting we had Stacey Tadlock step up and take over as our Outreach coordinator!!!

We are beginning to plan for our Fall Festival 2022! We would like to have a meeting for anyone interested in helping out. We are going to try and run this fundraiser without bringing in an outside company this year so we need all the help we can get and would love for some people to take over areas of the fall festival. We will need lots of volunteers to work bounce houses, to beg for silent auction donations, to help give out prizes, etc. We need a FALL FEST COMMITTEE...sign up if you're interested.

Treasurer Report: Brittany Gutierrez
Current Reconciliation Attached ****

Principals Report: Dr. Amy Stamm

We want to say a HUGE thank you to our PTO for raising funds for our sensory pathways, as well as, allowing us to have the ice cream dance party! The 5th graders had such a great time and it was wonderful seeing our volunteers in their '80's gear. We also know that a lot of work is going into supporting our amazing teachers and staff at NKES and we cannot thank you enough. We feel so much love and support from our PTO and families, please know we are beyond grateful!

Looking ahead we have some updates we want to share:

- NKES is celebrating Purple Up Day on Wednesday, April 20th by asking every student and staff to wear purple on this day. Throughout the Nation and Commonwealth educators and communities will take time in April to recognize the contributions of children whose parents serve in the military. Over 200 students in our district are military connected. Purple Up Day is one way that we can celebrate Month of the Military Child. Thank you for your support!
- Monday, April 18th is an at-home learning day for all NKCPS students. An at-home learning choice board will be coming home with all students on Thursday, April 14th. We will see all students back on campus, Tuesday, April 19th.
- Thursday, April 21st is PICTURE DAY at NKES! Individual Spring pictures as well as class pictures will be taken on this day.
- The week of April 25 - 29, NKES will celebrate Autism Awareness Month through our Disabilities Acceptance Week.
- Also, the week of April 25 - 29 we will also have our Spring Scholastic Book Fair. Information was sent home on Monday about this event. We will also have our Title I Bingo for Books at 6:00 PM on April 27th. We can't wait to see you!!

NKES is also very excited to announce the 2022-2023 Assistant Principal, Ms. Therese O'Dea. Ms. O'Dea will be replacing current assistant principal, Mr. Dave Baum, who announced his retirement in February 2022.

We are very excited to welcome Ms. O’Dea into this new role for the upcoming school year. Ms. O’Dea has served the NKES community for the last 11 years in her role as a general education teacher, special education teacher, teacher leader, and administrative intern. She is incredibly passionate about establishing a safe and welcoming learning environment, empowering students of all abilities to succeed, and cultivating strong partnerships with staff and the community.

Ms. O’Dea is a mother to a seven-year-old boy, Ryan, and four dogs. She earned her B.A. in Elementary Education from The College of William & Mary, her M.Ed. in Special Education from Old Dominion University, her Educational Leadership Endorsement from Longwood University, and she graduates this May with her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University. She loves hiking with her dogs, gardening, and watching her son play basketball.

Ms. O’Dea is thrilled at the opportunity to serve as the NKES Assistant Principal because our school and division is so important to her. She cannot wait to get started and see all that we will accomplish together in the 2022-2023 school year!

Committee Reports

A. Staff Appreciation- Lauren Paone

1. April- Plinko style egg drop game with prizes-still accepting gift card donations. Thank you to all who have already donated. This will be done on Friday April 22nd!
2. May-Staff Appreciation Week (Rainbow theme). Flyer will be posted next week to help parents plan ahead, along with a sign-up genius for help throughout the week.
3. June- Looking for a volunteer to help plan this one with the board. Summer themed suggestions were made at the meeting.

B. Beautification- Jordan Wingenbach

The response for the flowers for the spring bulletin board were a huge success and board is overflowing with them! These will stay up for another month or more. We will end the boards with one last take home activity possibly involving sunglasses where students can draw or write about their favorite school memory!

Also new flags have been hung outside of the school with our mascot and the flowers in the flower pots are blooming and looking amazing!

Old Business

- A. One School, One Book- Was a huge success and we want to thank everyone for their PTO donations which funded the purchase of all the books.
- B. Coin Wars- It was not only SO much fun but it also was a huge success and brought in \$4,447.50. We have already started to purchase some sensory paths but will have to plan accordingly with Dr. Stamm on which ones she wants and where she wants them. This will be a summer project since the floors have to be stripped and then the paths placed down and sealed over. The students will have a nice surprise when they return next year!
- C. BINGO for books- The date has been changed to Wednesday April 27th at 6 PM. This is a school event put on by the Title I teachers. The PTO will be there before the event to have the book fair open along

with selling snacks, drinks and extra pizza. If your family is planning on coming please purchase your pizza before by sending in a check to the NKES PTO by Tuesday, April 19.

New Business

A. Scholastic Book Fair- Erin Begonia

Book Fair will be April 25-29 from 9am to 3pm each day. We will be having three slots for volunteers each day. 9:10-10:45, 10:45-12:30, and 1:30-3. We are asking, if possible, to sign up for BOTH morning slots! E-Wallets have been activated for parents to set up so cash and checks don't have to be dealt with. BINGO for books will be Wednesday April 27th at 6PM in the cafeteria and the book fair will be open 1 hour before BINGO and 30 minutes after BINGO. We currently have \$2,500 in scholastic book fair money. Erin made a motion to use \$1,000 of that scholastic money for book purchases for the NKES library. Brittany Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Brittany then made a motion to take the remaining \$1,500 scholastic dollars and add \$2,800 from the PTO bank account for a total of \$4,300 to spend on books for the classroom teachers. This would give each classroom teacher \$50 to spend for their class! Erin Begonia seconded the motion.

- B. The PTO board asked to make a motion to use \$1,500 to fund 150 shirts for the 5th grade moving up celebration. Erin Begonia seconded that motion. Donna said she would look into the shirt purchasing and talk to Brittany Shields about the design.
- C. Spirit Wear- PTO board asked the meeting members what are some other items they would like to see be added to the spirit wear collection. Cling on decals, otter stuffed animals, pencils, keychains and backpack tags were all mentioned.

Announcements

- a. April 16-Brunch with the Bunny at C Allen Confections 11 am-1pm
- b. April 18-NKCPS At Home Learning Day
- c. April 21st-School Spring Picture Day with Lifetouch
- d. April 25th-29th Scholastic Book Fair
- e. April 26th Pizza Hut (Quinton) Spirit Night
- f. Wednesday, April 27th Bingo for Books- at 6pm
- g. Friday, May 6th 8pm-9pm-VEGA Values Open Gym Night-register on their webpage (\$10 per child and the PTO gets 100 percent of the proceeds)

Next PTO meeting will be held on Friday, May 6th, 2021 at 9:15 am

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:00 PM

Minutes Compiled By: Lauren Paone, Secretary

