



New Kent Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 3, 2022 **Meeting Location:** NKES Cafeteria

Meeting Called to Order By: Lauren Paone Attendance: (Attendance sheet attached)

Minutes: Minutes of September 30, 2022 meeting accepted.
Motioned by April Sabel and Seconded by Cristinia Schultz

Principals' Report: Dr. Amy Stamm

Dr. Stamm started by thanking the PTO for putting on an amazing fall festival. The PTO spent the last year planning and thanks to the many volunteers it was a success. She thanked all those who fundraised.

Dr. Stamm thanked Laura Richards for all her help with the backpack program, teacher appreciation and all her other volunteering all while maintaining a full-time job.

She talked about how school pictures should be coming home soon. We are using a new company this year. The reviews from parents haven't been good. Parents want to be able to view the pictures before deciding to purchase. With the digital age not having the option to preview is not the best. This is our first time using and if it's not suitable we will look at other options.

Everyone entering the school needs to get a visitor pass. Please let the volunteers know. Teachers are told if they see anyone without a visible visitor badge to go back to the office.

Treasurers Report- Brittany Gutierrez

Treasurers report attached

Brittany apologized for missing November's meeting as she had a family emergency. Entering split deposits takes time and she will have consolidated by January meeting.

The attending PTO members voted yay to gifting the \$1,000 money deposit for the fun run company to another school. A deposit was given to have a river otter dash, but the PTO will try and gift to one of the other elementary schools instead. It was voted yay to use the coin wars money raised towards the purchase of a rock wall for the PE class. They also voted yay to \$500 budget for one book. We will revisit the science fair and talent show budgets. The current budget of \$3500 for otter packs was lowered to \$2000 with possible gift cards being purchased as well.

Committee Reports

A. Yearbook- Laura Richards

We have sold 132 yearbooks and raised \$716 so far. Last year we sold 359 yearbooks.

B. Staff Appreciation- Laura Richards

In October Laura helped Dr. Stamm and Dr. O'Dea set up a woot-woot wagon. They passed out giant muffins, gluten free options and apple cider. The teachers liked it. Treat bags were made for the bus drivers filled with candy and water and passed out by Dr. Stamm. In November the plan is to use funds to get stuff for stock the lounge. She will ask for donations for snacks and drinks to help keep the lounge filled. She is still planning for December.

C. Spirit Nights- Rachel Hubbard

- Holly Fork- \$288
- Daily Fix- \$86.70
- Pizza Hut- \$72.38
- November and December Dates

Martha's Kitchen- November 9th and December 7th

Trojans Grill- November 16th and December 14th

December 10th-17th is Five Below Spirit Week. Information will be sent home.

Any suggestions for future spirit nights let Rachel know

Old Business

A. Fall Fundraiser

99 Pledges went smoothly on the PTO side. Parents liked it better too. There is a way to choose your child's teacher. We will go more into that next year. Looking into ways to do email blasts to help boost fundraiser. Would have to do them all manually.

The children loved the coop rewards. We had looked into not doing coops, but the children really wanted them. It was mentioned by a PTO member to possibly have spirit wear as a reward. We will look into the possibility of that. The coops can be traded at the ice cream party

that some children qualified for by raising enough.

B. Spooky Sprint- Cathy Day

Running with staggered grade levels went well. Stations didn't work out. We can put the older kids closer together, so they don't have to wait so long to run. Third and fourth grade were the biggest groups. We could also look into doing the sprint during the festival.

Fall Festival

We had a huge turnout. The \$5 admission fee helped raise a lot of money. The amusement company did a great job. Their prices are great. We didn't get the dunk tank and they sent extra games to play. The train was a hit. We had a lot of compliments on the DJ as well.

Food Trucks- Stacey Tadlock

We had five food trucks. The daily fix had to drop out that day. It was mentioned by a PTO member to ask for a donation to the PTO or a percent of their proceeds as a donation to the PTO. Next year let's move the food trucks to grassy area behind the bounce houses.

Silent Auction- Lori Carter

The silent was a lot of fun. In January Lori would like to start brainstorming for next year's silent auction. Big shout out to Remle Sherman helping organize the grade levels baskets. Would like to have a team to go to the Williamsburg Outlet businesses and ask for donations for the baskets.

New Business

Fall Festival DATE 2023

It was discussed to look into doing it in the first week of November. Dr. Stamm mentioned the Bowl-a-thon hosted by New Kent Educational foundation is that same weekend so that wouldn't work. November is also a bad time for teachers with the end of the grading period. As of now we will keep the date the October date and discuss more later about it.

Kindness Week

Laura will be helping Ms. Simmons Junior Beta members with a food drive to help restock the pantry for the backpack program.

Lauren laminated 100 acts of kindness posters for kindness week for each class to try and fill. Dr. O'Dea will give a certificate for each class who is able to fill their chart up.

Holiday Shop- Erin Begonia and Maggie Settlemire

The holiday shop will run from December 5th to the 9th. The 28th of November it will be delivered. We will need as many volunteers as possible to get set up on stage. Dr. Stamm mentions there is actually an empty classroom they could use instead to set the holiday shop up in. Each day there will be two shifts to help the kid buy their gifts, 9-12 and 12-3. Going to post

tonight the class schedules. We bought some extra small stuff since there is never enough. Will take a video once it is set up to help the parents see everything.

Author Visit

Caroline found an author, Rebecca Greene. The author will not be able to do the assemblies in one day. We could look into just doing the older grades, so she can do the assembly in one day.

Winter Spirit Days and Treats for kids

We would like to spoil the kids. We did candy canes last year. Last year we looked into the idea of getting everyone a hat but that was voted no by PTO members. Scarves, socks and water bottle stickers were some ideas given. THE idea of a special shirt was given as well. Hot chocolate and movie was another idea.

Announcements

December 12th is the Providence Forge Christmas Parade. Dr. Stamm is going to reach out to teachers and encourage them to participate. We did Grinch last year but there were too many Grinch floats. Will make a poll for people to vote on the theme.

Important Dates:

November 9th- Martha's Kitchen Spirit Night

November 14th to 18th- Kindness Week/Food Drive

November 16th- Trojan Grill Spirit Night

December 1st- Holiday Shop Delivered

December 2nd- Setting up Holiday Shop

December 5th- 9th – Holiday Shop

December 7th- Martha's Kitchen Spirit Night

December 10th- December 17th- Five Below Spirit Week!

December 12th- 16th- Winter Spirit Days

December 14th- Trojan Grill Spirit Night

Next PTO meeting will be held in January 3, 2022 at 9:15 am in the NKES Cafeteria

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:07 PM

Minutes Compiled By: April Sabel, Secretary