



New Kent Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 11th, 2022 at 6:01 P.M **Meeting Location:** NKES Cafeteria

Meeting Called To Order By: Kristel Lamp

Attendance: (Attendance sheet attached)

Minutes: Minutes of 12/03/2021 meeting accepted.

Motioned by Lauren Paone and Seconded by Gigi Jordan

Sarah Barber, New Kent District 4 School Board Representative-

Sarah came to introduce herself to the PTO as she is our school's representative on the board. She wanted to let everyone know who she was and how she can help advocate for the school. She also informed the PTO of the New Kent Educational Foundation's Strides for Schools 5K and Fun run on Saturday May 7th at Colonial Downs race track.

Officers' Reports

President Report: Kristel Lamp

Kristel started her report by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of 2022. She informed everyone that Holiday shop was a success and we had such great sales, they sent us a \$500 check as a bonus. Thank you to Erin Begonia and Maggie Settlemire for chairing the Holiday shop and coordinating the volunteers. Thank you to Caroline for being the point of contact.

Thank you everyone for Stock the Lounge donations so far, and please keep them coming. PTO Board will be at the car loop at dismissal collecting on March 16th, and donations can be dropped in the office any day. The Lounge will start being stocked on Tuesday March 15th and will go as long as we can keep refilling.

The Board is starting to prepare for next year and we will be developing a Slate for next year's Board and Chairpersons (would like to have everything prepared by the April meeting and vote at the May meeting).

During the meeting, Erin Begonia and Maggie Settlemire stepped up to announce that they would like to also be the chair for the book fair.

Openings so far-

1. Staff Appreciation-monthly treats for staff
2. Outreach-sends thank you notes/keeps up with changing letter board for events

Treasurer Report: Brittany Gutierrez

Brittany announced that a full updated budget will be provided ASAP as Brittany just had a baby less than two months ago and is adjusting to the new workload. However, she stated we have stayed in budget in all areas and have been very successful with meeting the financial needs the school has asked to help with, which include; New Walkie Talkies, Batteries for existing Walkie Talkies, Backpacks for Backpack Program, One School One Book Project, Bounce Houses for Field Day, and many more.

Brittany recapped that the holiday shop brought in roughly \$2,500 and that spirit nights have been very successful and each have come in around \$300.

Spirit Wear will be going live soon on the Cheddar up site and we will be adding some more items in the Fall.

Principals Report: Dr. Amy Stamm

Dr. Stamm started her report by thanking the PTO in attendance (and those who have supported and weren't in attendance) for all the hard work and volunteering and support they have given the school. She also wanted to notify everyone that with the new school opening next year there will be some shifting happening with staff and students but she wanted to remind everyone that any changes happening will keep the students best interests in mind first and will make our school stronger.

She also announced that in addition to staffing changes Mr. Baum has announced his retirement at the end of this school year. Lastly Dr. Stamm announced our school now has a full time Resource Officer stationed on campus.

Looking ahead, Kindergarten registration will begin every Friday in April, along with a Kindergarten "Round up" happening in May. Also field day will be split into two days which will be June 9th and 10th, more details on all of these events will come home soon.

Committee Reports

- A. - Yearbook update- Laura Richards announced that as of right now 170 books have been sold. We typically in past years have sold over 300 so we are hoping to sell more.
- The school has earned \$1000 in fundraising so far which will come back to the school when books are printed.
 - The personally designed pages need to be done by April 22nd.
 - Books printed 5/10/2022 and shipped to school 6/01/2021
- B. Staff Appreciation- Lauren Paone
1. Lucky to Have YOU April Luncheon will be held on Friday March 11th. PTO will be serving Olive Garden Soup, Salad, and Breadsticks along with some yummy dessert treats and drinks.
 2. April- PTO is planning a PLINKO styled game where teachers will pick an egg from their designated PLINKO basket. Eggs will be stuffed with rewards such as staff perks and gift cards which we are hoping to get multiple \$5.00 gift cards donated!
 3. May- Staff Appreciation week is May 2nd- 6th! It will be Rainbow themed which will include something special for the staff each day coordinating with those days' color/theme! Students will

also be asked to bring in a note or treat for their teachers and support helpers based on the day, along with spirit dress up days. More info to come and the flyer will be distributed soon. Be on the lookout for volunteer positions for that week.

Old Business

- A. Beautification- Jordan Wingenbach has taken over this chair position and the board has agreed to increase the budget due to expenses with purchasing new flowers seasonally and the upkeep with the two bulletin boards. Jordan has also purchased some new flags for the front of the building that will match the schools' new mascot/ logo.
- B. Backpack Program- Mrs. Shields was not in attendance but sent in this report: "The NKES Otter Pack program could not be more thankful for the support of the PTO. During the TWOSday spirit day, we received over two flatbed dollies full of donations, enough to sustain our food pantry for six weeks! Multiple members have been absolutely crucial in organizing outside donations and have kept us afloat throughout the entire year. This partnership has been such a blessing and we truly cannot thank the PTO enough!"

New Business

- A. One School, One Book-kicking off March 14th; This is a school program (Title I) but has been funded by the PTO thanks to all of the funds brought in this year.
- B. Coin Wars -Lauren Paone; This will be our PTO Spring Fundraiser and will run from March 18th-25th. Coin Wars proceeds will go directly towards purchasing sensory paths for the hallways throughout the school. Lauren has also arranged lesson plans for each grade level to help with the understanding of coins, the calculations and the negative points that will affect each grade level.
- C. Scholastic Book Fair will be April 25th-29th; be on the lookout for volunteer positions because this event will require a lot of help. During the meeting it was asked if we could post a picture of each of the teachers Wishlist books so that parents not allowed in school can purchase.
- D. BINGO FOR BOOKS will happen Thursday, April 28th. This is a free family fun school event put on by the Title I teachers! PTO will be selling concessions along with running the book fair that night for parents and students to make purchases!

Announcements

- Trojan Grill-round up to the nearest dollar on take-out orders to support NKES PTO
- March 14th-At-home learning day
- March 25th-April 1st-Spring Fundraiser Event at Five Below Williamsburg
- Spring Break-April 4th-8th
- April 21st-School Spring Picture Day with Lifetouch
- April 26th Pizza Hut (Quinton) Spirit Night
- Friday, May 6th-VEGA Values Open Gym Night. 100% of proceeds go to NKES PTO-register on their webpage

Next PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th, 2022 at 6:00P.M

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:06 P.M.

Minutes Compiled By: Lauren Paone, Secretary

