



New Kent Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 1st, 2021 at 9:15 am **Meeting Location:** NKES Cafeteria

Meeting Called To Order By: Kristel Lamp

Attendance: (Attendance sheet attached)

Minutes: Minutes of 09/10/2021 meeting accepted.

Motioned by Lauren Paone and Seconded by Jessica Bowman

Officers' Reports

President Report: Kristel Lamp

Kristel announced we are now up to 276 PTO memberships!!!!

First Spirit Night at Don Miguels' was a HUGE SUCCESS and they wrote the NKES PTO a check for \$400!! The PTO is now in need of a **volunteer** to coordinate Spirit Nights for the 2nd half of the year-beginning in January.

Kristel mentioned we need more volunteers to reach out to local businesses for the Fall Festival— Rosie's, Shaggy Paws, Domino's, Maria's, Pizza Hut, Wendy's, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Jolene Winery, Subway, and even venture further to places like Boathouse, Outback, Longhorn Target, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Costco, etc.— check the list of businesses under the Announcements on the FB page or on the website at nkespto.org, and see where you can help!

Need lots of Volunteers to help make this fundraiser a success. **Prior to event day**, we need someone to act as a liaison to reach out to New Kent High and see if there is a club that would like to come work the games at the festival, we need volunteers to help count coops/bracelets and distribute to teacher mailboxes, volunteers to help put together baskets for the Silent Auction. **On event day**, we need set up/clean-up crew, and people to work games, and entrances.

Kristel passed around a sign-up sheet that will also be a sign-up genius online for Fall Festival Help!

Basket donations are going great but now we need to start putting them together—if you can donate an empty basket/cute bucket for us to make silent auction baskets with, they are welcomed. Donate before Oct. 15th. October 22nd the PTO is looking for volunteers to help us put all of the baskets together at 9:30am at the school.

Treasurer Report: Brittany Gutierrez

Brittany informed everyone that the walkie-talkies that were approved last meeting have been ordered and should be arriving by late October. PTO has purchased 10 new units and we still have around \$1,500+ left in the budget if we need to order more or more charges in spring.

Teacher reimbursements are going great! We have had 15 teachers utilize the \$50 and the rest have until November 19^h to make their purchases! PTO is working towards earning funds, and approving \$50 more in reimbursements in the spring!

After all is said and done with the start of year purchases, we have stayed under budget in all areas!

Principals Report: Dr. Amy Stamm

Dr. Stamm let the PTO know that the staff has voiced that they feel very appreciated and loved by all we have done. She also stressed that we need help for the Fall Festival in all areas!

Old Business

Spirit Wear- Finally LIVE! All orders can be placed online until October 30th and will be shipped to the school for pick up! Goal is to sell 625 items in the month of October Link is:

[https://whalehook.mycommercio.com/NKES2021?](https://whalehook.mycommercio.com/NKES2021?fbclid=IwAR0KhzSSQEfPE1i14amKhhE30_totgxWfRUnb4sxehzEXn4bV3RmEAYoao)

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New Business

Spooky Sprint/ Fall festival on Oct.30th

*Spooky Sprint at 2 pm—occurring in field near playground

*Fall Festival from 3pm-5pm—admission will be \$10 at the gate unless the student earns admission by sending 10 emails with the fundraiser. (earned the admission wristband..more info coming home soon about this.)

*Food trucks consist of OrderUp Seafood, Chick fila, Boka Taco, Lazy Cow ice-cream and cotton candy, Daily Fix donuts and cider (back parking lot in front of New Kent Middle School)

*Pete O inflatables (playground area)

*games and alpacas (playground area)

*trunk or treat in front parking lot (closest to Maidstone)

*Touch a truck experience with New Kent Sheriff, Fire, Rescue in bus loop

*Silent Auction (playground area)

*GOAL-pumpkin patch area (playground area)

Brittany went over incentives for students that go along with how much they raise to support them in the Spooky Sprint! The festival is being put on by the PTO but the fundraising, spooky sprint and inflatables are being provided by FUNDRAVA.

Fall Photo Session Fundraiser

November 6th at a winery in New Kent TBD. Local photographer is offering multiple 20-minute sessions with 3 edited photos and full rights to the photos for \$40. 50% of sales will go to the NKES PTO! If the family is willing to purchase full package of photos they can at \$140 with all rights to the photos and 50% of sales going to the PTO. This fundraiser has the ability to raise around \$1,700 for the PTO! Link to sign up for a 20 minute photo session:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=10C0F4FA8AC22A2F4C07-](https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=10C0F4FA8AC22A2F4C07-fall2&useFullSite=true&fbclid=IwAR3cdmfF4f7nyk5t3hl7GLytDO6m45wUpRam-QzbYi3c0GKPAeKhnoU0zvg)

[fall2&useFullSite=true&fbclid=IwAR3cdmfF4f7nyk5t3hl7GLytDO6m45wUpRam-QzbYi3c0GKPAeKhnoU0zvg](https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=10C0F4FA8AC22A2F4C07-fall2&useFullSite=true&fbclid=IwAR3cdmfF4f7nyk5t3hl7GLytDO6m45wUpRam-QzbYi3c0GKPAeKhnoU0zvg)

World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day is November 19th and the PTO is turning it into a week-long event filled with Random Acts of Kindness (RAK).

1. Monday-River Otters are KIND-wear river otter gear or school colors (royal blue, white); RAK-smile and say “hello” to someone at school you don’t know
2. Tuesday-Peace Love, and KINDNESS-wear tie dye or bright colors; RAK-write a heartfelt note to a staff member (teacher, bus driver, custodian, etc)
3. Wednesday-Work out Problems with KINDESS-wear workout clothes; RAK-Play with someone new on the playground
4. Thursday-Dream of Kindness-wear your pajamas to school; RAK-compliment someone at school
5. Friday-“Hats” off to Kindness; RAK-hold the door for someone or help them with something.

To End the kindness week the PTO has approved the purchase of rocks to go along with The KINDNESS ROCKS initiative. PTO will purchase flat rocks, paint, decorate with positive inspiring messages and display them at NKES (Take one when you need one, share one with a friend who needs some inspiration, or leave one for another; one message at just the right moment can change your whole day!)

- Brittany moved to motion for a \$2,000 approval for the purchase of the ROCKS and supplies to paint them. Candace Major seconded for the approval of \$2,000 added to the budget.

Holiday Shop

Has been moved to December 6th to December 10th. The PTO is in need of A LOT of volunteers!

PTO Approved to add \$5,000 to the budget for monthly “Staff Treats”. This would include, woot woot wagon, a catered lunch, or stocking the lounge each month. 10 Months at \$500 a month has been approved by the PTO.

Announcements

- Upcoming Spirit Night at Martha’s Kitchen on October 5th, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 pm-NKES PTO gets 10 percent of sales from dinner shift-no receipt collection necessary
- Upcoming Spirit Day at Holly Fork Farm on October 9, 2021 from 10am-7pm-NKES PTO gets 10 percent of all pumpkin/gourd sales that day
- 1st at home learning day-Monday, October 11th—PTO is doing a potato/salad bar for the staff that day. Sign up genius will be posted to send in prepackaged items for the luncheon.
- Upcoming Spirit Night at Trojan Grill on Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 pm-NKES PTO gets 10 percent of sales from dinner shift-no receipt collection necessary

Next PTO meeting will be held on Friday, November 5th, 2021 at 9:15 am

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:11 A.M.

Minutes Compiled By: Lauren Paone, Secretary