



New Kent Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 3rd, 2021 at 9:17 am **Meeting Location:** NKES Cafeteria

Meeting Called To Order By: Kristel Lamp

Attendance: (Attendance sheet attached)

Minutes: Minutes of 11/05/2021 meeting accepted.

Motioned by Lauren Paone and Seconded by Emily Williamson

Officers' Reports

President Report: Kristel Lamp

Kristel announced that the PTO Board had decided to postpone the Booster-Thon Fun Run until the 2022-2023 school year.

Kristel also reminded attending members that the Holiday Shop is still in need of volunteers for Wednesday and Thursday. She also stated that book fair will be happening February 25th to March 7th and we will need lots of volunteers to run that shop as well.

Kristel is working on a 2022 calendar of PTO events that will go out after the holidays. We are still trying to fill spirit nights and brainstorming ideas for a spring family fundraising event. Options we have thought about are; Bingo for books, Paint Night, Coin Wars, and/or Valentine Day Grams.

PTO has booked and budgeted to have the Reptile man come to the school in 2022.

Treasurer Report: Brittany Gutierrez

Brittany's budget report is attached to the minutes.

Brittany shared with the attending members the final fall festival earnings, along with current earnings from all spirit nights. (All numbers on budget report)

Brittany also shared that the backpack program has been handed over to Mrs. Shields. PTO will assist wherever needed but she is now running the program.

Update on Walkie-Talkies that have been delayed. We still believe they are scheduled to be delivered by December 20th but this has not recently been confirmed by Motorola.

Spirit Wear has finally all been received and will begin to get sorted and sent home with kids!

Game Truck for fall festival winners will be on December 9th from 4-6PM. Students will stay after school and

enjoy the truck in shifts. Light refreshments will be sold.

Kindness rocks are amazing and are being sealed. Will hold until spring to place outside!

Principals Report: Dr. Amy Stamm

Dr. Stamm thanked everyone for coming and for the constant support and being all in for the kids. She is in amazement at the fundraising being done and all that has come in for the school. Informed the staff of the Admins 12 days of treats that she is currently doing for the staff and thanked the PTO for stepping in to help with two of the days.

Committee Reports

- A. Holiday Shop Update-Caroline Tavai. The holiday shop will be next week on December 6th- 10th. The shipment of all of the items will be delivered on November 29th. Still looking for Volunteers to make the holiday shop work!
 - PTO taking a video today to post and share of the shop items so that parents can have an idea of what the kids will be shopping for and the prices for each.
- B. Staff Appreciation- Jessica Parker and Sondra Sponsellor are now helping the board with the Staff appreciation committee! December treat we are working with Dr. Stamm for 2 of her 12 special staff days! The 10th we are helping her serve treats to the staff and the 14th we are serving Hot Cocoa!
 - We are looking for ideas for January and February along with more help for the January one so we can host a lunch and have helpers setting up and serving with the board.

Old Business

Covered by Brittany in Treasures Report!

New Business

Beautification-A chair for this committee is needed! The board also asked to vote to increase the budget from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the year. There is not much left in the budget due to having to pay for new seasonal flags and décor (items that will be used every year). The board also still needs to think about spring plants for the flower pots outside.

- Member mentioned reaching out to the HS agriculture group about help with the gardens and planting. Also mentioned reaching out to Bridging Communities leader Julie Ellis about help with plants along with Atlantic Growers (Tom Watson) for a plant donation in spring.
- Laura Richards mentioned to let her know when planting and her mom would love to help!

Caroline Tavai moved to increase the Beautification budget from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Erin Begonia seconded the motion.

PTO earnings towards something for students- Kristel announced to attending members that the board has started to brainstorm over a big purchase to benefit students. Thoughts we have talked about are; Candy Canes given out during spirit day, Recess buckets of balls for each grade, Hats or Gloves for every student, sensory walks around the school, a book vending machine, and/or a conflict resolution walk. Once the board is able to get pricing on everything a vote will be held to see what everyone thinks should be purchased.

Announcements

- A. Holiday Shop-open during school hours December 6th-10th-volunteers still needed
- B. Spirit Night at Martha's Kitchen on Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 pm-NKES PTO gets 10 percent of sales from dinner shift-no receipt collection necessary
- C. Game truck on December 9th from 4:00-6:00 for students who raised \$200 for Fall Fundraiser
- D. Spirit Night at Trojan Grill on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 4:00-8:00 pm-NKES PTO gets 10 percent of sales from dinner shift-no receipt collection necessary-SANTA will be there at 4:30 until ??? Take your own pic, have dinner, and help support the PTO.
- E. Five Below Spirit Days-Friday, December 10th-Friday, December 17th. Take the voucher in hand or on your phone and shop/help support the PTO. Ten percent of all purchases made with the voucher will be donated to NKES PTO. A copy of the voucher is on the NKES PTO Facebook page, and on the webpage at nkespto.org (just click on the Five Below icon), and show the voucher right from your phone.
- F. Mark your calendars for the Book Fair on 02/25/22 - 03/07/22. We will need lots of volunteers for this as well.

Next PTO meeting will be held on Friday, January 14th 2021 at 9:15 am

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:05 A.M.

Minutes Compiled By: Lauren Paone, Secretary