
Keysor PTO Meeting

Monday, 1.14.2019 7pm

Attendees

- PTO Executive Board Members: Stephanie Schmidt, Sarah Pitt Kaplan, Amber Jennings, Andy Flach, Kirk Augustine and Bonny Mill
- Dr. Alyssa Taylor
- 16 Keysor Parents

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Principal's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Special Presentation by Keysor Racial Equity Committee
- PTO Updates & Opportunities
- Kudos to Keysor
- Mark Your Calendars

Administration Update

Dr. Alyssa Taylor provided dates and times for events happening at Keysor in January.

- Recycle-Rama at Robinson (co-sponsored by Keysor PTO) 1/15, 6-7 pm
- Novel Engineering Night 1/22, 6-7 pm
- Parent Conferences 1/30 and 1/31.
- EyeSeeMe Book Fair 1/30 and 1/31 (during conferences). Not a moneymaker - this is an opportunity for families to expand their home libraries with diverse books. A focus at Keysor this year is using books as windows and mirrors - windows that show kids other people's lives, and mirrors that reflect their own experiences.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Andy Flach, *PTO Treasurer*

YTD Revenue: \$35,060

Sources of revenues over last 60 days:

- Trivia Night- \$11,900
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- Restaurant Nights - \$180 (RN's are more successful this year than in previous years!)
- Spiritwear - \$152
- eScrips - \$156

Expenditures to date - \$52,386

Key expenditures last 60 days:

- MADCO - \$2,000
- Project IDEA - \$1,383
- Teacher Appreciation - \$1,034
- Activites Fund - \$1,250

Bank Balance - \$24,260 (Does not yet include \$10,500 Trivia Table Sales!)

****We are right where we want to be!****

Special Presentation - Racial Equity Committee

Presented by Kristin Davis, *Racial Equity Committee Co-chair*

- Kristin provided a brief summary of the committee's objective and the history of how the committee was started.
- They promote knowledge and awareness on issues of racial equity and inclusion.
- The Racial Equity Committee collaborates with the teachers and staff of Equity & Social Justice Committee.
- They provide guest speakers for parents and staff
- Last year, they awarded Leslie Smart with the Teacher Racial Equity Award. **They are accepting nominations now for the award for teachers who promote cultural competency into their classroom.**
- **The next Racial Equity Committee meeting is on 1/23 at 612 Kitchen & Cocktails at 7pm.**

PTO Updates & Opportunities

KSDF Updates

Presented by Joanie Van Rees, *KSDF Representative from Keysor*

- The foundation is looking for a Chili Bowl Ticket Sales Coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Joanie or Jean Marie Andrews for more information.
- Tanya Craft agreed to do this. Thank you, Tanya!

Project IDEA Updates

Presented by Meredith Byers, *Project IDEA Committee Co-chair*

- 3rd Annual Recycle-Rama at Robinson on 1/15 6-7pm. A fun educational event on recycling-reduce, reuse & recycle.

- The field is still unavailable for use. The sod, which was donated to the school, is still taking root. This should be over soon & hopefully will fix the issues of flooding that we've been having.
- **PI will begin taking orders for brick pavers. They are 4x8 pavers; \$40 for the paver and 3 lines of text. The goal is to have the pavers installed by the end of the year picnic.**
- The rain gardens are being redone. Rain garden 5 (in the rear of the PI space) will be the first garden to receive updates as it is clogged and contributes to the flooding issues.
- **The next Project IDEA meetings will be on 2/4, 3/4, 4/1 & 4/29 at 6:30 in the Keysor library.**

PTO Executive Updates

Presented by Stephanie Schmidt, *PTO President*

- PTO is providing stipends to each teacher to add books to their class library from the EyeSeeMe book fair.
- Field Trip Updates-Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades have gone on field trips funded by PTO this school year. 5th grade is going this month and 4th grade will go in February.
- The meeting about planned crosswalk upgrades was well attended by neighbors, Keysor parents, KSD staff and City of Kirkwood employees. Plans were presented and there was an extensive Q&A. One notable piece of info - neighbors feel a bit detached from Keysor. PTO plans to take a jar of honey, a note and a schedule of known upcoming PTO events that might draw large crowds to the 12 homes that share the 700 block of Geyer with Keysor.
- **Another key piece of being good neighbors - PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF ANYONE'S DRIVEWAY, EVEN FOR A SECOND. This goes for Geyer and all surrounding streets. :)**
- **Trivia Night: if you are interested in donating a party or an item for the silent/live auctions, please reach out to the Trivia Night Committee.**
- **1/25 Family Movie Night in the gym. Doors open at 6pm; \$5 per family. "Smallfoot" starts at 6:30.**
- **Fun Fair: 2/2 11:00 - 2:00 at Keysor**
- PTO sponsors 2 Parent Education Nights per year. Last year's events were so popular that we are repeating them again this year.
 - **Dealing with Childhood Anxiety, led by Dr. Chad Sylvester, will be 2/5 from 6:30-7pm in the Keysor library.**
 - **Keeping the Internet Safe for Kids, led by Ryan Morgan and Tricia Copeland, will be 4/23 from 7-8 in the Keysor library.**
- Master Facilities Plan meetings 2/21 from 6:30-7:30pm at Nipher and **2/27 6:30-7:30pm at North Kirkwood Middle School. This 2/27 will focus on Keysor specifically.**
- **PTO is currently taking indications of interest for the 2019-2020 PTO Executive Board. Please reach out to a board member for more information.**

Kudos to Keysor

- We appreciate all our volunteers & want to spread the word about the great stuff they do for our kids!

- Look for updates on the Keysor PTO Facebook page
- Send the name of someone who should be included to secretary@keysorpto.com

Kudos Go To...

- All Winter Party Volunteers!
- Our awesome Room Coordinators, Carrie Chen & Marty Holzhueter for keeping everyone informed this busy past month!
- Our hardworking Staff Moms... Jen Bartin (library/4th) for coordinating Author Visits AND Valerie Bechtel (math/3rd & 1st) organizing successful Restaurant Nights. ****Next Restaurant Night is Thursday, 1/24 at MOD Pizza, 10:30 am - 9 pm, 20% back to Keysor.**
- Box Tops Chair Jamie Meade and ALL donors
- KSD's Regional SSD Parent Advisory Representative, Juli Brown, for all her work in supporting Keysor Kids (and the students of the other 4 districts she represents)!
- Keysor Teachers & Field Trip Volunteers

Mark Your Calendars: January

1/22 Novel Engineering Night at Keysor 6-7pm

1/23 Racial Equity Committee meeting 7-8pm at 612 Kitchen & Cocktails

1/24 Restaurant Day/Night at MOD Pizza 10:30-9:00

1/25 Family Movie Night in the gym featuring "Smallfoot". Doors open at 6pm

1/30 & 1/31 Parent/Teacher conferences. EyeSeeMe book fair during conferences.

1/31 Author Visit

Mark Your Calendar: February

2/1 STEM fest registration

2/2 Fun Fair at Keysor 11:00 - 2:00

2/5 Anxiety Presentation in the Keysor library 6:30-7:00pm

2/11 PTO meeting in the Keysor library at 7pm