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# Keysor PTO Meeting Notes

Tuesday, 09.11.2018 in the Keysor Cafeteria

## Attendees

- PTO Executive Members: Stephanie Schmidt, Sarah Pitt Kaplan, JoAnna Carter, Amber Jennings, Andy Flach, Kirk Augustine and Bonny Mill
- Dr. Alyssa Taylor
- Mr. Jeremy Mapp
- 28 Keysor parents

## Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Administration Spotlight
- Budget Review & Vote
- Updates & Information
- Voice of the People
- Kudos to Keysor
- Mark Your Calendars

## Welcome & Introductions

- **Stephanie Schmidt** introduced the 2018 - 2019 PTO Executive Members
- Brief summary on how PTO meetings are conducted

## Administration Update

### **Dr. Bryan Painter, Assistant Superintendent - Learning & Innovation**

- **Responsibilities:** The Learning and Innovation Department coordinates all district activities related to teaching, learning, assessment and professional development
  - **Areas of Focus:** Three broad areas of focus - Fostering a Culture of Collaboration, Equity & Innovation, Educating the Whole Child, and Developing Future-Ready Skills
  - **Future-Ready Learners:** Preparing students for the constantly changing environment through wellness, joy & hope, connection & collaboration, flexible thinking, disciplinary literacy & application and global citizenship
  - **Upcoming Events:** Evaluate needs of the community at every campus - now & 5 years from now. Meetings at North Kirkwood Middle School: 10/02, 12/06 & 02/27. Meetings at Nipher Middle School: 10/11, 12/13 & 02/21.
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\*Details can be found on the Kirkwood School District website.

**Dr. Alyssa Taylor, *Interim Principal* & Mr. Jeremy Mapp, *Interim Assistant Principal***

- **Introductions**
- **Connection-Keyor's focus for the school year**
- **Leadership**
- **Expectations:** responsibility, respect & safety
- **Vision, equity & the impact on Keyzor, student achievement**

## Budget Review & Vote

**Presented by: Andy Flach, *Keyzor PTO Treasurer***

- **Where has the money gone?**
  1. Lunchroom art mural
  2. Field Trips (2nd Grade Botanical Gardens)
  3. Hospitality/Back to School Events
  4. Project IDEA
  5. Teacher Stipends
  6. VEX Robotics
  7. Book Fair
  8. Custodian Equipment
  9. Back to Schools Bash
  10. 5th Grade Leadership Week
  11. School Movie License
- **Andy proposed to pass the 2018 - 2019 budget; seconded by Kirk Augustine. Budget approved unanimously by attendees**

## Updates & Information

- **Laci Hansard:** Provided details on what Keyzor Cash is and how it works. Link to be provided soon.
- **Derek Byers:** Presented float theme for Greentree Parade; asked for volunteers through the end of the week (09/14); provided parade route information and float participants drop off and pick up details; reminded group about candy donations
- **Sarah Pitt Kaplan:** Informed group of potential hazards associated with current crosswalk and plans to try and make the current crosswalk more safe; updated group on our hopes for future plans for an improved crosswalk.
- **Stephanie Schmidt:** Provided updates on behalf of absent chairs; meeting date for Racial Equality committee, Equations Club meeting information, Parent Social Events and dates & locations for September & October Keyzor Restaurant Nights

## Volunteers Needed

- **Stephanie Schmidt:** Requested a graphic designer for Trivia Night; provided contact information if interested. A request for 4 volunteers for Picture Day was also made and contact information was provided

## Voice of the People

- **Stephanie Schmidt:** Opened the meeting up to hear from the parents; asked for suggestions on speakers they would like to hear at future meetings, how would they prefer to receive information, etc.
  1. Child care at meetings
  2. Mentors for new families
  3. Signup Genius for school-wide events
  4. Opportunities for kids and parents at school and the community; more excitement
  5. Focus on making Keysor more of a community
  6. Weekly & monthly summaries on Facebook
  7. MAP testing information for parents
  8. Nutrition updates; maybe feature fresh fruits and veggies from local farms
  9. Summer camp and daycare information

## Kudos to Keysor

- **Jamie Krob & Caroline Tinsley and ALL Book Fair volunteers**
- **Stacey Kidd & Becky McHugh - Welcome Committee**
- **Meredith Byers & Ericka Havecker and ALL Project IDEA volunteers**
- **Annie Komadoski & all who sent food in for Teacher Appreciation**
- **Alison Berry & Anne Loden - Spirit Wear**
- **Derek Byers & ALL Greentree float volunteers**
- **Jean Marie Andrews & Amanda Murphy - First Friday Parent Breakfast**
- **Everyone who signed up to volunteer**

## Mark Your Calendar


### September

11 Equations Club begins at the Keysor library, Tuesdays 3:40 - 4:30

11-13 Build Greentree float @ 1520 Frances, 7pm - 10:30pm

13 Room Coordinator meeting @ PJs 6:30 - 7:30

15 Greentree Parade, if you and your child/children are participating, meet at the KHS lot @ 9:30. PARENTS MUST STAY

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- 18 Racial Equity meeting in the Keysor Library, 7 - 8pm
  - 20 Restaurant Night @ 612 Kitchen & Cocktails
  - 29 Back to School Bash @ STL SandBar 6:30 - 11:30pm **\*\*ADULTS ONLY\*\***

### **October**

- 1 Project IDEA meeting @ Keysor Library , 6:30 - 7:30
- 2 Author Visit - Kat Zhang (4th & 5th) @ Keysor Library, 2:15 - 3:15
- 3 School Picture Day (during school hours)
- 4 Author Visit - Laurie Keller (K - 3rd) @ Keysor Library, 9:15 - 10am
- 5 First Friday, 8:30 - 9am in classrooms; Parent Breakfast 9 - 9:30 @ the Keysor Cafeteria
- 8 Restaurant Night @ Amigo's 4 - 9pm
- 9 PTO Meeting 7 - 8pm

**\*\*Later October events will be shared at next PTO meeting and shared on FB**