

Kean Elementary PTO Meeting May 13, 2025

A meeting of the Kean Elementary PTO was held at Kean Elementary on May 13, 2025 at 6pm.

Attendees: Gabrielle Montgomery, Michelle Stull, Elizabeth Choppie, Tina Knight, Julie Abbott, Barbie Arnold

- Treasurer update
 - As of now up \$3000
- Principal agenda items
 - none
- Otis Fundraiser Recap
 - Was it worth it? - Elizabeth has spreadsheet to compare to work with mums
 - All of the food rewards aside from maybe the cookies were a hassle
 - If we cancel next year we will owe back our 1% signing savings
 - Good fundraiser, but see if we can adjust prizes, have more assistance with prize delivery, opt out of frozen, change timing of sale, prize handouts were very disruptive
 - Discussed ideas around un-fundraisers
- Book Fair Recap
 - Best spring bogo book fair sales for our school!
 - Will add extra time from fair close to buy PTO books before teardown
 - Earmarked Fall Book Fair during PTC; will confirm in the Fall
 - Will need to decide open 1 or 2 nights during PTC
 - Will try to do the Spring BOGO book fair closer to mid April and make sure we are open at least one evening for shopping with another event like Science Night
- Teach Appreciation Week
 - Gregg orthodontics paid for the Buehlers sandwich/salad lunch
 - Laura sent thank you card
 - Gift card donations for raffle baskets from Salt Grotto and Buchwalter Greenhouse and Local Roots
 - Next year try to create thank you fliers and also post to social media accounts

- Right to Read Week
 - Decorating this Friday the 16th
 - All donations needed are purchased
 - Apples donated by Bauman Orchards, picking up Friday
 - Purchased containers to mix snacks and keep for the PTO

- All City PTO meeting Recap from 5/4
 - Starting 1 million acts of Kindness district-wide
 - All elementary schools will have the same shirt design for next year to unify and promote
 - Molly Richard asked that we let her know about our D2D dates and other fundraisers so she can promote with central office staff as well as on district website and SM
 - Talked about possibly all using the same Holiday Shop company to see if we could get discount
 - Those that shop for their own items talked about the struggles.
 - Cornerstone uses Tri-C Distributors- also an Akron company.

- Email from Ramseyer about a possible simple fall fundraiser much like our dine to donate fundraisers. They will send more info over the summer.

- Domino's or Bosco's - let's check in to Bosco's
- Spirit Wear - Expert's Ts went well; flexible and inexpensive; turnaround time faster and well organized. Liked that they allowed us to use student's actual artwork
- Mums starts the week after school starts; Send flyers to Brenda to print in early August so that they are ready when school starts

Action Items:

- ☐ Tina reach out to new Holiday Shop company
- ☐ Tina Schedule Playground meeting
- ☐ Elizabeth to discuss prize modifications with Otis Fundraiser contact
- ☐ Tina to schedule end of year budget meeting/treasurer spreadsheet review/delegation of jobs list
- ☐ Julie to create flier showing where money PTO money went for use at back-to-school open house

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm ET.