

EK PTO MEETING

August 19, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Attendance 6:31 PM

Mark Dismukes, Kelley Goeden, Jennifer Foster, Victoria Allen, John Nolte, Kat Daugherty, C. Meinken, Nicole Kettwich, Andrea Fullmer, Alicia Pate, Jordan Hoefing, Kendra Paulson, Katie Schwarz, Lin Cook, Liz Collazo, Megan Kruse, Amanda Richards, Courtney Sanchez, Kristi Giffin, Liz Ashley, Sherri Molitor, Karen Truran, Amanda Conley, Mandy Merckel, Kevin Eiler, Andrea Stawarski, & Athena Vas. Virtual Attendance: Christina Simshauser, Kevin Ostermiller, Connie Beauchamp, Amanda Griffith, & Troop329 EK.

Principal Report:

- First 5 days of school have gone great.
- Recess will continue to be inside when the real feel is 100°+. Hopeful for cooler weather soon so students can enjoy the new playground
- Final touches are being added to the playground. They are completing the fence.
- Updates include: pour & play surface, asphalt walking track, soccer nets, volleyball pole footings, pour & play surface in the gaga ball pit, fencing, new equipment added, pavilion shade & tables, lending library, and trash cans. Looking forward to meeting with the Playground Committee to determine the next steps.
- Newsletter going out 8/22.
- Safety drills will be going on towards the end of August-beginning of September.
- 9/17 is Picture Day.
- Volunteer training must be completed to volunteer in any aspect.

Teacher Liaison Report:

- Nothing to report right now. Everyone is working on getting adjusted to their new class.

Secretary Report:

- Went over minutes from the last meeting to get approved. Motion made by Liz Collazo and seconded by John Nolte. All in favor.

Treasurer Report:

- Income: (July 1 - August 19) (Total: \$519.00)
 - Carnival: \$70.00
 - City2 Game: \$250.00
 - Sno Cones: \$179.00
 - Yearbooks: \$20.00
- Expenses: (July 1 - August 19) (Total: \$7,149.26)
 - Birthday Treat Bags: \$250.85
 - Hospitality/Sunshine: \$100.00

- Misc. PTO Expenses: \$7.57
- Open House: \$569.63
- Other (See Notes): \$6,219.21
- Other expenses include: unpaid invoice for Color Run, Scholastic Book Fair invoice, Book Fair Receipts, & Hospitality/Sunshine receipt from 24/25 school year.
- The budget was reviewed for the 25/26 school year. Motion made by Alicia Pate & seconded by Liz Ashley to approve. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

- Bike/Walk - Event is set for 10/8 from 8:15 - 8:45 AM.
- Birthday Treats - All items are purchased. Waiting on the bags to come in. Will bring the bags to school next week for Teachers to distribute as needed.
- Book Fair - Fall Fair is scheduled for 11/17-21. Spring Fair is scheduled for 4/13-17.
- Box Tops- Currently at \$29.20. Requested post be made on Facebook to show how to use the app. \$5 reward to the school for linking WalMart account.
- Carnival - No reports yet. Noted that budget increased this year to have more activities.
- Food Committee - Looking for a new chairperson. 2 big events: Carnival in the spring and then Math, Science, Tech/Family Reading Night in the fall. Kristi Giffin volunteered to chair this committee this year.
- Frosty Fridays - Made \$179 at the first one & will continue as long as weather allows. Always looking for more volunteers.
- Get Smart with Art - New prints are being ordered for the classes. New totes for each teacher to house all projects so students can choose which ones goes in the Art Gallery in the spring. Will start in October.
- Hospitality and Sunshine - 2 purchases have been made so far. 1 more additional one to do. Will have sign-ups go out for Conference Dinner closer to the date.
- Library - Working on getting the schedule made for this year. Once finalized, will send out a volunteer request.
- Playground - Free program through OFPL. You can get a \$5 gift certificate for their book sale to fill the lending library at school. Looking into privacy fence wrap for around the playground and also new bike racks.
- Retail Fundraising - Cutting back on Dine & Donates this year. Will continue to do La Casa, Joe's Pizza, & Dairy Queen. Will also have Skate City Nights and City2 Games. Moose BBQ is a possibility, but waiting until after CityFest.
- Santa's Kottage - Scheduled for first week of December. Will have more updates closer to the event.
- Silent Auction - Looking for a new chairperson. Special Events auction is local businesses and geared towards adults. The carnival auction has more EK items and family friendly items.

- Special Events - Looking for a new chairperson. Previously have done Trivia & Glo-Bingo. Need to plan the event and space early. Amanda Conley has volunteered to chair this committee this year.
- Spirit Wear - Orders are open until Friday. Delivery to the school by 9/5.
- Staff Appreciation - In the planning stages currently. Will have more information as it gets closer. Event is the first week of May.
- Teacher Tree - Teacher Wishlists for the classroom will be distributed closer to November.
- Yearbooks - Picture Day is 9/17. Looking into getting a reissue for a check that can't be located.

New Business:

- Bylaws are currently being reviewed and will be brought to the next meeting for everyone to review. (September 16th)
- Vote on adding term limits to the Executive Board. We voted on whether or not to draft up an addition for the bylaws. No addition has been written yet. Votes were: Yay (5), Nay (14), & Undecided (4).

Questions, Comments, & Concerns:

- A QR code has been added to the agenda for anyone that might have a lot of questions for one (or more) committee(s) in an effort to be respectful of everyone's time. It is added below by the upcoming dates.
- A year-end survey was sent out asking for feedback. Some members would like the results shared publicly while others believe it should only be for the Executive Board to read. The Executive Board said we can add a spot this year asking for permission to share survey answers for those willing to participate. Another member suggested a flyer that states what ideas from the survey the Executive Board has decided to implement. That will be shared soon.

Upcoming Dates:

8/20: Early Dismissal (2:15 PM)
 8/22: Frosty Friday (3:20 - 4 PM)
 8/22: Spirit Wear Orders Close (11:59 PM)
 8/27: Early Dismissal (2:15 PM)
 8/29: Frosty Friday (3:20 - 4 PM)
 9/1: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 9/3: Early Dismissal (2:15 PM)
 9/5: Frosty Friday (3:20 - 4 PM)
 9/10: Early Dismissal (2:15 PM)
 9/12: Frosty Friday (3:20 - 4 PM)
 9/16: PTO Meeting (6:30 PM in EK Library)

Meeting Adjourned - 7:40 PM

