

# Kennedy Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 2020  
Compiled by Emily Keith

**Attendees:** Kelly Keith, Emily Keith, Julie Turk, Stacie Anselmo, Erin Kosinski, Pam Anene, Ms. Bashawaty, Dr. Daniels, Mrs. Katsaros, Ms. Banner, Mrs. Nowak, Amanda Gerstenbrand, Mr. Embiale, Edina Wiewiura, Bakhtawar Jamil, Kim Ford, Debi Foshag, Erin Piper, Erin Lynch, and Kara.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Julie Turk, President.

The meeting minutes from the September 2020 meeting were reviewed. Kelly Keith motion to approve the September meeting minutes and Stacie Anselmo second. There were no objections and the minutes were approved.

**Officers reports** were given. Vice president, Stacie Anselmo, discussed the Halloween drive-through and treat event scheduled for October 29. Vice president, Emily Keith, discussed the diversity slides that were added to the PTA Google classroom, the Halloween Virtual dance party scheduled for October 27, and a possible virtual movie night. Treasurer, Kelly Keith, went over the 2020/2021 budget and what was earned and spent to date. Membership, Erin Kosinski, discussed the current number of members which was 115 and plans to distribute another membership flyer. President, Julie Turk, discussed the virtual PTA page and the On the Border dine out event scheduled for October 21.

**Principal report:** Dr. Daniels discussed what a great week the children were having returning to school. They are planning on doing some Halloween themed stuff maybe in the classroom possibly costumes or maybe individual classroom parades. She notified everyone that for the first official week of face-to-face school start at 9:10 AM and ends at 3:23 PM. She also announced that picture day would be the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. Half the school would go on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the other half on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. An email will go out to the virtual students and what day they would be scheduled for pictures. The following week would be when the Halloween stuff will be scheduled, no parents or donations will be allowed however possibly costumes. The parent teacher conferences are moved to December.

After Dr. Daniels finished discussing, Ms. Banner, Mrs. Nowak, and Mrs. Katsaros agreed that the first week of face-to-face was going very well and wanted to thank the parents for how well they did during the virtual portion of the school year.

**Staff news:** Ms. Bashawaty discussed the fall book fair scheduled for October 26 through the 30<sup>th</sup> to be in school. The students can look at the books, but not touch them. She will shop for the students. Also, students can fill out a Google form to have the books delivered to the classroom or curbside. For the virtual students, Scholastic set up a virtual 360 shopper. She also discussed the library online catalog and did a diversity audit. She will be writing a grant to get more diverse library books. Ms. Bashawaty was able to order four new boxes of books using

scholastic credits. And starting next week children will be able to check out books from the library, she will inform students of the checkout schedule.

**Unfundraiser report:** Kelly Keith discussed that the unfundraiser will wrap up on October 16 so far \$1,145.00 was earned. There will be one prize (\$15.00 scholastic gift card) drawn per grade for those who participate, and the top three earners will receive a gift basket. Eligible entries will be through Friday October 16, 2020.

**Committee Reports:**

Reflections: Erin Piper discussed the reflections theme all because you matter. The “I matter because” themed artwork can be visual art, film, dance, etc. It just needs to be able to be digital.

Spirit wear: Dawn Buerkle posted on the Buzz the link to purchase Spirit wear.

Box Tops: please scan your box tops as we only have \$71.00 in scanned tops.

Julie announced that PTA will be holding a pumpkin decorating contest and pictures will be submitted to the flip grid.

**New Business:** Kara is collecting pop cans and will save the lids for Ms. Bashawaty. You can drop your pop cans off at Kennedy. There are signs set up or she is willing to pick it up from your house. The next PTA meeting will be on November 5 at 6 PM on zoom reach out if you want to help. Kelly Keith discussed the mask fundraiser. We will be partnering with Mother Hubbard Custom Cupboard and the masks will cost five dollars each. Alem Embiale introduced himself as a new member and new to the area, welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.