



PTO Minutes

Date: October 4, 2023

Next Meeting: November 1, 2023

Minutes from Wednesday, October 4, 2023

The Knob Noster Elementary PTO met in the KNE Cafeteria. Cat Plakorus, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Doug Brown, Interim Treasurer, gave an update. PTO currently has a treasury balance of approximately \$16,850.47.

Cat shared the Principal's Report. Currently, enrollment is 519 students. In September, 5th grade had the highest attendance rate of all grade levels at 96.12%. In October, we'll focus on Habit 2, Begin with the End in Mind. We'll also have an in-person leadership assembly at the end of the month.

PTO approved funding for Kindergarten's field trip to the Pixie Pumpkin Patch on October 17 (approximately \$400).

This year's fall book fair was September 25-29, 2023, with a "Wish List Day" on the Friday before (where students preview the fair and make their wish lists). The fair was also open between 5-7:30 during the Chili/Bingo Family Night on Tuesday, September 26. It was also open Thursday, September 28 from 3:30-5:30PM. THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped run the fair! This fair had the highest sales of any book fair we've had in at least the last 4 years! Our total sales for this fair was \$11,929.86! We crushed it! 50% of that will go back into Scholastic dollars for Mrs. Kent, our librarian, to purchase books for the library. We also raised just over \$100 in All for Books and she used that money to purchase books for teachers from their wish list book boxes.

Our annual Chili/Bingo Family Night was on Tuesday, September 26 from 5:00-7:30. We had a great turnout. Lots of new members joined PTO. The bingo prizes that were redeemable at the book fair worked great. Congratulations to the Shobe Family for having the winning chili! They will keep the traveling trophy for the year and they also got an Amazon gift card. Thanks so much to all who brought food and/or helped out. Fun nights like those don't happen by themselves and we appreciate you!

PTO will sponsor author Stephen Kozan's visit on October 13. He teaches kids the process of becoming a published author. Then he does a writing competition and chooses one student from our school to work with to develop a book that he publishes and sells. What a great opportunity!

The annual Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 20. This event is coordinated by KNE PTO, the Leadership Events & Environment Team, and the Student Party & Events Planning Team. Last spring, the student team discussed what stations they'd really love to see again. The teacher team met, as well, and are putting together the schedule for the day. PTO has reserved the petting zoo and 2 bounce houses. We'll also fund the face paint, pumpkins for pumpkin decorating, a snack for each student, and gift cards for the guest presenters. PTO members should keep an eye out for 3 signups about Fall Festival—one to volunteer to help out that day, one to donate food to feed all the helpers and staff at our carry-in lunch, and one to loan us your cornhole games for one of the stations. Thank you in advance for signing up for any and all you can help out with!

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 24 and 26 from 3:30-7:30. PTO will cater dinner for the teachers on the 26th.

Our annual Boosterthon Fun Run is coming up in November. We'll have a kickoff on November 2 and the actual Run will be on November 10. More information will come home with the kickoff, but PTO members should be on the lookout for a signup to help set up our "running track" and/or help mark students' laps during the Fun Run.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Smith, Secretary