

Starside PTA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Kelsey Zabel, President, held introductions for all in attendance.

Kelsey Zabel, President, asked for review and approval of the November 2023 General meeting minutes. There was no discussion and they were moved to approval.

Principals Report

Principal, Jan Hicks, shared Starside will be hosting the second-annual Touch-a-Truck later this year with 12 different trucks from the community. Principal Hicks gave an update on Starside's first-ever 5K. There are currently 143 registrations and we will keep registration open until next Wednesday, April 17th. Principal Hicks also shared Family Night will take place on May 2nd from 5:30-7. Staff Appreciation week is May 6-10 and Kim Manson is planning events that week for the staff. Principal Hicks shared this is a great time to send a thank you note to teachers. Principal Hicks also shared an update on Site Council and asked for anyone who might be interested to get in touch with her.

PTA Calendar Update & Approval:

Kayla Green, Vice President, provided the update on the PTA calendar with Family Night and the 5K being added.

Treasurer's Report

Chelsea Cole, Treasurer, gave an update on the Glow Party results, noting \$1,170 was raised and given to Specials team at Starside. Chelsea shared an update on the small grant program for teachers, noting that grants have been approved, with requests such as several reading initiatives, wax museum closet, STEM activities. Chelsea also shared that field trips are underway and being taken care of by the PTA.

Committee Reports

Kayla Green, Vice President, shared an overview of each of the committees

Glow Party – Glow Party raised \$1,170 for the Specials team. Due to the cold weather and school closings, it took a bit longer to get money turned in for Glow Party. Discussion was held, and with BINGO night no longer being held in March, the PTA is planning to move Glow Party to March so kids are back from winter break and the Glow Party team will have more time to plan. There were 2 big boxes of glow pops left over that can be used next year.

Skate Party – The Skate Party raised \$332 for the PTA. Skate City has asked if we would like to host a 3rd skate party this year. Mindy will work with Skate City to see if this is feasible for the 2023-2024 school year. Discussion was held regarding adding a skate party earlier in the school year next school year, as a "Back to School Skate Night."

Valentine's Day Party – Michele Tiedeman opened discussion for doing the Halloween parade at the end of class parties to alleviate the amount of parents coming into the school early. Michele also shared we may need to update our verbiage so it is more concise on who is allowed into the school early to set up for class parties.

Restaurant Nights - \$543 was raised from the El Patron restaurant night, which was a little less than last school year. El Patron has been a great partner and we will continue to do a Restaurant Night with them next year. Discussion was held about doing a Pizza Restaurant Night with a partner who is closer, such as Pizza Hut, along with potentially partnering up with Burnt End BBQ when they open.

Staff Appreciation – Discussion was held about reminding families when Staff Appreciation week is and that Staff Favorites are available on the Starside PTA website. Kayla Greene, Vice President, shared Chris Cakes will be at Starside for breakfast, Bridge Church is sponsoring a taco bar lunch, Julie Coover is sponsoring Crepe café food truck, as well as ice cream and a popcorn bar.

Spirit Wear – We will be partnering this year with CTEC again for 5th grade graduation shirts.

School Supplies – The vendor for school supplies may change for the 2024-2025 school year. The PTA Board has been involved with discussions with several companies trying to find an affordable option for school supply boxes and have been unsuccessful, as the vendors are too pricey for our school. Students will be getting new iPads this spring, with the District providing new headphones for each student. Discussion was held about if a committee could be formed to do school supply boxes in-house by the PTA.

Other Business

Jan Hicks, Principal, shared the incoming Kindergarten class will have a pretty large number of students. Principal Hicks shared the school is trying to get the word out to the community to find out how many kindergarten students will be incoming for the 2024-2025 school year.

Chelsea Cole, Treasurer, shared the PTA Board met with Jan Hicks & Michelle Brown to discuss the grant requests from teachers. There were grade-level, per-teacher, specials, and custodian requests. Kindergarten classrooms will be getting Melissa & Doug grocery stores with a shopping cart, a vet center, and camping sets. Chelsea also shared the 4th grade Wax Museum will be getting a garment cart with suit jackets, costumes, and microphones.

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared an overview on field trips this year. The 4th grade class went to the School of Economics, which they will want to do again next year. The 5th grade class will be going to Timber Ridge and Main Event.

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared the Walk-a-Thon committee would like to have 2-3 new members to help with WAT next year. The PTA Board will remain the same next school year and anyone interested in joining a committee can contact the Board for more information.

Katie Fisher and Courtney Lewis will be heading up the Corporate Sponsorship committee. This is the PTA's biggest fundraiser and discussion was held on changing the sponsorship levels.

Kelsey Zable, President, shared an update on the Smore renewal for the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking at having one smore account for each grade level to help with cost, as Smore has not been receptive to negotiating on pricing.

Kayla Greene, Vice President, shared Wild Rye KC is hosting a fundraiser for Starside PTA. Anyone can drop off donations to Wild Rye. You can shop for \$5 for a paper bag with proceeds going back to the school. Leftover clothes will go to the De Soto Clothing Bank and the Girl Scouts Garage Sale.

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared the 5th Grade graduation t-shirts have been ordered and completed.

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared an update on the Starside Family Night on May 2nd, from 5:30-7:00 PM. In the past, PTA has had some involvement, however, this year, we will enjoy with our families and Jan Hicks, President, may send out a Sign Up Genius if any help is needed from families.

Kelsey Zable, President, shared Jarvy's will provide snow cones for students and staff on May 17th during Field Day.

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared Miss Berry's class has 18 VR headsets, but would like to have up to 28 if any families have any old Google phones they are no longer using.