

Starside PTA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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

Kelsey Zabel, President, asked for review and approval of the April 2024 General meeting minutes. There was no discussion and they were moved to approval.

Principals Report

Principal, Jan Hicks, shared Parent-Teacher conferences kick off next week, with a half-day on Wednesday, 9/25, and no school 9/26-9/27. Principal Hicks also shared all current Kindergarteners are needing to complete ASQ and this must be completed by Friday, 9/20. Principal Hicks also shared an update on the Starside 5K. Jessica Young is planning the 5K, to be held on November 9th. Principal Hicks stated Starside will again host a Veteran's Day assembly on November 11th.

PTA Standing Rules & Approval

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared the Standing Rules were not updated this year. There was no discussion and they were moved to approval.

PTA 24-25 Objectives & Approval

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared the 2024-2025 PTA Objectives. There was no discussion and they were moved to approval.

PTA Calendar Update:

Kayla Green, Vice President, provided the update on the PTA calendar with Fine Arts Night being updated to Thursday, April 24th.

Treasurer's Report

Kelsey Zabel, President, gave an update on the 2024-2025 Budget. There was no discussion and they were moved to approval.

Committee Reports

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

Spirit Wear – Megan Walker shared an update on Spirit Wear. A new vendor was used this year, Hello Logo. Discussion was held about potentially running another Spirit Wear order in March around Kindergarten Roundup. Shirts are expected to be delivered September 18.

Corporate Donations – Katie Fisher shared an update on Corporate Donations. Several emails have been sent out and Katie Fisher and Kelsey Zabel, President, drove to the Panasonic plant to solicit donations. Katie shared they have raised approximately \$16,000 in Corporate Donations so far. Joes KC is our largest donor. Katie suggested we may edit the tiers next year to give more back to the donors.

Restaurant Nights - \$180 was raised from Burnt Ends BBQ night. Kayla Green, Vice President, shared we are looking for a co-chair to hold Crystal Buckingham with Restaurant Nights.

Walk-A-Thon –Lauren Cummins shared we are updating the prizes this year. Everyone will get a popsicle right after they are done walking and all classes will be finished by lunchtime. Lauren shared the City of De Soto donated a De Soto Aquatic Family Membership to raffle off. The \$25 prize will be a bubble party/recess. The \$50 prize will be a STEM show. If the school reaches their goal of \$10,000, Jan Hicks, Principal, will dress up as a cowgirl with a pony or horse. The top-earning class's teacher will earn a gift card. WAT envelopes will be going home Friday, 9/20. Lauren shared they are also looking for volunteers to help on the day of WAT, the Bubble Party/Recess, and STEM show.

Staff Appreciation –Kim Manson shared conferences are next week and dinner will be provided. Joes KC will be providing the staff dinner and Lexie's Bakery is donating dessert. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out in the upcoming newsletter for soda and salad.

Skate Party – The skate party had 97 skaters. We are awaiting the total from Skate City to see how much was raised.

Room Parents and Fall Party – A Room Parent meeting will be held after the PTA General meeting. We are needing volunteers for every classroom.

Reflections – Richelle Hodges shared last year, Starside had 4 participants for Reflections. Ms. Hodges shared this year's theme is "Accepting Imperfections" and Reflections info will go home with students at a later date, with a November return date.

Other Business

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared the PTA-provided free book will be coming soon, starting on September 18th. These will be provided during the Book Fair. Kelsey Zabel also shared they are needing helpers in the library during Book Fair, if anyone can help.

Kelsey Zabel, President, shared we are needing a volunteer to help during the Community Event hosted at Starside by the PTA on January 23rd.

Katie Fisher shared there is a potential to do a "Parents" event at Burning Tree in the spring. This would be a night golf event at Oak Country. Starside PTA would have to cover Oak Country's fees.

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 Zabel, 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.