

Kingston PTO Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

The KPTO meeting was held in the KIS library

Executive Board Members

Katie Bedard, President (present)

Beth Barra, VP KES (not present)

Jamie Nelson, VP KIS (present)

Amy Archer, Secretary (present)

April Hill, Treasurer (present)

4 Board Members, 2 Teacher, 10 Members, and 1 Principal

Katie Bedard: Welcome

Secretary's Report – Amy Archer, Secretary (Present)

Amy reported that there was no change to the September minutes.

Treasurer's Report – April Hill, Treasurer (Present)

Highlights

Fund the Fun	\$22,055.94 in donations were received
Harlem Wizards	\$3,500 in sponsors so far
Ice Cream Social	Exceeded our goal with \$1,106.52 in revenue
Spiritwear	\$804 in sales at the Ice Cream Social event
Baystate Textiles	\$155.40 direct deposit (September)
Donations / Other	\$71.68 Benevity portal company matched donations
Teacher Reimbursements	\$50 reimbursement checks - 4 total (3 KES, 1 KIS)

Any questions or receipts should be sent to ajmorin@gmail.com

Principal's Report –

KES – Dr. Kerri Whipple (not present) and Mr. Jake Galewski (not present):

- Substitutes are needed. If interested, please stop by the office and fill out an application.
- October is Bully Prevention month
- Early Release on Thursday 10/26 for Parent Teacher Conferences
- Costume Closet is 10/25
- Halloween Parade on 10/31

KIS – Mr. Materna (present) and Dr. Bruzzese (not present)

- Substitutes are needed. If interested, please stop by the office and fill out an application.
- Spirit Week is October 30th – November 2nd
 - a. Monday is Sports Themed
 - b. Tuesday is Halloween Costumes
 - c. Wednesday is Kingston Spiritwear
 - d. Thursday is Dress like your Teacher or Principal
 - e. Friday is Crazy Sock or Crazy Hair Day
- Early Release on Thursday 10/26 for Parent Teacher Conferences

Teacher's Report –

KES – Ms. Kristen Pishkin (present)

- Thank you for the books and teacher reimbursements!

KIS – Ms. Emily Goodwin (present)

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School Committee – Jeanne Coleman (not present) Tricia Arieta (present)

- Any questions please follow the process of 1st step of contacting your child's teacher, then the principal, then the Superintendent, and finally the School Committee
- Town meeting was 10/27, 7pm at KIS.
- Panomrama Surveys will be sent out. Parents can opt-out by emailing their child's teacher and principal
- Children's Business fair was approved. Last day to sign up was 10/27
- Next meeting is 12/5

Fundraising – Sarah Pasternak (present), Barbara Gildea (present), Brittany Kooienga (present)

- Fund the Fun - \$22,055.94 in donations were received!
- Holiday Gift Wrapping 12/14 – 12/24 – In need of a Chairperson, if interested please reach out to Katie Bedard
- Cupcake Charlies 1/24 -2/17 and pick up dates TBD

Harlem Wizards – Jenny Ellis (present)

- Tickets are sold out and a waitlist has been started
- Date 11/14 at the Silver Lake High School Gym

Barrett's Haunted House

- Date Thursday 10/19 – Updates on will be given in November's meeting

Fall Staff Appreciation – Lauren Buckman (present), and Sarah Urtz (present)

- Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday October 25th

Spirit Wear – Amy Archer (present)

- Store link - <https://fireflyteamstores.com/collections/kingston>

Field Trips – Holly Dillon (KES) Katy Shannon (KIS)

- No updates to report at this time

Winter Holiday Fest – Kate Duggan (not present)

- Date Saturday December 2, 2023 9 -12 in KES Café
 - Movie Night with be Friday 12/1 530-830
- Next meeting is virtual on 11/2 @ 7pm

Cultural Enrichment – Amy Fitzgibbon (present), Beth Barra (present)

- No updates to report at this time

Additional Items –

- Mrs. Raynard is in need of volunteers in the KES library. If interested, please contact Mrs. Raynard directly at draynard@slrsd.org Thank you in advance!
- Other events – Book Fair, Spring Staff Appreciation, 5th Grade Boys and Girls Night Out, and 6th Grade Celebration
- Please send all flyer correspondence to Cheryl Key at ckey@slrsd.org for ESL Translation
- All KPTO Meetings will be in the KIS Library

NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday 11/8/2023!

Reminder the PTO is always looking for new members! Come join our next meeting!