

Parent Teacher Organization

KES General Membership Meeting

Minutes

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 9:30 am
KES Cafeteria**

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Review/Approve Nov 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes** (attached) - Approved
3. **Treasurer's Report** (attached)
 - a) Closed out holiday boutique
 - b) ASA – waiting for BOCES reimbursement
 - c) Fall book Fair closed out
 - d) Added classroom events budget per grade
 - e) KES Merch – holiday sale
 - f) Halloween Fair closed out
4. **Art Presentation –**
 - a) Sustainability – collection to reuse and repurpose household items to make art in the classroom, painting with unconventional tools
 - b) 5th grade sustainable items = fish
 - c) 3rd grade snowflakes – using recycling to do story quilts
 - d) Repurposing “dry” markers – put “used” markers into water to create watercolor paint
 - e) Art History – K Abstract art inspired by Kandinsky
 - f) K Paper Line Sculptures showed examples
 - g) 1st grade Eric Carle
 - h) 2nd grade Clay Lollipops and Clay animals examples were shown
 - i) 4th grade Blown Ink Trees – blow Indian ink through straws
 - j) 5th Grade OP Art Agamographs
 - k) K, 1, 2, 3 – Color theory and sculpting with model magic - progresses from simpler to more complex based grade
 - l) May 6th KES Spring Art Show – 5-7 pm
 - m) Parent Volunteers – assisting in the art room and hanging the art show
 - n) Art once a week – some projects take time but will be sent home shortly
 - o) Clay and Kiln – will get volunteers in and start soon

- p) Working on grade specific curriculum updates to parents
- q) Send Christine Eckler an email to ask about what they are working on and when we can expect to see it.
- r) Transparency
- s) Why art once per week? It's a budgetary constraint. 3 PEs per week per state; 2 Music; 1 Art. Art changes would impact other specials. Possibly reduce one general music. Space in the schedule week for 6 specials per week. Speak with Julie Drake and the Superintendent about changes. KLSD is looking at everything from the lenses of SEL, DEI and Sustainability.
- t) Aligning curriculum grade wise in progression? Mrs Eckler has that in the updated curriculum guide.
- u) Conversations about rubrics and assessments? Will mention to Julia about this interest.

5. **New Progress Reports –**

- a) Feb 15th Parent Portal – new progress reports
- b) History – district getting feedback that reports were a little lengthy and convoluted. Reviewed the reports and began revamping.
- c) NEW reports will include 4-6 categories for each subject area; more wholistic; each subject area has a description of learning; layout is one report, one rating scale for all academics and art/music); learning at a glance for each specific semester and the skills expected during that semester; linked the NYS standards to each section so parents can read what is specific expected
- d) Teacher comments will be extended and more examples of qualifying and quantifying evidence will be included
- e) Approach to learning section added – organization, communication, etc.
- f) Comment – Goals, strengths, Social Emotional Learning and RTI services.
- g) Last progress report Mon, June 24th (two days before school ends so parents can reach out if needed)
- h) Interim reports and timing will not change – Nov timing of interim is just before teacher conferences
- i) Teachers are always available for check ins between all reports

6. **Committee Updates:-** Science Fair registration closes this Friday. Kindness Day on Feb 10th at KES. Family Dance March 8th – DJ, Bubble machine, moving sports activity, food truck. 5th Grade Pancake breakfast this Sat the 27th. Spring Parent Fundraiser on April 13th. SEPTO – Buddies United is running a monthly get together date and time in Newsletter.