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.