

Kendallvue Elementary PTA Minutes

August 21, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Andie Patzer

In Attendance

Christina Austin	Carolyn & Joshua Starrett	Tammy Moeller
Denise Stephenson	Tracy Wheeler	Jenn Negrete
Lisa Hoffman	Sabrina Montanez	Megan Henry
Andie Patzer	Tabitha Hernandez	Jeff Beekman
Kendyl Hulyk	Tasha & Matt Sepulveda	Andrea & Tony Shertino
Amy Stephens	Kim Branum	Mr. Ophaug
Natalie Payant	Rachel Nestel	Stephanie Jaramillo
Amy Mccwart	Stevie Wilson	Breaa Hiner
Kelly Brady	Abby Fehr	Amy Hileman
Kayla Seaman	Allie Johnson	Ellen

Introductions

Thank you to Denise for acting as President and all she has done for the past three years!

Butter Braids—anyone is welcome to spearhead this fundraiser, otherwise we just enjoy the treats they give us!

Introductions of people present for meeting & what brought them here to get involved in PTA.

Board

Current president, Andie Patzer, opened the meeting to introduce the board. Andie Patzer has taken over as PTA President this fall, Christina Austin will serve as Vice President, Erik Wilkerson will serve as Treasurer, and Natalie Payant as Secretary. The Board will work closely with Denise Stephenson in her new role as Community Liaison at Kendallvue.

Principal's Report

Principal Christina Austin alerted the PTA members to the fact that we will review the assessment data from last year at the September PTA meeting. Great beginning of the year! She visited every classroom today taking pictures and seeing a “day in the life” of each of the rooms. Staff is wonderful and happy which translates down to the kids. Preschool has been a wonderful addition to the school as well. Next month will hold a big report on the exciting growth made as shown through the assessment data gathered!

Pool Party

Andie was out of town when the pool party was taking place. The pool closed...lifeguards went home and we could not have the pool party even if we had wanted to. There was a consensus to not worry about rescheduling until the fall. The decision was made to call it good and try to start next year off that way instead!

Fall PTA Conference

The PTA officers are not able to attend this fall conference. Andie offered to have any PTA member attend on Kendallvue's behalf. From what Denise remembers, it is basically a couple of people talk and then fundraisers try to get schools to commit to using them. No other members were interested in attending at this time.

Parent Teacher Conference Meals

Teachers really like the soups and chilies nights as well as sugar (Mrs. Armstrong!)! Maybe a baked potato and salad bar for the other night. Use Sign-up Genius to allow people opportunities to provide meals—put them in Christina's updates for parents as well.

Ninja Quest

Thursday, October 10th—Ninja Quest! Fridays were all booked up. Explained what Ninja Quest was and announced that Erik will help to structure the second course. One grade level will be doing the Ninja Quest circuit and Erik is working to organize a "dad's group" to develop and run the other course. Fundraising is all done in house—Kendyl created the curriculum last year that develops why they fundraise and what is important about all of the goal-setting, etc. Shirts will be provided for everyone in the school—builds community and provides a united piece for everyone in the school regardless of status.

Community Garden

Dr. Shirl is looking for more volunteers, help and support. Teachers and some families were taking care of things over the summer. Our volunteer sheet has also requested people to volunteer for heading up care for the garden. Foothills is reviewing plans for a 20 x 20 covered outdoor education classroom place with donated materials. Working on creating a community event—Beer Garden & all-community event reaching beyond the school.

Winter Event

Used to be a Winter Formal. We did not have anyone volunteer to head up the event last year and people missed the wintertime activity. Is a dance okay for this age group? Should it be a talent show instead? Do we have people who can do auditions, events, etc. Tammy Moeller is willing to help lead the group and we had a number of parents who would be interested in helping serve on a committee. It was decided PTA will hold a dance!

Run Club

We will need help and support and consider taking it over as a PTA. We will just basically need to have people willing to help actually run the club and practices—the office can help with all other ordering, etc.

Teacher-Like Book

Teachers are working on completing a form to give information and interests about themselves to help parents provide things throughout the year and so that the staff can also see for each other. This book will be housed in the office for people to access on holidays, etc.

Play Club

Kim approached Andie about kids not having opportunities to just play outside and have time for non-structured play time. Having balls and hula-hoops and allowing kids to manage while the parents are more like lifeguards than coaches and the kids have the opportunity to really create their play and be in charge of how the activities move. An hour before or an hour after school possibly? Low cost and there is a national group that can help get it together. Just need some interest and investment. Suggestions were given to use Sign-up genius to organize volunteers and then cap the amount of kids that can participate at each event.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

Working to get more parents and adults into the building. You are welcome and invited to be here and spend time in the classrooms and at recess and lunch, etc. Spread the word that there are opportunities for that. You don't even have to be a part of PTA. Just spending time with the kids and working one on one with them in addition to the clerical work is very appreciated. Calendars will be coming to link directly to your device to upload in real time! Coming soon!!

Next Meeting

Next meeting is September 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.