

**Friends of Keswick Ridge School**  
**October Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, October 17, 2022 6:00pm

**Welcome**

Nathan welcomed the group and gave a quick overview for new members regarding Friends of Keswick Ridge School.

Key points:

- We are not a formal Home & School -- to be such, we would need to pay Home & School Federation fees, and we would need elected officials (President, Treasurer, etc)
- We changed to Friends of KRS about 5 years ago to make the group more informal.
- The plan is to have 5 meetings per year: tonight, November, January, March, May

**Finance**

We have had an external Friends of KRS account at a local bank, but recently moved all the funds into a school-based account.

Key points:

- A school-based account allows for easier access to spending reports as well as easier transitions of financial accountability, should the membership of the committee change.
- This type of account also allows us to seamlessly use School Cash for fundraising. Our intent is to move away from cash sales as much as possible and use School Cash solely.
- There is more opportunity for cost-sharing with district on larger expenses, if our funds are in a school-based account.
- Current balance in our Friends of KRS account is just over \$6600. There are two smaller, old, inactive accounts that Nathan is trying to have moved over to the Friends of KRS account. Those two older accounts total just over \$670 (Travel Club & Home and School)

**Fundraising**

The group agreed that 3 or 4 fundraisers for this year will probably suffice.

Key points:

- The bottle donation boxes raise us a large amount of money. However, the storage regularly overflows and gets unsightly. Future discussions need to be had around alternate and increased space for the refundables.
- The yard sale fundraiser in May was a huge success last year and netted us around \$2000, with little effort, so we feel this one is worth repeating.
- We will be back to having Christmas concerts this year, so the group agreed to doing a raffle basket fundraiser as part of this event.
- Potential for a mid-winter fundraiser – ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.
- With hockey teams in full fundraising force, we need to try to avoid repetition. The idea of a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser was raised – Janis will look into this further.

**Action items:**

- Nathan/Kristin will work to obtain a wish list from staff/students for next meeting.
- Committee members will discuss raffle basket ideas via the group chat.
- Janis will investigate Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser and report details to group via chat.

**\*\*Next meeting: November 14, 2022 6pm at KRS\*\***