

Kernsville PTO Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Faith Ryan, Sara Solomon, Amber Kerschner, Jen MacMurray, Cindy Glackin, Samantha Griffin, Chantel Benes, Ingrid Martz, Angelica Rinker, Jenny Kassis, Jason Kolovich, Colleen Charney-Gavirati, Sue Dubow, Jen Laskosky, Kristina Ray, Melanie Catricketes, Sarah Elias, Jennifer Korman, Jen Abraham, Heather Rogers, Nicole Miles, Mr. Gerhinger, Mrs. Yeah!

President's Report

- Reminder: ALL volunteers must sign-in a Front Office, wear a Visitor's badge, notify staff where you will be in the building, and when you are changing locations.
- Volunteer Clearances: <http://www.parklandsd.org/departments/human-resources/volunteers/>

Old Business

Review & Approval of June Minutes

- Sara S. motion to approve, second Ingrid M.

Summer Social - Faith

- Good weather, turnout
- Most attendees were new to Kernsville and the District.
- Note that tables at Lone Lane are now bolted down; need to bring folding tables if we use the same venue next year.
- Consider Grange Park for next year.

K Orientation & Get the Scoop Recruiting - Faith

- Faith got approval to set up in a table for the 45 minutes between sessions.
- Successful in recruiting new chairpersons for 4 events.

Open House Recruiting - Faith

- Recruiting was not as successful at Open House.
- Sue D. suggested reminding teachers to add overview of PTO services and events to Open House presentation.

PTO Partnership Meeting - Faith & Jen M.

- Jen M. gave an update from what she and Faith learned at the meeting. (See attached recap recorded by Jen M.)

Fundraising Report – Amber Kerschner

- Amber and Sue gave update. Went home Friday, Sept. 8. Only doing Save Around this year. In past years we did both Save Around and Kids Stuff. Decided to try Save Around only because many other organizations sell Kids Stuff. We get the same percentage of sales from Save Around that we did from Kids Stuff.
- Sue recommended pushing the start date back one week next year, based on a request from the office. We typically send first week of school to make sure we're not behind other organizations.
- Faith will follow up with Donna to determine best start date.
- Amber K. stated we are going to be reviewing our fundraisers going forward. The cookie dough sale has expanded merchandise available this year. This year will have an interactive online component that will hopefully expand sales
- Colleen gave update on Cookie Dough sale: October 6-20.
 - Pick up Nov. 15.
 - There is an incentive program that goes along with this fundraiser.
 - Volunteers will be needed: 2 for packing, 4 for pick up Nov. 15.

- Colleen to send Sign Up Genius.
- We are not tax exempt for Cookie Dough sale.

GUEST: Michelle Wahlmark, PTO Partnership and CAC (Community Advisory Committee)

- Michelle to email Faith copy of presentation handout for publication on our web site.
- PTO Partnership meets 5 times a year to brainstorm, share ideas among all PTOs in the district
- CAC is a great way to learn about things going on in the School District.
 - It's not just for parents; also neighbors and business owners, etc.
 - Topics cover things going on at all schools. Great way to know what is going on not only as a parent, but as a home owner.
 - First meeting is about elementary school curriculum.
 - Most meetings held at the Ad Center. Check district calendar for times and locations.

New Business

Bylaws

- Updated copy of bylaws reviewed and signed by new board members.

Classroom Coordinator

- Mr. G confirmed that we will keep the Classroom Coordinator and make the service of Sign Up Genius creation available to teachers if they choose to use it.
- Jan Yellets expressed interest in continuing as Classroom Coordinator; Faith will follow up to confirm
- Heather Rodgers to shadow Jan and assume the role of Classroom Coordinator in 2018-2019

Calendar of Events & Meetings

- Copy was in welcome packet
- Also posted on our web site.

Website - <http://kernsvillepto.com> - Sara Solomon

- Web site is up-to-date
- Features information on upcoming events, programs and fundraisers
- We also have a Facebook page (search "Kernsville Elementary School PTO" or @KernsvillePTO)

Treasurer's Report - Jen MacMurray

- Meeting with Mr. G to come up with budget for the year, broken down by event.
- Budget for 2017-2018 must be complete by October.
- If you need to purchase for an upcoming event, please contact Jen before you do so.
- If you are buying for two events, please do so on two separate receipts (one receipt for each event). this eases confusion for paperwork processes.
- Ingrid asked for update on Audit for last year. It was completed. Jen M. will follow up with Ingrid to have her sign it as past president.
- Audit will be presented, along with last year's taxes, next meeting.

PTO Sponsorships - Faith & Ingrid

- In the first week we made just under \$795.
- Sara S. to ask Donna for a reminder in the Friday Folder
- Sara to publicize on Facebook and web site
- Jen K. recommended looking in to a PayPal account for donations, etc.
- Ingrid M. indicated Amy Benninger set up PayPal last year. Jen M. to follow up with status of that account.

Emails notices from KV/Donna Gates and Friday Folder

- Donna would like chair people to send her Sign Up Genius a little bit earlier. Suggestion is one week earlier than we are currently sending them (so, approximately 4-5 weeks before the event).
- Donna is working to provide Jan Y. (Classroom Coordinator) a list of parents who have clearances.

- Latest Donna can accept an addition to Friday Folder is Wednesday prior.
- Donna only wants to be copied on final version of meeting notifications, etc.
- Donna reminded us that we need to submit a request for permission to store our Cookie Dough Sale items in the kitchen.
 - Colleen to follow up on permission.

Event/Program Chair availability-Basket Raffles, Staff Appreciation, Spirit wear - (See attached Chairperson List)

- Mr. G cleared up why we don't have room parents. Needs have changed due to new laws and regulations. For example: when students go on field trips now if a student has a medical need, a nurse needs to go, or that child's parent needs to go. This is PA law. So now many times the parent with a child with a medical need becomes the parent volunteer so the whole class can go. Mr. G. has instructed teachers to take an additional parent.
- Molly Bombich and Jackie Helfrich will take over Basket Raffles.
- Faith is hoping to get a team of volunteers to support them.
- Spirit Wear: We could still use a co-chair as Steph P. is not available for daytime events.
- Staff Appreciation still needs a chair.
- Volunteer and Staff recognition still needs a chair.
 - Jason K. expressed interested in chairing.
- Jen Korman needs a co-chair for Family Fun Day

Teacher Rep - Mrs. Yeah!

- Please be sure to send teachers Sign Up Geniuses, because they will supplement and help fill holes.

Tracking Volunteer Hours

- Sara to contact Amy Benninger to follow up on online volunteer hour reporting form
- Once form is online, announce via Friday Folder, Facebook and web site
- Any volunteer who serves and documents 10 hours volunteering will be invited to the district-wide Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at LTCl. Typically held the Friday before Memorial Day.

Mom Squad & Walking Club - Jen Korman

- Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Jen Korman.
- Walking Club is Thursday 10:30 - 1 p.m. Need clearances.
- Mom Squad members need training on laminator and machines. Contact Jen K.

Spirit Wear - Steph Parisi

- First Spirit Wear day is September 22
- Students who are new to the school and do not have Spirit Wear are encouraged to wear red
- Currently trying to reduce inventory and explore ways to print Spirit Wear on demand, rather than carrying a large inventory.
 - Will try to sell some of our Parkland inventory to PHS school store.

Picture Day

- Picture day is September 25
- Faith & Jen Korman will volunteer to help

Gift to the School 2017-2018

- Ingrid M. gave update, as the request was submitted last school year and she researched feasibility.
- Looking to purchase professional grade Cricket machine for die cut letters.
- Looking into placing machine in computer lab. Teachers could print to machine from their desktops.

Night On The Circle (NOTC) -Jan Yellets

- September 29. 5-7 p.m.
- Basket raffle

- Ingrid will take charge of the baskets.
- Faith to help.
- All in-house type of baskets/events, such as front row seats for Holiday Sing, extra recess time, etc.
- Create Spirit Wear basket to help reduce inventory.
- Jen M. gave update from Jan:
 - Featured items include: food trucks, spirit wear sale, basket raffles, gym equipment, Tri Clover and Greenlawn fire trucks
 - Looking at possible bounce obstacle course and dry slide inflatable to replace dunk tank.
 - Ingrid brought up possibly making a request for a security officer.
 - Gym only for use of rest rooms -- rest of building closed
 - Expecting need to purchase additional pizza and popcorn, because of lack of food trucks
 - Sara S. to contact The Sticky Pig as possible food truck vendor.

Box Tops - Ann Anderson

- Two contests throughout the year, one over the summer
- Pizza party or pretzel party for winning class
- Nov. 1 and April 1 are submission deadlines
- Fall competition submissions due October 15 to give Ann time to tally.
- Individual submissions in groups of 25 or 50 to a bag/sheet
- Last year's spring box tops were not submitted. Of those, \$250 worth were not expired, so we submitted what we could.

Movie Nights - Samantha Griffin & Sarah Elias

- First event October 20
- Movie license is paid in spring.
 - Purchase is for the entire school, not just PTO
 - \$435 per year
- Faith to contact Samantha and Sarah once information from previous chairs is compiled.
- Rating must be G or PG.
- Be sure to promote students should bring sleeping bags, wear PJs, parents bring chairs, etc.
- Basket raffle to encourage attendance.
 - Spirit wear basket.
- Jason K. to contact Heaps for hot dog donation
- Sarah E. to ask Costco for water donation

Assembly Report – Cindy Glackin & Steph Parisi

- Author visit by Greg Pizzoli is set for December 5 for K-2
 - Coordinated through Let's Play Books
- Looking for an author visit for 3-5
- Read-aThon ideas: found a laser show or magician for about \$750
- Nicole M. mentioned the magician would be available for a read-a-thon event in the evening to include families.

Principal's Report – Mr. Gehringer

- Hurricane relief: Classroom to classroom donations are in the works.
 - Possible collection at Night on the Circle
- Any communication to general body needs to come through the office first.
- If you are changing your bus, please notify the office and the teacher in writing.
- Mr. G indicated that district would prefer if all volunteers had clearances all the times. There are certain circumstances where a parent could be considered a "visitor" (i.e. reading to class, where a teacher would act as your chaperone), but most PTO events require parents to have volunteer clearances because the volunteers are directly supervising children, or are in the building while children are in attendance.

Thank you cards

- PTO received Thank You cards from Mrs. Kelly and Andrea Marzano for first day of school goodies

Contact information for chairpersons

- If you need contact information for an event chairperson, please email Faith at president@kernsvillepto.com and she will forward your request to the appropriate person until the 2017-2018 Kernsville Directory is available.

Meeting adjourned 11:03 a.m.

NEXT Meeting – Tuesday, Oct 10, 2017 9 a.m.

Report from PTO Partnership Meeting on September 11, 2017 recorded by Jen MacMurray

Faith Ryan and Jen MacMurray attended as Kernsville reps.

New Elementary School

Break ground in Spring 2018

Doors will open for the 2020-2021 school year

2-story building with 2 wings (K-2 and 3-5). For K-2, every room has a bathroom.

Ridge Development at Walbert and Cedar Crest could be a game changer

Size of Green Hills

Would need a new elementary school to support Kratzer

Middle schools would be okay - this development would go to OMS which has more space than Springhouse.

Would possibly need a new High School

High School is okay until about 2026 - possibly close off the end of the wings to add more classrooms or think about building another High School

Looking into buying property next to Cetronia, but the price is not right.

56 kids removed from the District last year because they were illegally coming to the District (i.e. lived somewhere else, but used grandparents' Parkland address). If anyone ever knows of this happening, please report it to Dr. Troutman's office or even the school bus driver - they are trained to look for suspicious activity.

Kernsville has the largest square footage, but the smallest population. That will change. Two new developments - Posocco development on Blue Barn and Weis development both go to KV. Apartments/townhouses are planned and there is lots of turnover with those type of residents.

154 new elementary school students this year throughout the district, but kept within the board required class sizes.

Parkland HS enrollment - 3200. 400-500 kids at LCTI every day

9300 students in Parkland SD

Mr. Sniscak is in his second year of a 5 year contract.

Grades 3, 4, and 5 will get Chromebooks in 2019-2020 school year.

Harlem Wizards - February 13th at 7 PM at Parkland HS gym. This will be a shared event for all PTOs in the District.

Tickets on sale on November 1st.

40 special meet & greet tickets

PTOs from throughout the district staff the concession stands and donate food. Each PTO earned \$350 from the last Harlem Wizards event.

Hoonuit - on the 1st week of school portal. Password is on the portal.

<http://www.parklandsd.org/hoonuit/>

We met Beth Kushnick and Leilani Pettine from the Parkway Manor PTO and are planning to meet with them to exchange ideas about fundraising.