

Kernsville PTO Meeting
Virtual via Google Meet
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Faith Ryan, Sara Solomon, Jamie Walker, Krista (?), Stacey Sanchez, Neha Daryanani, Valerie Perry, Balwinder Sembhi, Jason Kolovich, Sue Toth, Takafumi Kubo, Melissa Kattick, Jen MacMurray

Welcome

Personal and Board Introductions

Old Business

Review & Approval of summary Minutes from end of 2019-20

- Motion to approve by Sara S. Stacey Sanchez seconded.

Neha Daryanani voted in as co VP of assemblies

- Welcome Neha!

New Business

Bylaws

- Board to review and approve.

Treasurer's Report – Jen MacMurray

- Summer business: paid for yearly subscription to Sign Up Genius, email and web accounts
- 2020-2021 budget due for Oct meeting; this year it may not be complete by October meeting pending info from the school.
- Submitting receipts/SWPBS - prizes are provided by PTO for positive behavior program; need to find out if we will need to re-supply
- Taxes and Audit – completed and submitted by Marianne Aloupis and Jess Campbell

Insurance and movie license renewal – Jen MacMurray

- PTO insurance policy is due this month. Will renew.
- Movie license needs to be renewed even though we can't run Movie Night because teachers use that license to play movies in their classrooms.

Gifts to School update – Faith Ryan & Jen MacMurray

- In July Mr. G contacted PTO board to ask us to run a mask fundraiser.
- Board decided to gift a mask to each adult and student at the school, rather than run a fundraiser.
- Cost was ~\$1.5K.
- 270 adult; 230 child masks (this was ordered by the school)
- Seems that there was a sizing issue. 4th grade has not received (adult masks were too big).

Spirit wear- Faith Ryan

- Tri County Teamwear is our vendor
- Same design as the last two years
- Fully online this year; distribution will be direct mail to home, or parents may pick up in-store in Slatington.

Carpet – Faith Ryan

- Previous board had purchased an entry way carpet – poor product delivered; company subsequently went out of business.
- Last year we explored what changes/repairs we would need to make to make the carpet useable.
- Nina P. had a contact she uses for business – that person was contracted to make the repairs

- Carpet was to be delivered to the school last week.
- Need to confirm arrival

Emails notices

- Be sure to check the Friday email from the school and scroll all the way to the end for PTO information.
- If you need an event publicized in the Friday email, please email Sara Solomon with the information by the Wednesday prior to publication.
- Those can be sent to communications@kernsvillepto.com

Tracking volunteer hours

- There is a Google form on our web site to track volunteer hours
- Anyone who volunteers 10 hours per year is invited to the district-wide volunteer appreciation luncheon in May.
- If you are a board member, or chairing an event, you are automatically invited to this event
- Please log any time you spend on PTO work; attending PTO meetings counts!

Guidance needed from Mr G

- Faith will follow up with Mr. G as to what our role will be this year.
- Due to pandemic, we won't be able to volunteer in the school as we usually do
- What ways can we help out/ support the school without being physically present?
- 5th grade events – what if any of the typical events can move forward? What can we do as an alternative?

Staff Appreciation – Nina Patel & Neha Daryanani

- Need to follow up with Mr. G
- A large amount of the appreciation events are food related
- If we are able to do staff appreciation meals, it will likely need to be pre-packaged/catered

Fundraising - Faith Ryan

- Typically, we do at least 6-7 fundraisers throughout the year
- Because of COVID, we are only proposing to do 2 fundraisers
- One would be the PTO Sponsorship in Fall. Send a check to the PTO, and 100% of the funds go straight to the PTO to pay for teacher grants, 5th grade events, field trips, gifts to school, etc.
- The other will be Read-A-Thon in Spring.
- PTO spends approximately \$50 per child each year.

Birthday Table – Emily Bradshaw

- Birthday table is on hold for this year
- Exploring the option for teachers to receive pencils to distribute to children on their birthday.

Canvas & Cookies – virtual option – Faith Ryan

- Angela Faidley, KV grandparent and owner of Out of Our Minds art studio in Macungie
- She is able to offer a virtual event.
- Will look to schedule an event for this fall.
- Perhaps a canvas of Koko Coyote.

Teacher grants – Jen MacMurray

- We provide \$125 per teacher for classroom supplies, activities, etc.
- Teachers just need to supply a receipt.
- With so many staffing changes and some of Kernville's online students are assigned to teachers in other buildings, we need to make sure we know who we should be offering grants to.
- Also do fieldtrip grant of \$21 per child; since in-person fieldtrips are not happening this year, we need clarification on how to proceed with virtual field trips
- Jen suggested she and Faith will follow up with Mr. G.

Google Meet vs. Zoom

- Some were having trouble accessing the Google Meet

- Faith chose Google Meet for the 60-min. time limit vs. Zoom's 40 min.
- Sara proposed asking Mr. G to use the school's Zoom license or purchasing a license for the PTO.

Principal's Report – Mr. Gehringer

- Mr. G was unable to access the Google meeting. Faith and Jen met with him later in the day via Zoom. Below are notes from their discussion:
 - Carpet
 - Mr. G said that the carpet has arrived. There is a thick piece of rubber on it that was put together piecemeal, but it looks good and it does not slide. The edges were also rebound.
 - Sponsorship
 - Mr. G thought that he had responded about the new Sponsorship letter – he will get back to Faith ASAP. Faith to resend the Sponsorship letter to Mr. G.
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Mr. G said that we could still provide food for Staff Appreciation, but it needs to be “grab and go.” Faith talked about doing one day of food before the Holidays and one or two days of food (depending on what is left in the budget) for Staff Appreciation Week and Mr. G is fine with that. Mr. G is okay with PTO volunteers assembling the grab and go bags – we don't have to purchase premade meals from a 3rd party. Mr. G and his wife made sandwiches for the staff before school started and provided a bag for each staff member.
 - Birthday Table
 - No birthday table or pencils given out this year. Mr. G suggested a Monthly Virtual Birthday card from the PTO sent out to parent email addresses in the directory.
 - New Staff T-Shirts
 - Mr. G will pull T-Shirts from the PTO Closet and distribute. He will let us know if we need new sizes. Faith will give Mr. G a note to include with the T-Shirts to welcome the new staff.
 - Virtual Canvas and Cookies
 - Mr. G likes the idea of the Virtual Canvas and Cookies and is okay if families need to come to KV after school hours on a Friday afternoon to pick up supplies.
 - Field Trips/Assemblies
 - Mr. G said that we could revisit the idea of Virtual Field Trips after the Holidays because there is very little time for kids to be in school with their teachers – does not want to disrupt the schedule. Mr. G suggested that maybe we combine the Assemblies and Field Trips Budgets and have one worthwhile virtual assembly in May. We discussed the possibility of the Lego assembly – the PTO will get more details about cost and what the Lego kits would include.
 - Zoom License
 - Jen asked Mr. G if we could use the KV Zoom License for our PTO Meetings rather than having to buy our own license. He will look into it for us.

Adjourn 10:00 a.m.

NEXT Meeting – Tuesday, Oct 13, 2020 9:00 a.m.