

Kernsville PTO Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
7 p.m.

Attendance: Faith Ryan, Nina Patel, Jen MacMurray, Mohammad, Chantel Benes, Jason Kolovich, Melissa Kattick, Pravesh Sangwan, Stacey Sanchez, Mr. G

Approval of October minutes:

- Motion to approve Jen M.
- Second: Jason K.

Old business

Virtual Koko Canvas – Faith Ryan

- 50 canvases sold
- Angela did a wonderful job in her video; very engaging and kept kids entertained
- We will plan to do another virtual event with Angela in Spring

Sponsorship – Jen MacMurray

- Total so far: \$2,605.53
- Over our expected \$2,500 (which is still lower than 2019/2020's \$3,100)
- Jen estimates a little more chose PayPal over check.
- Thank you to everyone who donated.

New business

Treasurer's Report- Jen MacMurray

- See Mrs. Marzano request below
- Jen has paid out a few teacher grants
- See attached report

Request from Mrs. Marzano – Jen MacMurray

- Mrs. Marzano chose one book for the entire school to read during Read-A-Thon.
- The book "The One and Only Ivan" was on sale through scholastic this month, so Mrs. Marzano asked the PTO to pre-purchase \$450 worth of books and then sell them to families later in the year. PTO decided to cover the entire cost of the books.
- Final cost was \$328.60 because Mrs. Bruchak used her Scholastic points toward the purchase.

Giving Tree – Faith Ryan update

- Mrs. Gross has informed us that the teachers are going to handle sorting and packaging the donations this year; no PTO volunteers needed
- Mrs. Bronzo will be sending out details on requests for donations.
- Mrs. Gross IDs families that could benefit from donations (completely private) and invites them to participate in the program. Donations are then collected from Kernsville families and distributed anonymously.
- Art Club is working on making collection boxes.

Holiday Brunch – Wednesday, December 9 - Nina Patel & Neha Daryaninani

- Black Horse Deli in Bethlehem will prepare the meal
- Will be a completely cold menu
- Options of Turkey and cheese, Ham and cheese or Veggie wrap selection (by Sign Up Genius)
- Comes with a bottled water, side, chips and a pre-packaged Mrs. Fields Cookies
- \$615 total for the meal.
- Deli needs count by December 1.
- Faith asked Mr. G if we go remote, would teachers still be in the building?

- The District would like the staff to continue teaching from school, BUT it is not going to be mandated based on a lot of different factors (childcare, etc.)
- To date, Mr. G has only had one teacher come to him and say they need to teach from home two days per week if we go full virtual.
- Even if we go full virtual, it will be more synchronous than anything we have seen to date.
- Mr. G said we could make a drive-by if necessary so the food would not go to waste.
- Mr. G suggested putting information on the Sign Up Genius to let teachers know the meal will be at school for them on December 9 whether we are in school or not.
- Nina offered to Mr. G that we could attempt to get the lunch scheduled prior to Thanksgiving
 - Mr. G would be open to and grateful for the luncheon no matter when we decide to serve it.

PTO partnership president's meeting – Faith Ryan

- Mr. Sniscak, Dr. Troutman and Traci Smith all spoke.
- Notes attached

Principal Report

- PAW Patrols are being used, but with social distancing practices
- Someone had a complaint about instrument lessons; instrument lessons will come inside, but they are working on ways to make lessons safest
- He wants Read-A-Thon to go on regardless of whether we are hybrid/virtual or full remote.
- Mr. G suggested we might want to do more frequent Canvas events with Angela, especially as things move indoors and possibly go full remote learning.

Adjourn 8:30 p.m.

Next PTO meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Summary from PTO presidents Partnership meeting Nov 10 – Faith Ryan

There has been good communication from the Health Dept. It was they who told the H.S. to shut down not Admin. The H.S. has had no transmission within the H.S. Contact tracing has shown that the virus infected those people outside of the school setting. Five of our Elementary schools have had no cases.

No building use by outside organizations until we are at a low level of transmission.

*Substitutes are needed at all levels.

Parkland Growth

Veterans Memorial opened in the fall. Surrounding road construction will hopefully be completed by June

Southern schools have stabilized with around 480 students each except Parkway Manor has 550.

P.M. and Jaindl have projected growth. P.M. has the old hotel on Crackersport rd which will be 300 apartments. Est. 2023. Also has a development in the works on Whorleys rd in the next 5 years.

KV has Blue Barn Meadows which is ongoing that will have 35 townhouses to be completed between 2020-2025. Also has Lehigh Hills in Upper Mac. KRE builders. Expected 60 units/yr. 2-5yrs to completion. 270 apartments 210 single townhomes.

Kratzer has Rich Farms Development on Walbert and Cedar Crest. 120 single family homes. Also has The Hills at Winchester happening over the next 4-5yrs. KZ had a remodel in 2014. Planning has started for additional classrooms to be added.

Ironton has two developments that for now are slated as 55+. Timberridge and Strawberry Acres.

Schnecksville is currently under major renovations. They are working on the 1960s and 90's section now. They will completely raze the original 1920's section except the facade. It will have added classrooms and the outdoors will look similar to V.M. Parent pick up routes are being added to alleviate traffic backup on Sand Spring Rd. New housing development slated for 2025. Ridings and Phase two. 100 single family homes with 1 acre lots to allow for adequate water and septic.

P.M. will also have an \$850000 reno of the front area and traffic cue this summer to alleviate traffic back up on Parkway Rd.

HS will need added lab space with projected big expansion of housing within the district. In 5-10yrs we may need to add another building in our district. The thought is the new building would house 8th and 9th. That way the HS would be 10th-12th. Middle schools would be 5th-7th and the Elementary schools would be K-4th. This way one building alleviates the pressure on all the other schools by shifting the occupancy of the grades.

Bus Garage Fire insurance claim is settled. Insurance will pay to upgrade existing structures to bring them to code. New construction will take place in 2021 and will hopefully end by fall. The transportation office will be moved from Troxell Bld to the new structure at OMS.

Technology update

Tracey Smith shares that all students have a device and internet. Schoology data shows that all students and staff are participating. Staff are being asked to use Schoology in a consistent manner across all schools to make it easier for parents and students to find info. Parkland employs 25 I.T. support employees. Goal is to resolve any issues within 24 hours. They are available LIVE on Wednesdays from 3-5. www.parklandsd.org/departments/technology/digitallearning

*PTOs. Please do not grant funds for software requests. This is done for equity purposes. Any of these types of requests should be made to Mrs Smith's dept.

Virtual Workshops

Wed Dec 12 7pm

JT Pohl - Teen Truth and Resiliency

PHS - Nov 18 for 8th grade and up - College planning

Streaming link Nov 28-30 8am - 11pm - Backpack full of Cash - PA has the most cyber charter schools in the US. This explains the impact and burden that public schools have concerning cyber charter schools.

Superintendent Search

The Board has hired Consultant Dr Gary McCartney. He is a PK parent, teacher and former Superintendent. A survey was sent to residents to ask for your input. Advertising will happen for a month looking for candidates. Will take about 6 months to attract them, interview them and hopefully have a candidate for voting in Mar/Apr. This allows a few months for transition so they can 'hit the ground running' on July 1.

Recent and ongoing changes

PK is live streaming sports events. This is run by an AV team of students at the high school. The PK Foundation granted the equipment and the plan is to continue this service even after COVID going forward.

An Equity Inclusion committee has been formed within our community. About 25 individuals from different ethnic backgrounds, individuals with disabilities and members of the LGBTQ community are working on how to add cultural diversity to our schools including curriculum. For example: Most history books stop at the 1950's. That's 70 years of current history that isn't taught.

Any questions or concerns about the family directories can be sent to Nicole McGalla

Any events that need to be shared with the larger PK community can be sent to Nicole a week in advance.

Schools were also encouraged to support their PTO's efforts in getting news out to parents in as many ways as possible. Some new suggestions besides paper flyers, emails and social media were Schoology postings by the principal and the app Bloom.