

Kernsville PTO Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
9 a.m.

Attendance: Faith Ryan, Sara Solomon, Jen MacMurray, Neha Daryanani, Chantel Benes, Manija Latif, Elizabeth Wilson, Virginia Kerzog, Sejal Rai, Stephanie Miller, Kristen Holl, Ashley Bender, Marianne Smalley, Jessica Komlos, Cindy Glackin, Mr. G

Welcome

Personal and Board Introductions

- Faith introduced herself, then attendees introduced themselves

Old Business

Review & Approval of summary Minutes from June 2021

- Neha Daryanani moved to approved
- Jen MacMurray seconded

Volunteer clearances

- Visit the district web site for details
- Must have clearances on file with the district before you enter the building to volunteer

Get the Scoop- Jen MacMurray

- \$370 total for Kona
- Paid for students and siblings
- Did not do vouchers this year. Still worked well.

New Business

By Laws review and signature

- Nothing has changed
- Board members will sign to approve

Treasurer's Report - Jen MacMurray

- Budget for 2021-2022 will be approved at October meeting
- SWPBS
 - School Wide Positive Behavior System (Paw Patrol ticket)
 - Try to give out at least 10 per day
 - PTO provides prizes for this program – Laura Bronzo said we are still good on supply for this year.
- Taxes and Audit
 - We will again use Tilghman Tax and Accounting to prepare our taxes. Hoping that it will cost less this year, as we didn't do nearly the amount of fundraising as we normally do last year.
 - Marianne Aloupis and Jess Campbell did the audit this summer
 - Report was forwarded to Sara Solomon, Jen MacMurray and Faith Ryan this a.m. for review and approval.
- SUG/Web site
 - Subscriptions renewed
- Insurance

- Covers PTO board and members in case of an accident/incident at one of our events that results in legal action.
- Renews in November
- Movie license renewal
 - Normally we have 3 Movie Nights per year in the gym at KV
 - We have three on the calendar for this year, but we will not be able to do the one for the Fall due to COVID restriction. We have two more on the calendar for Spring, so we will re-evaluate at that time.
 - Our movie license also covers movies that teachers show in school for special days.
 - As of right now, the district has not renewed the license for the year (goes by calendar year). They will review in January if COVID protocols will prohibit movie nights and purchase accordingly.
- Refer to the attached budget spreadsheet for exact totals spent on each item.

Chairperson needs-Faith Ryan

- Faith thanked all in attendance for signing up to chair/volunteer
- Faith will reach out to chairs to let them know when/if their events will be able to be held this year.
- Mrs. Newhard is out and may be out for a while. Could need parent help with Yearbook and Book Fairs because of this.

Board member shadows for next year retirees-Faith Ryan

- Elizabeth Wilson will shadow Jen MacMurray (treasurer)
- Jess Komlos will shadow Sara Solomon (VP of Communication)
- KerryDe Oliveria will shadow Chantel Benes (VP of Fundraising)

Spirit wear- Faith Ryan & Jess Komlos

- Spiritwear is available for order via online shop one time per year in the end of summer/beginning of school year.
- Current sale closes September 26
- Tri County Team Wear in Slatington is our supplier
- Ship to home or pick up in Slatington – no in school delivery this year due to COVID

Emails notices from KV

- Event notices need to be to Sara by Wednesday. communications@kernsvillepto.com
- Sara emails the notices to Laura Bronzo on Thursday for inclusion in that week's email update.

Tracking volunteer hours

- Google form linked on www.kernsvillepto.com
- Please record your hours up to 10 hours
- Districts invites all volunteers who have given 10 hours of time to a recognition event in the spring (pending COVID restrictions).

Direction on how to proceed with all events – Mr G

- Birthday Table
 - Kids stay in their seat and volunteers come to them.
 - Freeze pops and stickers OK. Freeze pop must be handed to student closed and cut open in front of them.
 - Pencil provided through teacher.
 - Parents can come inside the school to volunteer for this event.

- Walking Club
 - Faith and Mr. G will talk to figure out if there is a way we could make this work within COVID guidelines.
- Sponsorship Drive – can go forward as planned with sponsorship gifts.

NOTC – Jen MacMurray & Faith Ryan

- September 24 from 5 – 7 p.m. (rain date October 1)
- Tri Clover Fire Company will bring vehicles
- State Police will send a car and trooper
- We'll have raffles for KV experiences such as Wii with Mr. G and preferred seating at concerts/events (with disclaimer that any event might be canceled due to COVID restrictions)
- Tootsie the Clown's cousin, Buttons, will be twisting balloons
- Will sell pizza by the slice \$2 per slice (Red Tomato); bottled water and popcorn \$1 each
- Let's Bounce Around inflatable obstacle course.
- Food Trucks: Ridge Runner BBQ and Kona Ice.
- Mrs. Swartz will be our DJ
- Miss Salvaterra will provide gym equipment for students to use (no scooters)

Coupon Books – Chantel Benes

- So far, we've made \$1,053 (74 books)
- Sent out 344 books
- Please purchase or return if you still have books in your possession.

Principal's Report – Mr. G

- Return to in person going well.
- Biggest challenge is getting students back into the groove of being in a social/school setting.
- We are as a district (and the state as a whole) very short on subs – if anyone is interested in getting emergency certification or has a teaching certificate, there are opportunities to sub in Parkland.
- IEP meetings, conferences, etc – parents will have the choice to come in-person or over Zoom.
- Mrs. Newhard will be out for an extended period of time. Looking for a long-term sub.
- Mrs. Strohl is our new guidance counselor. She was a full-year guidance sub at Schnecksville last year. Prior to that she worked at Springhouse and Parkland High School.
- Cindy Glackin asked why the pledge wasn't being recited
 - Mr. G indicated it was part of the TV studio produced announcements, and with Mrs. Newhard being out, those announcements haven't been broadcast. Mr. G will correct the situation.
- Jen asked why certain grades retained 4 teachers while others stayed at 3.
 - Mr. G stated that is determined by the superintendent's office
 - In elementary school, they err on the side of having fewer students in each classroom
- Neha asked if we would be able to have in person assemblies
 - We cannot have in person this year.
 - Will look for virtual options
- Faith indicated she had a question from a parent whose child was told recess was enough of a mask break.
 - Mr. G said K – 2 will have mask breaks scheduled, 3 – 5 does not have to have them scheduled, but if a child asks for one, they should be given one
- Elizabeth asked how recess would be conducted come winter
 - Recess will be indoor and in the classroom if the temperature is under 20 degree real feel, or if it is raining/snowing

- Right now there are 4 aids – if there is indoor recess, one will remain in the cafeteria (gym), and the other three will each take one classroom for recess. In grades with 4 classes, Mrs. Sloan will monitor one class.

Adjourn: 10:18 a.m.

NEXT Meeting – Tuesday, Oct 12, 2021 at 9 a.m.