

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

Attendance: Faith Ryan, Jen MacMurray, Ashley Bender, Elizabeth Wilson, Sara Solomon, Mr. G

Old Business

Bookfair – Elizabeth Wilson

- Total \$7,060.04 – higher than usual, but that's a national trend.
- Probably cause kids didn't have an in person Book Fair for a year or more.
- Have to firm up date for February/Spring. Are we going to have one in February to qualify for BOGO.
- Rep believes that we will need to have two fairs this year to get BOGO fair.
- BOGO can be no sooner than May 16/17th.
- February 5 -11 are the tentative dates for the winter fair in conjunction with Read A Thon
- Mrs. Zecchini was invaluable; had it mostly set up by the time the PTO got there.
- Biggest difficulty for staffing was evening hours; hardly had any shoppers in the evening so it might not be worth offering in the future

Holiday Shoppe – 11/30-12/3- Sara Solomon & Faith Ryan

- November 30 – December 23
- Had a record year; \$1584.20 after purchasing supplies
- Need to request 10 times the bags that they normally send – sent us a double order to begin with, then two more quadruple orders.
- Additional volunteers are needed -- in the a.m. especially.
- Next year send explanation to teachers to let them know that morning shopping is for kids who forgot money or were absent ONLY. Not to preview or to shop with friends.
- Everything is closed – last two IOUs came today.

Canvas & Cookies – Faith Ryan

- Close to 60 canvases sold
- Because of COVID we are using Angela's online payment system – there has been some confusion over that.

New Business

Treasurer's Report- Jen MacMurray

- Book Fair and Holiday Shoppe were the big items this year
- Had a request to give goodie bags to the kids for viewing Holiday Sing at home.
 - Board voted to approve.
 - \$321.55 will go to cover supplies for this.

Scholarship – Jen MacMurray

- Every year the PTO gives 2 x \$500 scholarships to KV alumni graduating from PHS.
- Students apply, write an essay
- PTO puts together a committee to read and rank applications.
- The PTO cuts a check directly to the student and they can use the money to purchase textbooks, computer, supplies, tuition, etc.
- Jen will get in touch with the guidance office at the HS to post the scholarship

Holiday Brunch – Neha Daryanani, Kara Vasilakos, Jess Komlos and Seral Rai

- Today, Tuesday, December 14
- Had a really good representation on the sign up – people filled in very well.
- Ended up increasing the number slots for monetary donations.
- This year we must have volunteers on site to serve to keep number of touches down for COVID safety

Family Fun Day

- Can we move the date?
 - Mr. G approved moving to spring
 - Faith will talk to Laura to coordinate a date that will work for the calendar
- We will host the event in the back
 - Easier to control the flow
- Because we are out back, it will be up to us how to use the playground
 - Can use it, can rope it off
 - Mr. G suggested if we have it open, we should have volunteers there to supervise it

Read a thon - Elizabeth Wilson & Kara Vasilakos

- February 7 – 25
- Our largest fundraiser of the year
- Kids get pledges from their family and read to earn those pledges
- There are goal minutes for each grade
- If you fundraise and read the goal, you get a medal, bookmark and certificate signed by Mr. G; if you do not fundraise, you can still get the bookmark and the certificate.
- We need to come up with a theme.

Ice cream social – Jen Mac Murray & Cindy Glackin & Jonida Cote

- February 11
- Can that happen?
 - Mr. G said yes, but we need to think out where we put each group
 - Can't eat in the classroom
 - Could use both the gym and the cafeteria
 - Will need to order ice cream through the head cook

Principal's Report

- Was frustrated with the way the Holiday Concert went out; kids were cut out; edits weren't made. No one was on site. Things have improved based on Mr. G's input.
- For Holiday Sing, Kernsville staff will be recording it and editing it. Mr. G said that the recording and delivery will be much better.
- "Abominable" movie and PJ Day on December 23
- Mask mandate:
 - State mandate is still in place for transportation
 - After the holiday, we will go back to our tiered system (January 17)
 - Elementary principals made recommendations on what restrictions could potentially be removed – that is being reviewed by the health and safety committee.
 - Mrs. Yeahl will be out the second semester
 - In the process of hiring a sub
 - Mrs. Degeralmino is going on maternity leave in March
 - Ms. Scanlin is in for the rest of the year for Mrs. Newhard
 - Was previously long-term subbing at Jaindl.
- PSSA's will be occurring
 - As of now, they will be paper and pencil
 - Many of the testing strategies that are taught in the classroom don't translate well to taking an assessment on a computer
 - OLSAT test in 1st grade; group IQ test
 - Will be administered to 1st and 2nd grade, as it was not administered to current 2nd grades last year.
 - PSSA scores from last year are in, but they haven't been segregated yet
 - Parents will see scores in HAC soon. An email will also be sent home.
 - Kernsville did well; in top third of the district
 - As a whole the district didn't perform as well as previous years

- This was expected due to the pandemic
- Math scores were down
 - It is much harder to teach math over the computer than it is to teach reading
- Mr. G is back to doing teacher observations
- One of the biggest challenge this year is behavior
 - Students do not know how to act or react in a group setting.
 - COVID made a bigger impact on social development than anything else.
 - A current third grader, the last time they were in school full time was 1st grade; a current 5th grader, the last time they were in school full time was 3rd grade.
 - And outside of school, all of the learning experiences have been limited as well.

Adjourn 10:17 a.m.

Next PTO meeting: Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

2021-2022 PTO Budget (12/13/2021)

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5th Grade Events	\$0.00	-\$4,000.00	-\$4,000.00			\$0.00	-\$4,000.00	
Assemblies	\$0.00	-\$3,250.00	-\$3,250.00			\$0.00	-\$3,250.00	
Birthday Table	\$0.00	-\$100.00	-\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$70.99	-\$70.99	-\$29.01	
Book Fair	\$12,500.00	-\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,032.79	-\$5,072.42	-\$39.63	-\$7,427.58	
Bounced Checks	\$0.00	-\$75.00	-\$75.00			\$0.00	-\$75.00	
Canvas and Cookies	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	-\$2,000.00	
Coupon Books	\$2,274.00	\$0.00	\$2,274.00	\$2,261.50	\$0.00	\$2,261.50	\$0.00	
Family Fun Day	\$4,000.00	-\$1,750.00	\$2,250.00			\$0.00	-\$1,750.00	
Field Trip Funds - Kindergarten*	\$0.00	-\$1,470.00	-\$1,470.00			\$0.00	-\$1,470.00	\$629.40 Imagi Nation credit
Field Trip Funds - 1st Grade*	\$0.00	-\$1,239.00	-\$1,239.00			\$0.00	-\$1,239.00	
Field Trip Funds - 2nd Grade*	\$0.00	-\$1,260.00	-\$1,260.00			\$0.00	-\$1,260.00	
Field Trip Funds - 3rd Grade*	\$0.00	-\$1,596.00	-\$1,596.00			\$0.00	-\$1,596.00	
Field Trip Funds - 4th Grade*	\$0.00	-\$1,449.00	-\$1,449.00			\$0.00	-\$1,449.00	
Field Trip Funds - 5th Grade*	\$0.00	-\$1,386.00	-\$1,386.00			\$0.00	-\$1,386.00	\$274.00 Iron Pigs credit
Get the Scoop	\$0.00	-\$370.00	-\$370.00	\$0.00	-\$370.00	-\$370.00	Complete	
Giving Tree	\$0.00	-\$50.00	-\$50.00			\$0.00	-\$50.00	
Graduating Volunteers Appreciation	\$0.00	-\$50.00	-\$50.00			\$0.00	-\$50.00	
Holiday Shoppe	\$6,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,450.35	-\$5,866.08	\$1,584.27	Complete	
Ice Cream Social	\$0.00	-\$175.00	-\$175.00			\$0.00	-\$175.00	
Insurance	\$0.00	-\$318.00	-\$318.00	\$0.00	-\$318.00	-\$318.00	Complete	
Interest	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$3.78	\$0.00	\$3.78	\$0.00	
Lehigh Valley Phantoms	\$4,500.00	-\$4,500.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	-\$4,500.00	
Movie Night	\$200.00	-\$600.00	-\$400.00		-\$19.07	-\$19.07	-\$580.93	
Night on the Circle	\$650.00	-\$800.00	-\$150.00	\$698.75	-\$753.84	-\$55.09	Complete	
PSSA Snacks	\$0.00	-\$200.00	-\$200.00			\$0.00	-\$200.00	
PTO Gift to School	\$0.00	-\$1,250.00	-\$1,250.00		-\$321.55	-\$321.55	-\$928.45	
PTO Scholarship	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00			\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	
PTO Sponsorship	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,806.40	\$0.00	\$4,806.40	\$0.00	
PTO Supplies	\$0.00	-\$200.00	-\$200.00			\$0.00	-\$200.00	
PTO Support Sponsorship	\$0.00	-\$200.00	-\$200.00			\$0.00	-\$200.00	
Read-a-thon	\$7,000.00	-\$200.00	\$6,800.00			\$0.00	-\$200.00	
SWPBS	\$0.00	-\$75.00	-\$75.00			\$0.00	-\$75.00	
Spiritwear	\$0.00	-\$200.00	-\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$155.61	-\$155.61	-\$44.39	
Storyworks	\$0.00	-\$560.34	-\$560.34	\$0.00	-\$560.34	-\$560.34	\$0.00	
Taxes	\$0.00	-\$500.00	-\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$395.00	-\$395.00	Complete	
Teacher Appreciation	\$350.00	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,150.00	\$90.00		\$90.00	-\$1,500.00	

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Teacher Grants - Kindergarten**	\$0.00	-\$500.00	-\$500.00			\$0.00	-\$500.00	
Teacher Grants - 1st Grade**	\$0.00	-\$375.00	-\$375.00	\$0.00	-\$375.00	-\$375.00	\$0.00	
Teacher Grants - 2nd Grade**	\$0.00	-\$500.00	-\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$250.00	-\$250.00	-\$250.00	
Teacher Grants - 3rd Grade**	\$0.00	-\$375.00	-\$375.00			\$0.00	-\$375.00	
Teacher Grants - 4th Grade**	\$0.00	-\$375.00	-\$375.00			\$0.00	-\$375.00	
Teacher Grants - 5th Grade**	\$0.00	-\$375.00	-\$375.00	\$0.00	-\$108.87	-\$108.87	-\$266.13	
Teacher Grants - Cafeteria	\$0.00	-\$125.00	-\$125.00			\$0.00	-\$125.00	
Teacher Grants - Specials***	\$0.00	-\$1,875.00	-\$1,875.00	\$0.00	-\$373.86	-\$373.86	-\$1,501.14	
Walking Club	\$0.00	-\$150.00	-\$150.00			\$0.00	-\$150.00	
Web-Site/Sign-Up Genius	\$0.00	-\$207.05	-\$207.05	\$0.00	-\$207.05	-\$207.05	Complete	
Weis 4 School	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	Complete	
Yearbook	\$0.00	-\$100.00	-\$100.00			\$0.00	-\$100.00	
Total	\$42,884.00	-\$54,780.39	-\$11,896.39	\$20,743.57	-\$15,217.68	\$5,525.89	-\$39,562.71	
*Each student is allotted \$21 for Field Trip Funds.								
	Number of Students							
Kindergarten	70							
1st Grade	59							
2nd Grade	60							
3rd Grade	76							
4th Grade	69							
5th Grade	66							
**Includes \$125/teacher								
***Includes \$125/teacher for Badelita, Frew, Hallett, Hodge, Kelly, Marzano, Nahrgang, Newhard, Powers, Salvaterra, Souders, Strohl, Swartz, Tully, and Woehr								