

Kernsville PTO meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Attendance: Sara Seipel, Jessica Komlos, Elizabeth Wilson, Hilary Kricun, Faith Ryan, Jen MacMurray, Sara Martinez, Kathryn Paretti, Kristy Brown, Sean Brown, Lauren Rummerfield. On Zoom: Tanvi/Suhani, Peter Niknejad, Lauren McBride, Siddhi, Sahana.

Welcome:

Introduction of Board members
Introduction of participants

Old Business:

Review and Approval of Minutes

- Faith moved to approve minutes
- Elizabeth Wilson seconded

Staff Appreciation

- Welcome bags dispersed to 4 new teachers; pizza at open house for the staff

Get the Scoop

- 250 participants,
- Kona Ice and gypsy sign was well received

Spiritwear

- Live
- new logo next year

Coupon books

- to be dispersed this Friday 9/16/22

Sponsorship letter

- updated
- QR code to make donations (which links to PTO website)

Canvas and Cookies

- two nights, finalizing art work; fall themed

Walking club

- need sign ups for Thursday 9/15
- Need 4 more volunteers; last walking club fall of 2019
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*paused to explain fundraiser and programs to new parents

**emphasized that parents need volunteer clearances to come to school to volunteer

Budget- Treasurer, Elizabeth Wilson

- Reported Next board meeting Sept 30th
- To be approved at October meeting
- Shared that the following line items may need increase: assemblies, teacher appreciation (more frequent items during the year); budget shared in the meeting and on the website

Mary Kelly (ESL), teacher representative

- can e-mail teachers prior to meetings for feedback, can broadcast on morning news
- Questions from teachers:

1. How much per student for field trips? Elizabeth Wilson

Updated Ms. Kelly that amount was \$21/student (per Treasure) ; Ms. Kelly will update teachers

2. Request for Microwave for teacher lounge

New Business:

Student directory

- no longer being published per district; google document?
- Birthday invitations need to be distributed to everyone in the classroom or just gender specific

Volunteer opportunities

- Math ripping- SUG on website
- Walking club
- Lunch helpers (may end at the end of this month)
- Grandparents squad? To be discussed
- Mom squad

Paused to discuss volunteer protocol by Sara Seipel and Faith Ryan

- clearances have to be on file prior to volunteer
- can access links online at www.kernsvillepto.com
- discussed process of clearances, takes a week
- President's job to e-mail Ms. Bronzo about volunteers coming in to school week prior
- discussed protocol for visiting school (security overview); must be buzzed in and sign in; do not walk around the halls; get yellow badge; tell Ms Bronzo or Sloan where you are headed
- remember to record volunteer hours; 10 hours = district wide luncheon
- PTO meeting counts as an hour of volunteering
- should not use children's bathroom; staff bathrooms (near staff lounge)

Treasurer Report- Elizabeth Wilson

- Back to Fundraising to review current fundraisers and describe each in detail. Reviewed coupon books, Family Fun day, Read-A-Thon, Sponsorship
- 45 sponsorship donations as of yet.

- Square (Treasurer)- mobile pay option, being investigated, more information at October meeting; discussed Venmo?

Budget (FY July 1-June 30th); see attachment 1

- software-\$107.89; total \$343.40 cents
- \$746.74- GTS, sign gypsy, Kona Ice
- Renewed PTO insurance policy- \$318
- Taxes- \$500
- Teacher appreciation: \$114
- So far in: \$1,075 from paypal and sponsorship form- to be updated in October meeting
- Official budget to be presented at October meeting

Mr. G report

- Get the scoop was a big success, grateful for pizza during open house
- Discussed current police presence and threat at OMS
- no leads, FBI, cyber security involved
- Resource officers in place at HS and Middle school
- Possible solution: will share a resource officer for Northern schools (looking into MMU for additional resources)
- district looking into other security options for events (such as NOTC)
- possible non police premise carrying weapons?
- unclear of amount of police presence there will be in the future
- discussion on new math program-hands on, manipulation, learning facts
- staff training on new math program in October
- math for PSSA and testing will be paper and pencil
- new teachers: Mrs. Kearne, Ms. Williams
- Recess Aids- 4 hired (no further needs)

- Title and TRP program-looking for title aids
- noticing effects of pandemic still on younger kids
“teach them how to school”
- Teachers should be updating schoology every week, students should have no excuse for not doing their work
- Covid positive or exposure- can be counted present if they complete schoology work, no other illness will be counted as present even if the work is completed

Sign up Genius -Faith Ryan

- report on Sign up Genius, can e-mail questions about SUG

Social Media updates – Jessica Komlos

- Updates on Instagram, FB and website

NOTC updates:

- DJ Swizzle
- Triclover fire department
- Clown presence
- Ask Ms. Swartz (PE teacher) Will ask for no scooters, large tug of rope war
- Christmas city pictures – to be sent to Elizabeth Wilson for updates
- Basket raffle? Discussed this with Mr G, approved; throw in lunch and Wii with Mr. G
- Food truck difficulties- hot dog bar (\$2), concession stand (Perfectly Frank, popcorn, pizza?); pickles on a stick (200 x \$1); comment on that we don't sell admission tickets so we don't know how many people to plan for...

- Will look into selling pizza (\$2)
- Fully signed up for HS volunteers at food table, bounce house. Etc. (16 signed up from HS)
- Possible resource officer for police presence

Zoom link discontinued

Assemblies

- Mad science to be continued
- Virtual assemblies last year

Sara Seipel announced that the Board has reviewed by laws, signed and on file

Next meeting October 11th

Adjourn: 10:21 a.m.