

## **PTO Meeting - December 5th, 2023 - 9 am - KV Cafeteria**

**Attendees:** Mr. Gehringer, Sara Seipel, Ashley Bender, Lauren Rummerfield, Lucy Paretti, Amy Perich, Elizabeth Wilson

**Approval of October 2023 Minutes:** Lucy Paretti & Elizabeth Wilson

### Old Business:

1. Book Fair - Our most successful Book Fair to date. We did over \$10k in sales. We had 1 extra case compared to previous Book Fairs. The money count was correct.
2. Bulletin Board - continue to update bulletin board monthly. December features artwork from Second Grade.
3. Math Ripping - Need to work on "B" books which are needed for the second half of the school year.
4. Staff Appreciation - The PTO provided dinner for the staff on 11/20/23 during conferences. We used a \$100 gift card from Olive Garden (Olive Garden manager donated it to us) to purchase Soup, Salad and Breadsticks. We also purchased 2 trays of Chicken Alfredo and 2 trays of Lasagna Ravioli from Costco. Ashley baked these at home and delivered to the school. We had everything set up for 3:45 pm. Teachers came and got dinner when they had a break.
5. Distribution of Walk-a-Thon gifts - The gifts for top earners in each grade were distributed. We provided pizza from Costco for the Kindergarten class and they celebrated earning the most. 11 pies total for 4 classes. Pies are \$10/each at Costco.

### New Business:

6. Volunteer Protocol - Everyone must have clearances to enter the school. After signing in, check in with the office and let them know where you will be. No wandering the halls. No visiting classrooms. No disciplining students. Instructions for obtaining clearances can be found on Kernsville website and PTO website as well. Super simple process!
7. Treasurer Report - Glow Sticks were purchased for Family Fun Day. Found on sale after Halloween at Walmart. We brought in over \$20,000 in profit from Walk-a-Thon. This includes expenses as of today. 5th grade as \$1,252 left of their budget for events.
8. Teacher Liason - Mary Kelly - The staff enjoyed the dinner on 11/20/23. Each grade will be providing a raffle basket for Family Fun Day.
9. Holiday Jubilee - December 9th, 2023 - 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. We will start setting up on Friday 12/8 at 3:45 pm. We have high school volunteers coming to help both Friday night and Saturday. We'll be arriving around 8:30 am Saturday to finish setup. Elizabeth will add a "Holiday Jubilee" option on PayPal just in case someone does not have cash. Cash is preferred. The flyer will be sent home again this week on green paper and a separate email will go out as well reminding all families about event.
10. Birthday Table - Lauren Rummerfield shared that Birthday Table is going well. We're trying to get the kids to "whisper sing". Discussed splitting into 2 shifts next year to allow

- more parents the opportunity to sign up. The 3 hour shifts are tough for some parents. Also thinking about changing things up a bit in regards to what is distributed and when.
11. Walking Club - November 15th was the last walking club until Spring Spring Walking Club starts April 3rd. Kristina ordered more supplies. We've had a lot of new volunteers this fall!
  12. Walk-a-Thon Events - The Brain Show Assembly is on 12/13/23. \$1950 for 2 shows. Show 1 is at 10:00 am for 3rd, 4th & 5th grades. Show 2 is at 12:30 for K, 1st, 2nd grades. 1 hour long show. We will also be doing a "Silly String Mr. G" event - date TBD. The top 2 earners from each classroom will play musical chairs with Mr. G in the middle. The kids will walk around and spray Mr. G with silly string as they walk.
  13. Holiday Brunch - The PTO will be hosting a Staff Holiday Lunch on 12/19. We will be having Turkey, Ham & Roast Beef along with many sides and desserts. A SUG will be going out for donations including monetary and shelf stable items. A SUG will also be going out for volunteers to sign up to help service the lunch to teachers.
  14. Yearbook - Amy Perich - Last years yearbook was 92 pages at a cost of \$23.50 per book. Due to more classes and additional events, should we bump it up to 96 pages this year? It will cost \$23.88 and we would charge \$24.00 for the yearbook. We all agreed yes. The extra .12 cents per book sold will be used to purchase books for 5th graders that cannot afford books. A google drive will be set up for the Press Pass Members to upload any pictures they take at events. We will be including 2 pages in the yearbook to showcase "KV thru the years" celebrating 50 years of Kernsville.

Mr. G discussed:

- 2 first grade classes (Croslis & St George) are currently having work done in regards to ongoing moisture problems. The wall between the classes is down to the studs. Carpet is being removed and replaced with tile. Mrs. Yeahl's room has new carpet. 7 rooms will go from carpet to tile by the end of the year. Next summer all remaining classrooms will be switched over tile.
- The new marquee sign was finally installed today.
- The new canopy on the side of school where parent drop off/pick up is located is about 5 weeks away from being installed.

Meeting adjourned.