

Kruse Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda

October 9, 2023

Attendees: Megan Kirk, Jen Koerlin, Becky Himich, Mariel Miller, Elena Windsong, Heather Palumbo, Jon Oiler, Jessica Neuroth, Christi Chicco, Jen Henrie, Kirk Samples, Monty King, Kaitlin Summers, Karrie Grama-Hatfield, Natascha Palmer, Stephanie Hodge, Alicia Atchison, Charlene, Tim Smyser

1. Call to Order
2. Approve September 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve - Allie, Second - Becky
3. Old business
 - a. Current Meeting time – Megan
 - i. Not much consensus for moving, to remain the same for now
 - b. Science Fair – Jon
 - i. District showcase – April 4th – May 17th
 1. District ‘curriculum’ available
 - a. Project structure, judging rubric, etc.
 - b. Kruse to hold late-winter, early-spring
 - c. Little Shop of Physics – Kirk
 - i. Went well (Monty)
 - ii. PTO Donated \$200, Kruse contributed \$200
4. New Business
 - a. Principal’s report - Mr. Samples/ Mrs. Longacre
 - i. New counselor – Jen
 1. Comes to us from Loveland, Cheer coach at Fort Collins High
 2. Personal Bio and Amazon wish list to be circulated soon
 - ii. Reading reward movie night was fun
 1. Let’s do another but slated for inside with the advance of fall weather
 - iii. EcoWeek was good
 - iv. Parent-teacher conferences are completed
 - v. Cross town classic parade
 - vi. October student count 417, down from anticipated 430
 1. Declining enrollment conveys budget reductions, but had some funds in reserve
 2. District reorganization/realignment of schools getting started
 - b. Treasurer’s report - Jen H
 - i. Rollerland - \$385
 - ii. School supplies - \$324 revenue
 - c. PSD Calendar Survey – Karrie
 - i. Kruse’ district advisory board representative
 1. Current focus for the board
 - a. Managing late summer heat loads is a challenge
 - b. Calendar survey distributed to families (closes Sunday night)
 - i. Calendar survey distributed every two years
 - ii. 2-minute survey
 - c. Bullying policy
 - d. Cell phone policy
 - e. Literacy program
 2. In advisory board, each school can have 2 representatives (1 vote)
 - d. Book fair - Charlene
 - i. Delivery November 1st or 2nd
 - ii. To run, November 6 – 9th, 10th no school
 - iii. Books available 8:00 – 9:00 and 3:30 – 4:30
 - iv. Library to receive \$300, Teachers to receive \$100

- v. Teachers get 3 golden tickets for 3 books
 - vi. PTO budgeting \$500 for breakfast, \$500 for book vending machine
- e. Shade Structure continued
 - i. 16x16 - \$14,700
 - ii. 14x14 - \$12,900
 - 1. Installation is \$5,000
- f. How to increase parent involvement in PTO/Kruse activities
 - i. Exploring ideas – many ideas circulating
 - 1. Dad's Liquid Therapy
 - 2. Parten-child STEM project
- g. Fall Newsletter – Megan
- h. Giving Tree –
 - i. Messaging out to families in need to send in requests
 - 1. Request deadline Oct. 31st
 - ii. November 10th – sign-up genius
 - 1. Supporting families to take virtual tags
 - iii. December 11 – 13 to organize
 - iv. Gifts distributed December 15th
 - 1. Recipient families to wrap gifts themselves
- 5. Other Business
- 6. Adjournment
- 7. Chipotle Fundraiser Wed. Oct. 11 4-8pm Online coe QGFZT2J
- 8. Next PTO meeting: November 13, 6-7 Media Room