

Kruse Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

April 8th, 2024

Attendees: Sierra Miller, Rochelle Reynolds, Jen Koerlin, Becky Himich, Jessica N, Jen Henrie,

1. Call to Order @6:02pm
2. Approval of March 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Sierra (1st), Rochelle (2nd)
3. Old business
 - a. Bike to School Update- Heather
 - i. Will need volunteers to sign up – requesting Jen to send out a sign-up form. Human Bean will serve coffee, and the PTO will have donuts and mini muffins. Kona Ice will be onsite from 3:30-5pm.
 - b. Battle of the books - Jessica/ Stephanie
 - i. Event had a great turnout. The winners will get a coupon for a free book at the book fair. 3rd grade got 5th place, 4th grade got 4th place, and 5th grade got 2nd place.
 - c. Odyssey of the Mind – Jessica
 - i. 1 team from Kruse made it to State. They did great! We need to pitch ideas to increase the involvement in the Fall, 2024
4. New Business
 - a. Annual Fundraiser- Anna
 - i. \$40,733 has been received!
 1. Only 2 parents reached out for kids prizes – we gave them the prizes they asked about
 2. Anna and Pam are scheduling the prize events on April 9th
 3. Need to transfer fund from the PayPal account
 4. Sierra is checking with Megan on the process
 - b. Principal's report - Mr. Samples
 - c. Treasurer's report - Jen H
 - i. Taxes need to be submitted on November 24th. The sooner the better, can submit online. Rochelle and Sierra to see if they can tackle this project.
 - d. DAB report – Karrie
 - i. Lots of consolidation talk within the District
 - ii. Holding a lot of community meetings to get feedback. Additional proposals coming out soon – and likely still aren't the final options.
 - iii. Lots of opinions – specifically on all the details regarding programming
 - iv. Transportation changes will take place in the 24/25 year
 - v. Literacy changes seem to be going ok
 - vi. High school requirements and plans will change, giving more electives. Planning to keep financial literacy and generative AI in the programming.
 - e. Yearbook- Kelsey
 - i. Big project! Using the Skillman platform.
 - ii. Struggling to get photos, quality and quantity
 - iii. Looking at adding a class volunteer to take photos in 24/25
 - iv. PTO to take photos at events
 - f. Wellness Club Bell Schedule Changes- Heather
 - i. Do we make any changes with the bell start changes coming? Would need to move to a 7:30am start.
 - ii. Will send surveys for parent participation and feedback
 - g. Earth Day Clean up- Sierra
 - i. Mrs Kates ordered mulch
 - ii. Need more volunteers
 - iii. Push out to school with Pam – Sierra to ask for a separate send out

- h. Book Fair- Sierra/ Rochelle
 - i. Serving breakfast for staff from Jason's Deli
 - ii. Charlene has good coverage
- i. Merchandise- Sierra/ Rochelle/ Kelsey
 - i. Look at helping Ross with his online store
 - ii. PTO would manage bulk orders internally
 - iii. Kelsey to get quotes on his designs
 - iv. Collaborating with Ross makes sense
- j. Restaurant nights for 2024/2025- Erica
 - i. Adding in a few more options for 24/25
 - ii. Look at pizza, maybe Old Chicago's, Smoothie King, Krispy Crème, Kona Ice
- 5. Other Business
 - a. What should we do for the retiring teachers and staff
 - i. Notes from kids
 - ii. Stepping stone
- 6. Adjournment
- 7. Next Meeting
 - a. Discuss what to do with additional fundraising funds