

Kruse Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda
September 9th, 2024

Attendees: Sierra, Rochelle, Kirk Samples, Victoria, Jen H., Jon, Elena, Alicia, Sam, Becky, Jen K. Kelsey, Heather T. Stephanie, Clarice, Mrs. Chicco, Erica, Kerr, Dana H.

1. Call to Order 6:04pm
2. Approval of August 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve- Elena Windsong
 - b. 2nd- Jon Oiler
3. Old Business
 - a. Recruitment- Descriptions of positions
 - i. Reminder would love to see a description of what each role does. This will help clarify roles in case someone is absent. Sierra has one so far and a rough draft of wellness club.
 - b. Directory
 - i. The deadline was Friday 9/6- 109 were submitted. We are waiting for a couple of things and Pam is working on an updated staff sheet. Within the next couple of weeks, the directory should be available. There was a request to add a page to highlight businesses that can help raise money for Kruse; I.e. American warehouse, BoxTops, Milk Caps
4. New Business
 - a. Principal's Report- Mr. Samples
 - i. Data meeting with the staff a couple of weeks ago- Every year we do some standardized tests and one is CMAS. 3rd, 4th, 5th- students outperformed PSD and State of Colorado averages in math and literacy.
 - ii. In Math in particular, using the CMAS and MAP test, Kruse students outperformed, in terms of growth, every PSD school.
 - b. Treasurer's Report- Jen H.
 - i. We are currently working on taxes for last year. Please email or send pictures of receipts to Jen. H.
 - ii. Josh and John's have not sent out the final numbers yet but there were a lot of people there. The owner is open to hosting another event. The check will be mailed out soon.
 - c. Wellness Club- Heather/ Jon
 - i. Plan for the fall- first activities established. Coming this next week, Pam will be sending out an email with information. Starting the last Friday in September. This year, we will not have a sign up. Plan is to have people drop off and hopefully have a good turnout. New Start time is 7:35 am and will run until 8:05 or 8:10am.
 - ii. There is a registration for facilities through the PSD to use the gym. It is online and they need proof of insurance.
 - iii. Going to reach out to community members and different organizations to see if they want to volunteer. Last year there were older siblings that

came and participated in activities and show off some of their skills. Jon will be sending out an email to see if parents want to get involved. We currently have two parents interested- would love to see more.

- d. September Movie/ Food Truck Night- Sierra/Rochelle
 - i We have three food trucks that will be there- Taco truck, corn doggies, and Sunny Sky pies. 5th graders will help with concession stands, i.e. popcorn, candy, soda to raise money for Eco Week. Last year's profit was approximately \$740.
 - ii Kruse PTO will be selling merchandise- new items being picked up. Square will be used to sell concessions. The signup sheet for students (5th grade) is almost full but could use some more.
 - iii The Mario movie will be played. Movie night starts at 6:30pm. Food trucks plan to arrive at 5:15pm to set up. We will take volunteers ☺ We do have 5th grade parents helping out too.
- e. Staff Appreciation- Sierra/Rochelle
 - i This month is conferences- taco bar. Signup sheet was made and sent out to the volunteer list. If it does not get filled, we may open it to everyone (PTO, etc)
 - ii October- fruit and yogurt parfait; going to set up and start at 7:30am
 - iii Coffee truck -Thankful Thursday is scheduled for November and is the same coffee truck that Jessica used last year. Unsure at the moment of the time. Will get back to everyone with more information soon.
 - iv Amazon wish list- Teachers can choose not to participate. Sierra created a list for everyone and increased the number of people we offered it too. Pam sent out the email today to everyone with information on how to assess the list.
 - v A survey was sent out to the staff to get an idea of what was liked, disliked, food allergies or intolerances, what we could do better, and ask specifically about staff appreciation week. The staff said they preferred two larger things and as it gets closer, we will be open to ideas. Staff also requested a new shirt as a "new item." There is a price break; if we order ~30-40 shirts they are ~\$8. Staff are also asking for a "women's cut shirt"
- f. PTO Shirts- Sierra/ Kelsey
 - i The first batch of shirts have been ordered. They are 2 weeks out. If you would like a shirt, please contact Sierra. You can send money via a check, cash or Venmo.
- g. Book fair - Charlene
 - i Charlene has been talking with neighbors, parents, etc to get feedback regarding if a mini fair should be held in the morning. Currently the plan is to open from 8-8:20am and then 3-4:30pm for the four days of the book fair. Typically sales for the morning are 30% and afternoon is 70% of the profit. Parents do like having a morning option though. Discussed story time and cookies one evening. A staff member would read to the kids,

wear PJs, cookies available. With a morning shift, we would need to be mindful of the bell and tardiness. There was also some confusion last year with some of the after-school programs on where they are to meet while the book fair is going on. We will need to talk with Pam and coordinate a meeting location and communicate with programs.

- ii The new start time does affect the teacher preview. Discussed setting up the preview on Friday (last day of book fair) and Friday afternoon having goodies involved such as Tacos. In the past, the preview was at 7:30am with breakfast options from Costco, or Jason Deli. We are open to ideas. Would lunchtime be possible? Discussed desserts, such as root beer floats for the teachers. Please email with thoughts and concerns before early October.

5. Other Business

- a. Please fill out the volunteer registration with PSD. It is good for 3 years and is online. A background check is performed and is for safety reasons. You can check with the front office if your registration is up to date.
- b. District advisory board is scheduled for next Monday
- c. Yearbook- please take pictures during events. The teachers are asking for the link that will be sent over soon. Can we take pictures as a volunteer? Mr. Sample said as far as in the classroom it needs to be scheduled and not at random times, but parties are welcome.
- d. School box list- We have been researching different companies and found one called EPI. There is a \$200 credit for whatever the teachers want to get. We can also fundraise with it and do a 3% or 5% mark up on school supplies. They offer a ship to school for free or home for \$11. Name brand available. \$46 for non-name brand, \$58 for name brand. We had a kit sent as an example. The supplies do not come labeled so we had to label and distribute if shipped to the school. Teachers get their supplies list finalized by April/May. For families in need, we have CSU that donates 40 backpacks to help. Also at Office max, if you round up your purchase the money will go to Kruse (if you mention it).

- e. American furniture warehouse offers 4% back on your purchase. And that money goes to Kruse PTO.

6. Adjournment 6:50pm

Important Upcoming Dates:

Rollerland- September 12th

Movie and Food Truck Night- September 13th

Mary's Mountain Cookies Fundraiser- September 26th

Urban Air Fundraiser- October 11th

PTO Meeting- October 14th