

## Kruse Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda February 10th, 2025

### Attendees:

Sierra, Erica, Victoria, Clarise, Lauren, Kirk Samples, Karrie, Anna, Jon, Heather, Stephanie,  
Elena, Jen, Kelsey, Christie Chicco, Jen, Tim

1. Call to Order at 6:05
2. Approval of January 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - a. First – Elena
  - b. Second – Sierra
3. New Business
  - a. Principal's Report- Mr. Samples
    - i. Significant illness in late January-early February with up to 25% of Kruse out sick (influenza and norovirus)
    - ii. February 20<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education listening session
      1. Board members to attend (Jim), potentially super attendant
      2. Messaging has started
      3. Kirk to serve on the PSD Comprehensive Planning Committee
        - a. Committee to assess space use, determine next steps for PSD
        - b. Board has committed to not closing schools for another 3 years
    - iii. Student enrollment projections for year ahead are out:
      1. Projected to lose another 20-30 students
      2. Kirk to provide yard signs for recruitment
  - b. Treasurer's Report- Jen H.
    - i. Met goal of raising \$2000 from event nights (restaurants, activities)
    - ii. Chipotle night raised \$422
    - iii. Anthony's Pizza in March (25% of all sales)
    - iv. April restaurant night to go directly to Kruse (PTO to organize)
  - c. Advisory board updates – Karrie
    - i. Mill levy accountability
    - ii. Cell phone ban in Middle School – profound success
    - iii. Family engagement surveys are out – through February 17
      1. Multiple responses permissible for families with multiple students
    - iv. Bell schedules, updating to reflect sleep study research
      1. Transportation a limiting factor
      2. Target:
        - a. School would not start before 8:00
        - b. Shift everything by 30 mins, switch middle school and high schools
        - c. High school ~8:00, Middle ~9:30, Elementary, ~9:00
  - d. Battle of the Books – Stephanie

- i. Weekly meetings
  - 1. Stephanie reached out recently to all coaches
  - 2. Kruse Competitions:
    - a. Tuesday, March 11 (5<sup>th</sup> grade),
    - b. Wednesday, March 12 (4<sup>th</sup>)
    - c. Thursday, March 13 (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - 3. District competition – Tuesday, April 1
- e. Wellness/ Bike To School Day- Heather
  - i. National Bike to School - May 7<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. To reach out to safe biking organization to confirm date
  - ii. Typically more than 100 participants
  - iii. Last year, Kona Ice after school
  - iv. Bike to school pictures would be good for the following year's Yearbook
- f. BINGO Night- Sierra
  - i. February 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-7:00
  - ii. Potentially to sell Kruse merch
  - iii. Held in Cafeteria, Mr. King as Caller
  - iv. Set for volunteers
- g. Spring Movie Night
  - i. Either April 4<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. 25<sup>th</sup> looking like a better option
  - ii. Food tucks:
    - 1. Corn Doggies successful last year
    - 2. Maybe a Mac N Cheese (Mac'd Up)
  - iii. To sell candy and popcorn
- h. Annual Fundraiser- Anna
  - i. March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Goal \$25,000
  - iii. Allocation: Student-Teacher enrichment
    - 1. Support field trips for all classrooms
    - 2. Teacher grants
    - 3. Principal fund to support odds and ends needs
    - 4. Guest speaker
    - 5. Make-over Kruse, allocation for 2026
  - iv. Prizes:
    - 1. Main Prize - color run
      - a. White t-shirt, pelted with colors by parents
    - 2. Other prizes:
      - a. Painting tiles
      - b. Tie-dye, silly string
    - 3. Fundraiser Prize pictures would be good for the following year's Yearbook
- i. Open Positions and continued recruitment
  - i. Directory
  - ii. Odyssey of the Mind

- iii. Website Management
- iv. Family Fun Nights (BINGO and Movie Nights)
- 4. Other Business
- 5. Adjournment at 7:05

Important Upcoming Dates:

- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Urban Air Fundraiser (4PM-8PM)
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – BINGO (6PM-7:30PM)
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Anthony's Pizza (4PM-8PM)
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – KTT Kick Off
- Book Fair – April 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 8:00 – 8:30, 3:00 – 3:30
- Staff Appreciation May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Coffee truck scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>, potential move to coincide with bike to school day on the 7th