

Kruse Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda
October 14th, 2024

Attendees: Rochelle, Jen Henrie, Jon, Cal, Stephanie, Heather, Kelsey, Natasha, Erica, Alicia, Elena, Tim

1. Call to Order at 6:04
2. Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - a. 1st – Alicia
 - b. 2nd – Heather
3. Old Business
 - a. Recruitment- Descriptions of positions
 - i. Natasha ready to step aside from Giving Tree after 2024 holiday season
 1. Alicia to potentially shadow this year
 2. Natasha available to support in 2025, 2026
 - b. PTO Shirts- Kelsey
 - i. T-shirts are ready
 - ii. Cash, check, Venmo preferred over credit cards to avoid credit card fees
 - c. Supply Boxes- Sierra
 - i. Going with School Toolbox this year
 1. Willing to match quotes
 - d. September Movie/ Food Truck Night- Sierra/Rochelle
 - i. Went great – minor issue with projector
 - ii. Finalizing numbers over the next couple of days (~\$1200 in sales between Kruse Merch and concessions, but need to reconcile against costs
 - iii. Food trucks (3) seemed 'happy' – sold out on many items
 - iv. Rochelle ran concessions register – need to improve logistics
 1. Used Square account
 - a. Jon shared that Venmo works well, but probably we could optimize logistics with Square a bit better
 2. Prices could have been a bit higher
 3. Ran out of snacks
 - a. Fruity, gummy candies were in higher demand than chocolates
4. New Business
 - a. Principal's Report- Mr. Samples
 - i. Not present
 - b. Treasurer's Report- Jen H.
 - i. Check delivered to Kruse for Teacher Classroom Grants
 - c. DAB- Karrie
 - i. Not present
 - d. Staff Appreciation- Sierra/Rochelle
 - i. Special day in each month:
 1. September – Taco bar during conferences
 2. October - Yogurt breakfast bar – went well
 - a. Plenty of food, enough for staff to take extras home
 3. November – Coffee truck
 4. December – Anthony's Pizza lunch, likely fully donated
 - ii. Shirts as a Christmas gift, provide option of men's and women's cut

- iii. Some sentiment to move Staff Appreciation Week back to May (nationally recognized) as opposed to February
 - 1. Will survey Staff to inquire what the general preference is
- e. Amazon Wish Lists
 - i. PTO to reach out again to catch those teachers who may have missed out with the initial request
- f. Giving Tree- Natascha
 - i. Goal is to have gifts to families 2 weeks ahead of Christmas break
 - 1. Provide for all children in the home
 - 2. Cover Wants, Needs, Special requests
 - 3. Families to wrap their gifts independently
 - ii. 35 families last year
 - 1. Family Chiropractic adopts 10 families
 - 2. Local bank has expressed interest/willingness (to Jen H.) to adopt families
 - a. Jen to share contact with Natasha for follow-up
 - 3. Anonymous donor has covered outstanding needs after families adopted by Family Chiropractic and fellow Kruse families
 - iii. Kruse Counselor Beth working to set expectations/parameters for Giving Tree and preempt some of the requests received last year that fell outside of the intent of Giving Tree
- g. Book fair -
 - i. November 5 – 8, set up 4th
 - 1. 30 mins before school, 90 mins after school
 - ii. Sign-up sent for teacher preview
 - iii. Victoria to shadow Charlene this year
- h. Battle of the Books- Stephanie
 - i. Book lists are out, book purchasing in progress
 - 1. ~6 books/grade
 - 2. Up to 5 students/team; frequently meeting during lunch
 - 3. Need parent coaches, 20 – 30 mins/week
 - ii. Registration to be held November 1st – 22nd
 - iii. Considering informational meeting via Zoom vs in person at Kruse
 - 1. Still contemplating
 - iv. Kruse grade-level competitions to be held week before Spring Break
 - 1. Winners from each grade to go to District competition, April 1
- i. November PTO Meeting Date
 - i. Current scheduled for 11th – Veterans Day (no school)
 - ii. Moving to November 18th
- j. Wellness Club
 - i. A lot of familiar faces + new students
 - 1. Averaging about 30 students
 - ii. Yoga with Ms. Van
 - 1. Ms. Van has expressed interest in a yoga club at Kruse
 - 2. PTO willing to facilitate survey to gauge student interest
 - 3. Rochelle will inquire with Pam
 - iii. Evaluating shirt vs water bottle give away for participation
- k. Spirit wear 'store' – Kelsey
 - i. Budget = \$3000
 - 1. Sold all of initial merchandise,
 - 2. Reinvested 100% (\$3000) into additional merchandise

3. Selling at cost with no mark-up
 4. Nearly sold-out of 2nd 'batch' of merchandise
 - ii. Sold about \$6000 in merchandise
 - iii. Considering setting up at Book Fair
 1. A lot of sales at Book Fair last year, but that predated the set-up of the store
5. Adjournment at 7:00