

Kruse Elementary PTO Meeting Agenda
August 12th, 2024
6:00 Kruse Library

Attendees: Sierra Miller, Rochelle Reynolds, Kirk Samples, Jon Oiler, Heather Truschel, Victoria Marek, Elana Windsong, Mario M, Heather Browning, Christi Chicco, Jen Koerlin, Ali Atchison, Jessica Harral, Jen Henrie, Clarice Stone, Kelsey Minor, Tim Smser

1. Call to Order at 6:02
2. Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Motion to approve - Ali
 - b. 2nd - Sierra
3. Old Business
 - a. Shade Structures – They are up, beautiful, and ginormous
 - b. Seating, picnic tables forthcoming
4. New Business
 - a. Principal's Report - Mr. Samples
 - i. Enrollment trickled in over the summer
 1. Lower enrollment in 1st and kindergarten but workable
 2. 381 students slated for day 1
 - a. Likely to receive 5 – 7 new students as late arriving families establish in community
 - ii. Open house on Tuesday at 4:00
 - iii. New Faculty/Staff
 1. Erica Pickett - Long-term sub in K filling in for Mrs. Summers
 2. Katie Oppenheimer in 1st
 3. Rachel Carpenter in 2nd
 4. Tara Rice ECE teacher
 5. Bethany Conden – new school counselor
 6. Jessica to replacement Tammy in front office
 - b. Treasurer's Report- Jen H.
 - i. Spend receipts to Jen for reimbursement
 - c. Budget Discussion/Approval-Jen
 - i. Classroom grants – down to \$12,500 (didn't spend the \$15,000 allocated last year and fewer classrooms) - \$450/classroom
 - ii. Odyssey of the Minds – propose reducing, but will hold level
 1. Costs: \$190/school + \$75/team (5-7 students/team)
 2. Push advertising early (September)
 3. Will keep allocated support equal to last year at \$500
 4. Format for competition:
 - a. Long-term (work on throughout school year) problem that kids then solve and then demonstrate solution at competition
 - b. Spontaneous (day of, at competition without adult influence)

- iii. Book vending machine – from \$1000 to \$1500
 - 1. Targeting every student to receive only 1 book
 - 2. Ms. O had been using Scholastic dollars to stock vending machine
 - a. Increased support from PTO will cover overages
 - 3. Traditionally Scholastic dollars from book fairs have gone to:
 - a. Classrooms (in the fall)
 - b. Library (in the spring) – Ms. O had used these funds to cover vending machine needs last year but increased PTO support should cover
- iv. Teacher retirement/baby gifts \$200.00
- v. Wellness club – down to \$800 from \$1200
- vi. Wix – website \$350.00
- vii. Income vs Expenses – close to equal
 - 1. Would like to keep ~\$7500 buffer in account for unexpected needs/expenses
- viii. Clarice to do taxes for PTO
- ix. More restaurants fundraiser nights this year for us than in the past
- x. Motion to approve budget as presented
 - 1. Sierra – 1st
 - 2. Allie – 2nd
- d. Popsicle Social- Sierra/Rochelle
 - i. Gym/cafeteria given forecast for rain
- e. Kindergarten Welcome-Sierra/Rochelle/Allie
 - i. Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00
 - ii. Breakfast/coffee
- f. September Movie/ Food Truck Night - Sierra/Rochell
 - i. Initially planned September 6th – but conflicts with Colindale’s fireworks
 - ii. To move to September 13th
 - iii. Shooting for dessert food truck, Corndoggies, Taco truck
 - iv. Concessions sales to support Eco-week
- g. Staff Appreciation- Sierra/Rochelle
 - i. Increase awareness among Kruse families as to what PTO organizes for staff appreciation
 - ii. To survey staff as to what PTO can do that would be most helpful
- h. Directory- Sierra/Rochelle
 - i. Form to parents at back-to-school night
- i. Recruitment of PTO members- Sierra/Rochelle
 - i. Book fare – help is needed
 - 1. The challenge is that running fare requires availability in both morning and afternoon
 - ii. Succession planning for positions with expected transitions
 - 1. Webpage
 - iii. Members in positions, please write up a quick description of duties/roles as this will help with both recruitment and transitions

5. Other Business
 - a. Science Fair
 1. Jon to figure out timing, having a Science Fair champion from faculty would be helpful
 - b. Yearbook – need photos
 - i. Chasing photos was the most difficult part
 - ii. Need photos earlier
 - c. Set up a Square account for PTO
 - i. 3% + \$0.10/transaction
 1. Should make it easier to receive funds
6. Adjournment @ 7:02

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 1) Josh and John's Fundraiser- August 28th
- 2) September PTO Meeting- September 9th
- 3) Rollerland- September 12th
- 4) Movie and Food Truck Night- September 13th
- 5) Mary's Mountain Cookies Fundraiser- September 26th
- 6) Eco-week 19th and 20th