

Kerr PTO General Meeting

November 1, 2017



WELCOME: Windy Neff

- Thank you everyone for attending the first morning meeting. School year continues to go well.
- Last meeting a few things came up we'd like to go over:

Recess/Lunch Room Policies

- (background) During the October PTO General meeting some parents brought up concerns regarding blanket punishments during lunch, hearing the PTO shed was not being opened during recess for access to recess equipment, and supervision during indoor recess.
- In response to the above concerns brought up by parents, the board requested a meeting with Dr. Noro.
 - Dr. Noro stated it is not a school policy nor does he agree with having blanket punishments (example brought up was having a "heads down lunch"—as parents have heard from students that all are required to sit with their heads down for the lunch period).
 - Dr. Noro stated he will meet with the aids who oversee lunch and recess time.
 - Dr. Noro said that the shed was being utilized as the aids take equipment out of the shed for use at recess, but students were not permitted to go into the shed themselves. Items like balls do go over the fence and down the hillside (and they are collected back every once in a while). Dr. Noro has put no limit on ordering recess equipment.
 - Mr. Slezak: stated that things get ordered but he's not sure it is making it into the shed (*how can we make sure items end up in the shed?*).
 - Indoor recess—it is supervised better than was stated at the last meeting (October meeting, it came up there was only 1 adult for 3 classrooms). Grades 3-5 is permitted to be in different classrooms. K goes to the MPR.
- The PTO is working with Mr. Slezak to get a list of what teachers need in their classrooms for indoor recess options.
- The PTO also is planning on getting a list for possible items to purchase for outside recess during construction (ex. portable basketball hoop).
- Continued comments during the meeting on this topic:
 - These items have been brought up to Dr. Noro in the past and received similar responses and issues continue to occur (like blanket punishments during lunch)
 - Hiring someone that can oversee lunch/recess time—for consistency, supervision, and best practices or having a lead monitor so that all of the lunch and recess goes through one person.
 - Possibility of district forum being an avenue to discuss the need to focus more on student recess and lunch time and how those are handled and overseen.

Lunch "Extras"

- This year the cafeteria is under new management and has broadened the scope of offerings for all grades and days. Now there are always snacks available and most days, if a person is there to sell it, ice cream can be purchased.
- The benefit to the PTO is that we are no longer limited to apples & water for class parties—we can now offer more of a treat.
- If you do not want your child to have access to these extras you can contact Lora Peretik in our cafeteria or contact Susan Johnson at District Office to block these from your students account.
- Continued comments during the meeting on this topic:
 - Questions on why it is available daily for health and general wellness reasons.
 - Brought up that the new system's keypad at check out does not show the student's name nor can mistakes be voided. Could lead to increase in wrong PIN numbers being entered.

School News: Mr. Slezak (Dr. Noro unable to make the meeting)

- No updates

BUDGET Windy Neff for Rob Wilson

- Rob was unable to make the meeting.
- Bake Sale at Open house made \$320.25
- Kerr Clothing – we have not paid our vendor yet – not sure of the profit yet. Total on budget \$1353.
- Kidstuff Books – still need to pay them another check, so the \$1750 does not reflect total profit.
- Have not paid Scholastic yet for the “New Books for Students”

Class Parties: no one from committee present

- From parents present at the party, seemed to go really well. Pass that along to the committee.
- Feedback: If breaking into 3 groups, then the activities should be about the same time.
- Parent comments: kids talking about other kids at other schools get Halloween parades. Previous years a bigger fall festival but that stopped when KerrTober Fest started.
- Contacting committee members about helping—a parent present at the meeting had volunteered for the committee but was not contacted.

Kerr Garden: Windy Neff

- It’s not being used. It won’t be at the new school.
- Beth Choset—is the one to contact about what to do with what is in it before it gets taken down to allow for more recess space.
- Issue is no one is taking ownership of the garden.

Used Book Sale: Amy Cooper

- Current need for a chair for the sale
 - Stacy Graham at the meeting volunteered to chair the committee.

FUNDRAISING – Windy Neff

Vendor Blender

- Have 52 different vendors at 58 tables
- Profited on Table Sales alone \$1,602.27
- Came upon a hiccup on Monday when applying for our “Games of Chance” license. It appears that the office of the treasury downtown requires a letter from the School Board stating we are an approved organization to raise funds for the school. So we have asked the School Board to write the letter. Hope it is done Monday night (the 6th) and then since all offices are closed on Tuesday since it’s election day, on the 8th I will go downtown to apply for license so we can have the raffle baskets.
- Each vendor is supplying a basket worth at least \$20 to raffle. Selling tickets at \$10 for 25 chances.
- We desperately need volunteers!!!! Go with a friend to do raffle tickets or entry table.
 - Send out link again for volunteers.
- Have a Food Truck thanks to Christie Lefakkis.

FUNDRAISING - KidStuff

- Still have 39 books unaccounted for
- As of today we have sold 132 books and profited \$1,650

FUNDRAISING – Dine & Donate

- Next Dine & Donate is Gators on the 8th and 14th
- 5 Guys on Thursday, December 7th
- January sort of Family Fun Night/Dine & Donate at Wildwood Highlands all day on the Friday we have off
- February hoping for Panda Express – need their opening date in order to schedule it
- March is Panera
- April is Dunkin Donuts (all week)

- May is Chipotle
- Thoughts on an Ice Cream location of June? Or just nothing.
 - Probably nothing

FUNDRAISING – Poinsettia & Greenery Sale for Kelly Cannon

- Forms went home yesterday or today—orders and money due on 11/16
- Pick up will be on December 1st

Spirit Wear: Maureen Lynch

- sold 92 shirts...rough estimate is \$293 profit
- few mistake orders that there are emails out...Maureen has the shirts.
- Winter Sale:
 - Jim at Super Start Sports
 - Short sleeve tie-dyed shirts \$15
 - Hoodie \$25
 - Blankets \$25
 - Knit hat \$15
 - Athletic quarter zip pullover \$30
 - Christie spoke with another company but they didn't seem to be a good fit for timeline and amounts.

ASK (After School Kerr): Terri Ahern

- 13 classes being offered
- 6 people need to sign up per class or not worth it.
- Online registration

Membership: Amy Cooper

- 143 members (35 teachers and 60 families)
- Raffle/drawing for the sweatshirt (parent membership)
 - 56 family membership listed in excel (60 minus the PTO board)
 - Used an online random number generator. Number generated: 20
 - Winner was the Graham family—Stacy Graham present at the meeting.

Approve the minutes:

Jen Dunbar motions, Rebecca Born 2nds, minutes approved

Adjourn:

Maureen Lynch motion, Jen Dunbar 2nds, meeting adjourned.

Present at meeting:

Windy Neff, Amy Cooper, Rebecca Born, Maureen Lynch, Jaye Centor, Alex Slezak, Jen Dunbar, Nikki Rimer, Valerie Ewing, Stacy Graham