

## 9/6/2017 Kerr PTO General Meeting



### Welcome: Windy Neff

- Introductions of the board
- Background info: voted to dissolve the PTA last year and worked hard over the summer to develop the PTO. Excited to start off the school year with a new organization. If anyone has suggestions or recommendations feel free to contact us—emails on the agenda.
- Calendar overview handed out—pink calendar sheet—see all the events happening this year.

### School News: Dr. Noro

- First few days of school went well.
- 4 new staff members
- New Kerr building opening fall 2019 and breaking ground in 2018.
- New science curriculum—small lab. Professional development going on with the faculty on how to use them.
- New ELA curriculum.
- Behavioral expectations—being taught from the beginning and focused on year-round.
- 22 other new kids other than Kindergarteners.
- 365 students this year.

### Bylaws: Windy Neff

- Copies of bylaws handed out. Take a look over them and give any feedback to the board. Will be voted on at the next PTO meeting in October.

### Open VP Position: Amy Cooper

- Last spring the nominating committee was unable to find an active member willing to accept a nomination for VP.
- Position is still vacant and once the bylaws are voted in, a VP will be appointment.
- Contact the board with any questions.

### Budget: Rob Wilson

- Had to create an initial budget to start as a PTO. We had to essentially move to the new school year with a zero budget.
- Pointed out the library fund and principal fund were overseen by the PTO but not actually belonging to the PTO.
- ASK and Math Pentathlon—programs that most years are revenue neutral or a small loss.
- Because of the transition, we need the fundraiser money.
- Jessica DeBruyn motion to approve the budget. Roxanne Acquaro 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hand vote, none opposed.

### Communications: Amy Cooper

- PTO as a parent resource. Paper flyers will still be sent home, but encouragement to utilize our online resources.
- Website full of information and calendar.
- Sign up for newsletter
- Facebook page—like and follow it.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee: Pam Seifried

- A wonderful experience in making the last year at Kerr special.
- Things that the 5<sup>th</sup> committee does...last year's committee passed along a lot of info.
  - Camp Allegheny—3 days, 5<sup>th</sup> grade goes to camp. Committee organizes a sendoff breakfast and a welcome back
  - Penny wars: a way for them to give back to the school
  - May recital
  - Billboard in Sharpsburg of 5<sup>th</sup> grade Kerr class

- End of year recognition with a small reception afterwards

**Scholastic Book Sale:** Amy Cooper

- Big expense, at the beginning of the year—due to becoming a PTO, the budget isn't where it has been in previous years.
- We are working with the librarians to come up with the best way to support them and also meet our budget needs.
- Windy has a meeting tomorrow (Thursday) with the librarians.

**Fundraising:** Windy Neff

- Spirit Wear (now through 9/13)—sold at involvement fair now and also at the ice cream social on Friday.
- KidStuff Books (9/11 through 9/25)—books coming home on Monday. Just return books on if you are not interested in selling.
- Chipotle Night (10/2 from 4-9pm)—at the waterworks...show them the flyer that you are there for Kerr.
- Vendor Blender—11/10, still selling tables for vendors. Looking specifically for crafters. Contact Windy with vendor info.

Ice cream social—need ice cream social scoopers.

**Committees:** Amy Cooper

- Thank you for the committee chairs who participated in the involvement fair.
- See website under get involved, committees, to sign up for committees. Chair positions open.
- Encourage the chairs to utilize those who sign up
- Refer questions to the board

**Membership:** Windy Neff

- \$10 per family...you can vote, be on a committee or chair.
- Directory info—make sure you fill out the form. If you want a printed hard copy, it's a \$5 donation to the PTO, or you can download it onto power school. Should be out around the first week of October.

Questions from the group:

- Will membership forms be at the Ice cream social –yes and online
- Rob: Changing from the PTA to the PTO is a direct savings for members—membership went from \$10 individual and \$20 family, to just a \$10 for single or family.
- Teacher involvement the PTO?
  - Teachers do attend some things.
  - Ways we support teachers: appreciation week, lunches, \$60 reimbursement of classroom expenses.
- Member obligations for meetings? None

Motion to Adjourn:

Pam Seifried motioned, Rebecca Born 2<sup>nd</sup> ,

**Present at meeting:** Victoria Beyer, Heidi Brayer, Valerie Ewing, Shalala Joshi, Breanna Mack, Rebecca Borne, Stacy Graham, Laura Teshke, Heather Yankura, Rachael Neilan, Shiny Varkey, Junke Tajima, Melissa Tai, Muthu Subramanian, Laura Teschke, Margaret Haas, Maureen Lynch, Terri Ahern, Jess DeBruyn, Dee Dee Malloy, Pam Seifried, Dr. Paul Noro

**Board:** Windy Neff, Rob Wilson, Amy Cooper