

Kerr PTO General Meeting

December 6, 2017



WELCOME: Windy Neff

SCHOOL NEWS: Dr. Noro (includes comments on Recess/Lunch)

- Addressing recess/lunch:
 - Dr. Noro has weekly meetings with the aids to touch base and Mr. Lopick is assisting with the aids.
 - Aids communicate via walkie-talkies so that issues can be addressed in real time.
 - Behavior issues
 - injuries
 - Group punishments are not supported. Interventions such as assigned seating are a used course of action to deal with issues such as bullying, harassment and safety.
 - All time-out and office referral consequences for any student or students must be approved by Dr. Noro.
 - Dr. Noro has personally been outside during recess and has observed that the shed is open and equipment comes out (students are not permitted into the shed for safety reasons). No limit has been placed on purchasing recess items.
 - Indoor Recess:
 - K&1 MPR, 2 stays in the classrooms, 3-5 may chose a room (reading, games, computer, work make up)—students need to stay in the room they choose.
 - Since the noon time aides cannot be in all of the rooms, the teachers stay in (or get an aide).
 - Older students may volunteer in the library or attend student council meetings during that time.
 - Kerr is the top Title 1 school in the region because of the dedication of our staff—we have 13 support intervention people, processes in place to address behavior, the SAP program—it's the work that needs to be done to help students succeed academically.
 - New building: getting updated recess equipment—more space than what is there currently.
- Snack access – Everyone has personal feelings about snacks. You can block access by contacting our school cafeteria.
- Student council has done an amazing job this year. Mr. Strzempek is doing a fabulous job. Turkey bowling is a huge success. Very popular. Make a Wish fundraiser is huge. Veterans Day celebration was beautiful and well received (in MPR).
- We got our school performance back. 85.9. We are right there with O'Hara & Hartwood.
- Question: How will you ensure blanket punishments are not taking place? A: I am talking about this all the time. Aides are not allowed to give a consequence without my (Noro) approval. With touch base meetings, this policy is reinforced.
- Question: Can parents volunteer for noon time aiding? A: No. It will cause an incredible amount of issues (which were discussed...). Q: Can we hire a full-time person to cover the responsibilities? A: No. Addressing and improving the noon time aid issues is each individual school's job to handle
- Question: At the school, who do the aids report to? A: Me or Brent. Noon time aids will report minor issues to teachers. Major issues to me or Brent.

INDOOR RECESS: Windy Neff

- The week of December 18th the PTO is collecting items for Indoor Recess (ie: UNO, Connect 4, Art Supplies Etc) that will be distributed the first week back after break.

DISTRICT FORUM: Windy Neff

- We need another representative

BUDGET: Rob Wilson

- We have money. We're getting more. The budget is updated (& distributed). Scheduled payment for poinsettias & reimbursement for fall party. \$200.00 from dine & donate at Gators. Third person to audit the budget needed. Two people confirmed. PTO bylaws require audit by two non-board members, plus one additional member (may be board member). Everything is electronic this year, which makes offloading quick and easy.

CLASS PARTIES: Jess deBruyn

- Class party committee meeting tonight after the PTO meeting.

KERR GARDEN: Windy Neff

- Dr Noro: Was brought up for discussion at construction meeting, but not seriously addressed. Is looking into having the garden removed and space repurposed. Donated items in the garden will be handled appropriately.

USED BOOK SALE: Windy Neff for Stacy Graham

- Collections begin week of January 8 so start saving used books. Really need books for the older kids. Fifth and sixth grade level really needed. Sign up for set-up and book collection coming up. If anyone is willing to help during the actual sale, let the board or Stacy know and we'll try to schedule the sale where we have help.

FUNDRAISING

Vendor Blender – Windy Neff

- Made over 2K. Need to find way to get parents, staff & community HERE to support the effort.
- Possible ideas: Kid friendly activities so encourage families to attend, perhaps Boy Scouts can run food table, combine movie night with vendor event. Need more volunteers! Looking to add 2-3 more committee members.

Dine & Donate – Windy Neff

- Gators made \$200 – they were surprised we didn't get more of a turn out. Possible typo on flyer may have said 11am-2pm, instead of 2am, which could have impacted participations.
- 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

Poinsettia & Greenery Sale – Windy Neff for Kelly Cannon

- Final profit from Poinsettias Sale is \$345

Spirit Wear: Windy Neff for Maureen Lynch

- Maureen Lynch is stepping down. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, Maureen!!!
- Decided to pass on winter sale.

ASK (After School Kerr)/MATH PENTATHLON: Windy Neff for Terri Ahern & Maureen Lynch

- Week of Dec. 18, sign-ups for volunteers and flyers will be sent out at school. Limited scholarships available. Sign-ups for both programs will be online starting January 3rd.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Windy Neff

- Audit (Filled at Meeting by Anthony Acquaro)
- Box Tops (Since filled as of 12/19/17 by Erin Berdik)
- District Forum Rep
- Nominating Committee (Pam S. chairing – will need a treasurer & VP)

Approve the minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting Rob Wilson, Rebecca Born 2nds, minutes approved

Adjourn:

Margaret Haas motion, Jess deBruyn 2nd motion meeting adjourned.

Present at meeting:

Windy Neff, Rebecca Born, Margaret Haas, Jess deBruyn, Dr. Noro, Lynn Kimmons, Rosanne LeDonne, Christie Leffakis, DeeDee Malloy, Valerie Ewing, Rob Wilson, Roxanne Acquaro, Heidi Brayer, David Turner