

Kerr PTO General Meeting

11-7-18

(Sharpsburg Library)



Welcome: Windy Neff

- First meeting at the Sharpsburg library. Good to see a few new faces.
- Introduction of speakers:

Visiting Speakers:

- **PALS FC**—Abby Torez—president of PALS. Parent Advocates for Learning Support
 - Nonprofit that offers support for parents, teachers, etc...help the students in the special education system to succeed.
 - Including non-diagnosed disabilities as well.
 - Meet once a month to share information---different speakers come in as well and make time at every meeting for an open forum
 - Currently seeking liaisons from the different schools in the district to share what PALS is doing with Kerr and vice versa. If interested in learning more or being a liaison contact palsfcinfo@gmail.com

District Office Representatives: Dr. Gene Freeman, Mr. Dan Breitreutz, Scott Bailey, Joe Kozarian

- Dr. Freeman
 - Mold remediation—supplies and process over \$320,000
 - New Kerr going well.
 - Looking for a fall opening...or if weather is an issue may be pushed back, but so far on time.
 - In the spring when things are a little more underway.... Tours of the new building...very own hard hat to keep. Engagement for tour of the building and have a keepsake for the new building. Fun thing in the gym.
 - Parent question about a time capsule event....possibility.
 - Group conversation: Maybe a 5th grade committee project
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- Joe Kozarian—new safety and security coordinator
 - 16 years experience with another public school in school safety
 - Happy to be here! “Bridging the gap between law enforcement and students is a fantastic job.”
- Dr. Noro
 - Math Parent Night—district wide. Follow up in January. There will be another one coming up. Resources available online for math on the website.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences—everything went well. Used a new online process and will seek more feedback on it.
 - Movie Night coming up—showing Incredibles 2.
 - Open House is next week along with Title 1 meetings and Book Fair. (Book Fair is going to be in the music room)
 - Veterans Day Collection...ceremony on 11/12. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts involved.
 - PBIS—kids involved —making videos and student council trained in PBIS.
 - Kerrtober Fest—good turn out
 - Construction going well
 - Officer Scott Bailey—been going into the classrooms and meeting lots of kids.
 - School (parents, teachers, kids) all bounced back so well with the mold and construction issues
 - Dr. Freeman—thank you to the community. Started to do videos to share information in a new way.

Budget: Provided a financial statement.

Bylaws: Vote on each of the following bylaws. Notification at the last PTO meeting and made available online.

- From Article IV. Board, Section B. Qualifications—proposal to take out the term limit.
 - Vote to keep in the term limits
 - AFTER MEETING NOTE: an additional edit proposal was missed and will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Article IV. Board. Section C. Duties—proposal to add a statement on the use of additional documentation to be utilized by the president and the board such as code of conduct, expectations sheets, and standing policies.
 - Vote passed.
- Article IV. Board. Section D: Impeachment—proposal to add that 30 days written noticed shall be provided to the members prior to an impeachment vote.
 - Vote passed.
- Article VII. Meetings. Section D: Voting—proposal to better define absentee ballots.
 - Vote was passed to include text messages and emails from confirmed member accounts.
- Article VII. Meetings. Section E: Electronic Voting—proposed addition to add that electronic voting will close 24 hours prior to the vote meeting.
 - Vote passed.

Fundraising Updates:

- Read-a-thon: Will have the final total after the book fair as some of the read-a-thon prizes were books from the fair. Read-a-thon went well considering school was closed the entire length due to mold. Made around \$3,000 after costs.
- Calendar Raffle: going well. Sold over 900 tickets...will net over \$9,000.
- Dine & Donates: Chipotle \$228. Panda Express—200 people, but we don't know how many.
 - Next one for 12/5 for Burger King
 - On Facebook—there's an event asking for the next dine & donates suggestions.
- Spirit Wear
 - It will be there to view at movie night on Friday....orders are due on Friday!
 - Working on a joint sale with Hartwood.
- Poinsettia Sale
 - Going on until 11/17
- Square 1 Art
 - Terri Ahern
 - Shipment will be here tomorrow for the flyers/order forms. Orders due by 11/27.

District Forum—Maureen Lynch:

- Next public meeting on 11/13 at 7pm—various speakers
 - PALS, PAGE, DMS Parent Support Group, Fracking, Parents for Safe Schools, Start Schools Later

Other:

- Question on homeroom liaisons...how to get more info from the parents who did not fill out the form.
 - Discussion on sending home a letter to room parents requested contact information.

Closing:

- Approve minutes
 - Pam Seifried motions, Kira Miller 2nd
- Motion to close
 - Motion to close: John Zeiner, 2nd Terri Ahern