

Kerr PTO General Meeting

April 10, 2019



**Small Lab Demo with Mrs. Wygant's kindergarten class

Welcome: Windy Neff

District Office: Dr. Ashley Constantine,

- Updates about the new Kerr programs: Fox Chapel Area's executive director of elementary education and instruction,
 - On March 8th the first preK class was selected. 9 Kerr, 6 Ohara, 2 Fairview, 2 Hartwood and there is 7 on a wait list
 - Spanish Immersion Update-registration is now open (37 current applications and growing) open until May 17
- District Recognitions
 - The Fox Chapel Area School District recently won state awards in the 2018 Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) Excellence in Education Communications Contest. The district received Awards of Honor for the spring 2018 and winter 2018 IN Fox Chapel Area Community Magazine.
 - 8th year in a row: 2019 Best Communities for Music Education through program sponsored by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation
 - Fox Chapel HS has the most accreditations from middle states than any other high school in the state
- World Language program
 - In the process of hiring a new teacher
 - Goal is to increase the exposure to different language at the elementary level.

School News: Dr. Noro

- Congratulations to Dr. Ashley Constantine, who was awarded the inaugural Jean E. Winsand Emerging Woman in Education Award. The award is given by the Tri-State Area School Study Council at the University of Pittsburgh and honors an exemplary emerging educational leader.
- Student council is currently planning a time capsule.
- Students submitted logo designs for the new Kerr—going onto next steps of selection
- Currently planning for new building—schedules, safety, supplies, etc
- Building is on schedule

Nominations: Terri Ahern

- 3 open positions that the nominating committee had been taking nominations for, and the following as met the bylaw criteria for nominations and have accepted the nominations.
 - Secretary: Gwen Harcar
 - Director of Fundraising: Ann Sokalski
 - President: Amy Cooper
- Nominations will still be accepted by the committee until electronic ballot is open.

Treasurer Report: Windy Neff for John Zeiner

- Budget report passed out.
- Box Tops is getting rid of clip-able tops and revamping the app. Box Tops will still be collected as they come in but as the program is being phased out, we can expect the amount brought in to decrease most likely.

Fundraising Updates:

- Spirit Wear—squad locker
- Dine and Donates—panda express

- Spring Flower Sale—going on now. Orders coming in on May 8th

Programs:

- ASK—made little over \$800 per budget info available. Need a chair for next school year.
- Math (Maureen)...made \$1300. Maureen will continue to chair....Stacy Graham offered to assist.
- Kids of Steel (not PTO but mentioned)—over 50 kids participated
- Movie Night: made \$258
- Game Night: Kira W offered to buy a cookie tray for event
- Summer Send Off: need someone to plan the gym games
 - MPR games
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 - 2 sessions in the classrooms
 - Bus lane area
 - Bouncy houses
 - Regular cafeteria lunch
 - MPR at end....student council video and present time capsule
 - **Stated previously in the meeting. Valerie Ewing for the Art Project: Shows tin stamped butterfly idea that could possibly be installed as a final collaborative art piece in the new building. Dr. Noro approved the idea.

Teacher Appreciation: (1st week of May) Windy Neff

- Look for info coming home soon

District Forum: Maureen Lynch

- Always looking for another rep to join the board
- Executive board member nominations are currently happening.
- The last meeting was cancelled due to not having speakers/topic. The district would not host a “meet the school board candidates” previously scheduled and schedules did not work to find a new topic.
 - Meetings done for the year
 - Looking to change meeting times next year.

Motion to approve the minutes:

- Althea Bradley motions, 2nd by Connie Hendren. Approved.

Motion to close: Althea Bradley, 2nd by Stacy Graham. Approved.

Present at Meeting: Windy Neff, Amy Cooper, Dr. Paul Noro, Dr. Ashley Constantine, Maureen Lynch, Althea Bradley, Terri Ahern, Stacy Graham, Connie Hendren, Nikki Rimer, Kim Bowles, Kyra Miller-Wisniewski, Valerie Ewing