

## Kerr PTO General Meeting Agenda August 28, 2019



- **Welcome:** Amy Cooper – thanked volunteers for coming to set up and everything they do all year
  - **Board Introduction**
    - Less meetings this year
    - Asked people to fill out the questionnaires on table regarding suggestions for the PTO this year
  
- **School News:** Dr. Noro
  - Refining a lot of practices and getting used to the new building
  - 105 cameras in the new building as compared to 6 from old building
  - AC system is coming along – will take adjustments throughout the year
  - Pre-k program is going very well with Mrs. Wygant and Monica Walter is the IA
  - Spanish Immersion is going well speaking 80% in Spanish in the classroom - IA is Jessica Albright
  - Bus loop is open, car riders are getting out in about 7-9 minutes
  - PSSA math scores 78.61 – highest we've been
  - PSSA ELA – 88.98 – extreme jump
  - Old Kerr did have asbestos, remediation contractor is there and waiting for the permit from the county. Demo should be done by the end of the September
  - Recess – met with teachers to review ideas –
    - Outdoor recess began today, shut down the bus loop to get kids outside, working around the landscapers
    - Several times a week the gym is open, and working on scheduling the gym
    - Movement breaks daily
    - Dance/singing/art/homework/read/draw/color/go noodle
    - Supervised activities in the hallways
    - Games in third grade wing
    - Pre-k/k – movement breaks all day
    - Moving forward – meet with PTO board to review sustainable options for recess
      - Example – grade 4 said they would like board games/drawing/talking/reading for recess
      - The new recess area will be ½ court basketball, climber, 4 square area
      - Kids of Steel – starts in January

- Tweaking options and working with teachers/parents/PTO

Questions for Dr. Noro – opened the floor

1 – Pam Seifried - question about sustainable recess/movement activities – offering to come in and do activity from 8:30 – 9am for a certain period of time for 1 week, etc... For example, doing yoga every Thursday morning until January from 8:30 am – 9:00am. Dr. Noro was open to this

2 – Juan Taboas - question about the layout of new parking lot and recess area, and a secondary recess area

Dr. Noro answered that the building has and will grow and it is necessary to have overflow parking, also need to have enough people to oversee the children at recess and that becomes difficult if the children are spread too far over the campus

- Follow up questions regarding needing more space for recreational as the building grows?

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- Dr. Noro answered that they built the playground with the understanding the school will grow and it is difficult to visualize the flat prints

- **Federal Programs Review:** Daniel DiDesiderio, Director of Student Achievement and Instructional Verification

- Dan is not able to be here however, he did provide the food and child care which is very appreciated

- **Traveling Art Gallery (TAG):** Windy Neff

- Reminded members that anyone can bring their children to PTO meetings
- World language program tied into the TAG program
  - K – Pittsburgh artists
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Spanish artists
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – around the world – Japanese, native American, etc... artists
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – French artists
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – German artists
- Presentation are already made, would just need to sign up and pick up the information and go to the class –
- One volunteer needed for each class – Pam Seifried added that you do not need art experience and it is wonderful program
- Reach out to Windy if you have any questions

- **Business Items**

- More students and more fundraising goals
- **Fundraising:** Ann Sokalski
  - Mum fall plant sale
  - Pitt vs. Penn State
  - Dine and Donate on 9/9 at Panda Express
  - October – Pittsburgh Pepperoni will help with pepperoni roll sale
  - We try to be creative and not send home candles/gift wrap sale
- **Budget:** John Zeiner
  - Highlighted – income from programs from throughout the year

- Calendar biggest fundraiser 40% of our budget
- Equivalent to the numbers from last year, conservative on the income
- Read a thon – second biggest fundraiser
- All the other smaller income drives, passive ones like amazon smiles, shoparoo – Lindsay McCloskey is chairing shoparoo
- We try to be conservative on the income and more generous on the expenses for the budget
- Biggest expense is field trips - 27% of expenses, Summer Send Off, Book for all children as part of Scholastic Book Fair, 5<sup>th</sup> graders get a yearbook, billboard, graduation
- Added more admin expenses – storage items, mailboxes, etc...
- Total about \$5,000 more this year due to more students and admin expenses
- Melissa Tai – question about the budget for classroom party budget – Amy answered about \$700 more for classroom parties
- Member Vote to approve 2019-20 budget
  - Windy motioned to vote, no opposition
  - 20 to approve
  - None opposed

Ice cream social on 9/6/19 – donated ice cream from Klavon;s

- Please fill out 1/3 sheets about

John Zeiner – need to have 3 people help with audit committee- given bank records and receipts, ½ year at a time

• **Closing Thoughts**

- Motion to close – Juan Taboas,
- Windy Neff seconds to close

**Attendance: Courtney Cerniglia, Juan Taboas, Kathryn Schneider, Catherine Kuhns, Steve Baik, Jennifer Cox-Siegel, Kehui Chen, Andy Lee, Kate Davison, Somer Obernauer, Justin McClafferty, Tamra McClafferty, Julie Grandstaff, Erin Davenport, Windy Neff, Terri Ahern, Terry Hebling, Adrienne Laing, Lindsay McCloskey, Maureen Lynch, Melissa Tai, Pam Seifried, Connie Hendren, Amy Cooper, Dee Dee Malloy, Ann Sokalski, John Zeiner, Gwen Harcar, Dr. Paul Noro**

**Save the Dates:**

**Sept 5** Fall Flower Sale Ends

**Sept 6** Ice Cream Social

**Sept 9** Panda Express Dine & Donate

**Sept 18** Spirit Wear Sale Ends

**Sept 19** Fall Flower Sale Pick Up

**Sept 23** School Picture Day

**Oct 17** Kerr Open House, PTO Bake Sale

**Oct 31** Classroom Parties

**Nov 6** PTO Meeting @9:15am

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