

11/6/19

General Meeting Minutes



9:15 am – Tour and observation of Spanish Immersion and Pre-K classroom

9:45 am – Meeting

Attendance: Lisa Boyette, Jenna Wright, Stacy Graham, Phoebe Reese, Lacey Lupetin, Kate Davison, Mandi Abdulally, Melissa Tai, Maureen Lynch, Terri Ahern, Windy Neff, Anjellah Schaefer, Victoria Beyer, Amy Cooper, Gwen Harcar, Paul Noro, Alex Slezack, David McCommons

School News

Mr. Strzempek – Maker Space

- Prefers the term **Collaboratory** in referring the space as the students are learning to work together
- getting the space up and running this year with technology such as laser printers
- Mr. Strzempek is appreciative of all the donations and patience
 - Top of wish list – little toys with motors that can be taken apart with screw driver, lego donations

Dr. Noro

- Any questions about Spanish Immersion - Ms. Albrecht is the IA and fluent in Spanish. She is a great addition to the classroom
- Pre – K – Mrs. Wygant is fantastic and the program is going well
- Building slowly into the school – methodically trying to build things up, bulletin boards are coming, tack strips are coming to start hanging artwork, student work, photos are now hanging in the hallways and more will be added shortly
- Adapting to new routines, practices, and expectations – example – fobs to get through everywhere in the building
- Construction – building is down, moving the dirt to prepare for the upper lot
 - Recess equipment has been delivered, but obviously not ready to be put in
 - Currently a temporary occupancy, moving toward permanent occupancy in January
 - HVAC – working well, constantly checking the system and making adjustments as necessary
 - Student Change Committee is active, creating a bully prevention video – working with high school student, including former Kerr students
 - Arrival is going well with the changes and departure continues to go well as the pre-K leaves 30 mins prior to dismissal
 - School based therapy – through Family Behavioral Resources, starts tomorrow – great resource for students and families. Provides therapy at Kerr for students and families
 - Extra innings – 3, 4, 5th grade after school program held from Jan- Mar extra hour to help for students in specific academic areas
 - Veteran’s Day -11/11 – inside for the assembly– photos are in a power point, songs, ceremony – digital photos can be sent to Dr. Noro
 - More TVs are coming
 - Raising money and gifts for Give a Gift
 - Chorus is going to Angels 211 – Sharpsburg Towers which is a senior high rise to sing

- There was a question about movie night. Dr. Noro affirmed that if we get the permanent occupancy permit for the spring movie night will be hosted at Kerr.

Dr. McCommons– assistant superintendent

- Thank you for support through the transition
- Dr. Noro did mention gratitude to Dr. McCommons as he supported the indoor recess equipment
- 11/12 – screening of Screenagers at the high school to shed light on bullying
- Question about 3rd and 5th grade having gym at same time
 - Mr. Slezack answered this question. He affirmed there are two gym teachers during this time and typically they team teach the class together

Amy Cooper – Welcome

Treasurer’s Report (Amy Cooper for John Zeiner) –budget report handed out from Treasurer John Zeiner

- John Zeiner resigned as of 11/15. The board needs to appoint a Treasurer per the bylaws.
 - URGENT need – we cannot continue the PTO without a treasurer
 - Asked for interest in the position and stated that splitting the position is a possibility if 2 people willing to work together.
 - Short term plan if no interested by 11/15 – Secretary Gwen Harcar would take over quickbook entries and check reimbursements and VP DeeDee Malloy would also go on the bank account.
- VOTE NEEDED. For the board to appoint someone per the KerrPTO bylaws to finish out the Treasurer Term if able to by 11/15. If unable to find someone to appoint—the Secretary and Vice President will be added to the bank account and split Treasurer responsibilities amongst the board members.
 - Motion to Melissa Tai, Coach Alex Slezak seconded
 - No opposition
- Audit Update: We are behind on audits 2017-18 and 2018-19 audits not completed and they need completed in order to maintain status as booster for the school, our 501c3, and also transparency and accountability to our members.
 - Beth Daniels is willing to Chair Special Committee to complete the audits
 - New treasurer will assist with this year’s audit, entry, and tracking
- Reviewing Budget Report Handed Out:
 - Box Tops number will be low – company is transitioning over to be an app now – still accepting box tops and dimes – Lindsay McCloskey is heading the chair.
 - Shoparoo should be sending \$246.70 check any day
 - Reviewed the Scholastic Book Fair numbers
 - Teacher Member Reimbursement fund is being used more than in previous years. Most likely due to the mold last year and move to the new building this year. We will make a motion at a future meeting to increase that budgeted amount if needed.
 - 5th grade yearbooks are purchased (PTO gift to our “graduating” class)
 - Question if Amazon Smile is used—the KerrPTO is a charity option on Smile, but we do not bring in much from it.

Fundraising Update (Amy Cooper for Ann Sokalski)

- All fundraisers have gone over anticipated goal
 - Pitt vs PSU. \$988.06
 - Spirit Wear. \$398.25
 - Fall Flower Sale. \$524.98
 - Panda Express \$183.36 & Panera is coming in soon

- November Calendar Raffle had currently made over \$10,000
- Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Poinsettia Sale currently open
 - Spirit Wear currently available
 - Square 1 (Terri Ahern, Chair) – Coming home soon and everything will come in the week of 12/16 before break
 - Virtual Vendor Blender – online shop with a purpose, PTO get a percentage of each vendors' profits

Chair Needs:

After School at Kerr : Last call for a chair before it will not run this year.

The chair has the opportunity to reconfigure the program and find ways to make it less volunteer reliant. Possibility of using more established programs than setting up our own.

Nominating Committee – need 3 volunteers for this. Committee will be appointed at the January meeting.

- Accepts nominations and reaches out to determine people who would be willing and eligible candidates for the board. Mostly done through emails.
- Assists in overseeing the election process.

Membership Update

- 30 teacher/staff members. 2018-19 had 43 teacher members.
- 139 family members (74 families). 2018-19 had 93 members, 49 families

Used Book Sale – Stacey Graham (Chair)

- Book collection--Send in used books the week before MLK
- The following week is the sale
- Likely will be in the Small Lab

District Forum – Maureen Lynch

- Group of parents, administrators and teachers – 3 reps from each school – we currently have 2 (Maureen & Melissa Tai). Looking to recruit a third from Kerr.
- Next meeting on 11/19 – Tuesday – LGI at the high school at 9am – subject – “meet your school board members”
- Passed around information to get included on the email list

Meeting Minutes from 8/28/2019 handed out.

- Motion to approve minutes – Windy Neff motions, Terri Ahern seconds – no opposition.

Member Question: If there any additional upcoming morning before school classes? There have not been any others who have filled out the form.

- Kids of Steel starts in mid January – two mornings a week

Motion to close – Victora Beyer motions, Melissa Tai seconds. None opposed.