

Kerr PTO General Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2020



- **Welcome:** Amy Cooper
 - Welcome to new meeting
 - Reviewed zoom pointers
- **School News:** Dr. Noro
 - Dr. Noro has received emails about students getting personal items. It will be worked out, but a lot has to do with the governor setting guidelines about students/parents being permitted in the building.
 - There were early concerns about attendance. Dr. Noro and Officer Bailey have completed some home visits to check in with students and parents.
 - PAWS days are a great way to catch up on work and meet with teachers
 - Working out 5th grade video/something special for the 5th graders
 - Landscaping and playground pictures will be coming out soon
 - Q&A – Dan Disesiderio said we are at 95%-96% attendance after the first couple of weeks – Gave credit to Dr. Noro & Officer Bailey for engaging with students and families at home
 - If someone forgot to sign in for attendance, email Dr. Noro and they will adjust it
 - Students have to do work everyday, the teachers can see if the student is participating electronically
 - Question: If you upload assignments a day later, is that ok? A – Yes, the teachers can see if student is working on something and understand if it is submitted a day late
 - Officer Bailey offered to drop food resources if families cannot make it to distribution.
- **Federal Programs Review:** Dan DiDesiderio, Director of Student Achievement & Instructional Verification
 - Reviewed Title I Programs
 - Schoolwide planning with \$485,000 to support the school
 - Goals for next year:
 - More funds for supplies and teachers
 - Kerr Math
 - Reading Specialists
 - Supplies
 - Community engagement
 - Question about need for additional remediation for next year. – A: Yes, they are anticipating an increase in the need for remediation for students next year
- **Business Items**
 - **Overview of Where We Are:** Amy Cooper
 - No more fundraisers this year
 - Valerie from Yearbook asked for a few more weeks in order to get more pictures. If you have good photos email them to yearbook@kerrpto.org If you log into the TreeRing website you can see when the extended deadline is.
 - **Read-a-thon** (Amy Cooper & Stacy Graham)
 - We are waiting for a few trackers to get back and fundraising – right now around \$1600
 - May 6th is the deadline, want to make sure students get the prizes
 - Great program, morning readings went really well had about 100 kids each morning participating
 - **Fundraiser Updates:** Ann Sokalski
 - **Total Fundraising Goal for the year: we are \$2003 over our goal!**
 - Question about amazon smiles – A: historically, the program does not work off the mobile Amazon app, which makes it less profitable than one would think
 - Box tops is not doing as well due to the scanning of receipts instead of clipping the tops
 - Zone 28 \$290
 - Pgh Pepperoni \$579.16
 - Math Pentathlon \$1955.69 (unclear if that accounts for all expenses)

- ASK
- Used Book Sale
- Dine & Donates
- Not doing virtual plant sale
- **Treasurer Reports (Nicole Kutzner)**
 - Audit Update (Beth Daniels, Special Audit Committee Chair)
 - Last year's audit finished up, have 2 volunteers to review need one more volunteer
 - For this year 19-20, Beth proposed doing a one year audit, instead of 2 audits every 6 months.
 - Amy reviewed financial records history and thanked Beth Daniels and Nicole Kutzner for the work in organizing the money appropriately
 - Vote - Motion to make 2019-2020 one audit - Beth Daniels motioned, Windy Neff seconded
 - Motion passed unanimously to make it one time audit
 - Budget Report
 - Waiting for invoice for Math Pentathlon and need to deposit Zone 28 and dimes
- **Nominations (Erin Berdik, Nominating Committee)**
 - Treasurer - Nicole Kutzner
 - Vice President – Kayla Portis and Julie Grandstaff
 - Online voting for this through jotform
 - Motion to accept nominees – Erin Berdick motions, Windy Neff seconds. Unanimously accepted
- **Committees Updates**
 - Teacher Appreciation Week—chairs Windy Neff & Terri Ahern
 - Asking for everyone to get pictures together to assemble video for teachers/staff – send to President@kerrpto.org
 - 5th Grade Committee—Windy Neff
 - 5th grade raised around \$900 from penny wars
 - PTO will get t-shirts for 5th graders
 - Billboard – we don't have a picture of all the 5th graders, so Lifetouch is allowing us to use school photos and create a billboard
 - Planning playground get together in the summer
 - Lifetouch – some people received class pictures, some have not
- **Closing Thoughts**
 - Ways the PTO can be supportive during school closure (discussion)
 - School is meeting needs, school supplies
 - Zoom meet up for parents, with a teacher for each grade
 - Motion to approve last meeting minutes
 - Juan Taboas motioned to approve minutes, Windy Neff seconds
 - Motion to close
 - Juan Taboas motioned to approve close and Pam Seifried seconds

Attendance: Amy Cooper, Ann Sokalski, Nicole Kutzner, DeeDee Malloy, Maira Walker, Windy Neff, Paul Noro, Courtney Cerniglia, Erin Berdik, Pam Seifried, Beth Daniels, Dan Didesiderio, Stacy Graham, Victoria Beyer, Juan Taboas, Kayla Portis, Scott Bailey, Melanie Gutowski, Gwen Harcar

Save the Dates:

May 20 PTO Meeting

Board Members:

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