



Kerr PTO General Meeting

September 3, 2020

Start 6:06 pm

Welcome—Amy Cooper, President

- Updated bylaws to include virtual students
- Updated budget
- Unfortunately, unable to do involvement fair
- Have guests throughout the year

PALS – Parents Advocates for Learning Support – Stacy London

- Established over 15 years ago, look to bring a bridge between home and school
- Monthly meetings – currently via zoom, email links through the newsletter
- Held weekly meetings during the initial closure to help families connect – open forum, share experiences, learn from each other, occasionally have speakers
- palsinfo.org – bottom of every page you can subscribe for updates
- Latest news in special education
- Links to resources in the community
- Next meeting scheduled for 9/30 at 9:30 am

School News—Dr. Noro, principal

- Focus on routines for the first two weeks
- Navigating the current normal
- STAR assessments begin next week, information is coming
- Looking to reimagine events already cancelled
- Things are getting better, continuously improving
- Teachers are more comfortable as we move forward
- Feel free to call or email Dr. Noro with any questions

PTO Updates

- Recess purchases & other funds (Amy)
 - Balls, hula hoops, frisbees, sidewalk chalk – each grade has two bags worth of items
 - Staff appreciation lunch – from Christy's Market PTO provided grab and go lunches
 - Eat N Park cookies next week for the staff
- Membership update (Kayla Portis, VP)
 - Opened membership drive a little earlier
 - 14 teacher members, 44 family members – everyone is welcome, no sign-up fee, however we do ask for a donation
- Fundraising Updates (Ann Sokalski, Director of Fundraising)
 - All fundraising online only this year
 - Spirit Wear

- Completed yesterday – 30 orders
- Fall Flowers
 - Deadline 9/4 to order – pick up on 9/18 from 3-6pm at Parkview Volunteer Fire Hall
- Chipotle Dine & Donate
 - Very busy but made \$193.28

Upcoming Things

- Bingo Night (Kayla, VP)
 - Ann – 9/11 – need to register in advance, it is free family event, there will be real prizes, play long enough to last an hour
 - Seeing if Sara from Sara's Pet and Plants can do a virtual event
- Fall Class Parties (Heather Yankura, party chair)
 - Recruiting anyone who wants to help – Lindsay McCloskey is helping
 - Virtual Dance Party
 - Discussion of sending home a craft/bag – they do have distribution dates for virtual students – potentially 10/28/20 and 11/18
 - Trying to look for ways for fun, enrichment activities
- Fundraisers (Ann)
 - Dragon Palace, dine and donate
 - Possibly an Emmerling Ice Cream date in late September
 - Sarris Chocolate Sale in winter
 - Raffle is postponed until spring
 - Scholastic Book Fair – Still planning to purchase books for students if it takes place in the spring

Treasurer Reports—Nicole Kutzner, treasurer

- Current budget report update
 - Using a new program that is all online, still learning
 - Teachers have \$200 to spend on classroom supplies
- Audit update
 - We are getting caught up! We need one more person to finish and 2018-2019 will be finished!
 - Nicole Kutzner and Beth Daniels did a lot of work to catch us up.
 - We will be on track for this year.

District Forum—Maureen Lynch, Kerr Representative

- Organization that brings together district, community, and family
- Looking for third representative
- Contact Maureen Lynch to get involved at momoflies@yahoo.com

Approved Minute Meetings from 8/11/20 – Juan Tobias motioned, Ann Solkalski seconded
Adjourn – Heather Yankura motioned, Ann Solkalski seconded

Upcoming Dates:

9/18 Flower Pick Up

9/30 estimated Spirit Wear Pick Up

10/8 Dragon Palace, dine & donate

10/20 Next PTO Meeting

Attendance: Stacy London, Paul Noro, Amy Cooper, Kayla Portis, Ann Solkalski, Heather Yankura, Juan Tobias, Lindsay McCloskey, Liz Dessell, Marla Rzeszotarski, Elizabeth Locher, William Thomas, Roxanne Acquaro, Nicole Kutzner