

Kerr PTO Meeting, April 25, 2023

Attendance: Amy Cooper, Courtney Cerniglia, Terri Ahern, Dr. Noro, Lindsay McCloskey

Welcome: Terri Ahern
Meeting called to order a 6:19pm

School News: Dr. Noro
In lieu of the "Fall Festival", Kerr has decided to return to a Halloween theme for a celebration at the end of October. A costume parade is planned through the school with possible live stream video options for families to view.

Kerr staff is working on rosters and transition planning for **the 2023-2024 school** year.

Our fourth and fifth grade students participated in the Positive Painting Project. The paintings will be displayed throughout the school for the 2023-2024 school year. This year's Spring Book Fair raised the most money ever! The Spring Showcase was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

A brief discussion was held about the PSSA's impacting extra support and specials' schedules.

Recap Since Jan. Meeting: Terri
Our ASK, Math Pentathlon and winter events were successfully implemented.

Fundraising: Terri Ahern for Roxanne Acquaro
Our Spring flower sale is active.
A new upcoming fundraiser will be selling Moe's meal kits.

5th Grade Committee: Lindsay McCloskey

The committee met with Dr. Noro, the 5th grade teachers to discuss the students' suggestions for class gifts. The top choice is a mural in the cafeteria highlighting special 5th grade events and memories/experiences made at Kerr. Signs by Tomorrow is a company Kerr has used in the past, and provided a quote for this mural. The company will share a draft image soon.

The committee is actively working to prepare for the graduation/recognition ceremony. Save the date flyers have been distributed and the invitation will be finalized/distributed soon. Terri has recruited fourth grade parents to take over the committee during the 2023-24 school year.

The billboard with 5th grade class photos has been ordered and paid for.

Nominating Committee: Courtney Cerniglia

Becky Meyers agreed to help with this committee.

Current nominations include:

President - Terri Ahern nominated and accepted.

Director of Fundraising - Courtney Cerniglia nominated and accepted.

Secretary - Erin Berdik and Keri Geidel nominated and accepted.

Teacher Appreciation: Courtney Cerniglia

A comprehensive plan to celebrate teachers the week of May 8-12 has been created. The theme is "It's PLANE to see we have the best teachers and staff!" Wear it days for the students have been shared. A sign up sheet is live asking for donations and volunteers to support this week long event.

Summer Send Off: Courtney Cerneglia

Tamra McClafferty created and shared a draft schedule with Dr. Noro. The teachers are currently reviewing it and will give feedback by Thursday 4/27/23.

Based on feedback from last year's event, the plan includes utilizing the upper field more and limiting use of the bus lane. Activities will include: crafts, a bubble dance party (Mr. Slezak will share a playlist), jumbo lawn games (purchased for future events), t-shirt signing, face painting, tattoos, a Kona ice truck, inflatable obstacle course, parachute, sports balls, and minute-to-win-it.

The committee plans to monitor weather for that day and if it is warm enough will consider adding water play.

There was a discussion about the possibility of having student lunches outside. Dr. Noro will work with the dietary department to plan lunch that day.

Budget: Terri Ahern for Tamra McClafferty

Reviewed the updated information from events held between January and April.

Minutes from Last Meeting:

Brief discussion about the Title 1 program and supports they have been able to provide. Historically, the Title 1 program has purchased colored printer paper, provided incentives for read-a-thon, provided childcare and snacks for the annual opportunity fair. Dr. Noro and Terri have been communicating with Title 1 officer and making plans for the 2023-24 school year.

Amy Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes. Lindsay McCloskey seconded. Minutes were approved.

Courtney Cerneglia made a motion to end the meeting. Amy Cooper second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Next Meeting: May 18th, 6:30pm.