

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

In attendance: Erika Levin; Larissa Sano; Brian Weisman; Tim Pinto; Talisha Sutton; Eric Kennedy; Varsha Chetlur; Mary Cooper; Jennifer McNamara; Linda Hagan; Katie Baidel; Karin Sletten-Farjo; Laura Weintraub; Ben Ewy.

1. Called to order @ 6:38 pm
2. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Karin Sletten-Farjo
 - b. Seconded: Linda Hagan
 - c. Vote: all yes
3. Girls on the Run presentation - Katie Baidel, GOTR Coach
 - a. registration is open, but with a cap of 20 girls
 - b. would need another group of four volunteer adults to host another team
 - c. register through the SE MI girls on the run website
4. Principal Report - Mrs. Cooper
 - a. Kindergarten round up coming up: participants will experience mini-sessions
 - b. M-STEP reports have gone home; some of the tests this year will be shorter in recognition that last year's tests were too long; also anticipating a shorter turn around on results for this next year
5. Teacher Report - Mrs. Hagan
 - a. Ms. Wayne wanted to advertise AAPS STEAM Expo, and some King students will be presenting (third graders will be building electric circuits, 2nd/4th will be doing Star Wars robotics (sphero), 5th graders will be building bridges) - Wed Feb 24th at Pioneer High
6. Treasurer Report - Brian Weisman
 - a. at \$27,000 at almost mid-point for school year; aiming for c. \$87,000, but with several additional fundraisers upcoming
 - b. with expenses, we have spent about \$5K more than we have raised; this is in recognition that we are aiming to over-spend our fundraising this year per our budget, to support educational opportunities
 - c. will have a second request for parents to contribute to the PTO
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Spirit Wear-Ben Ewy
 - i. went live today with the web store, reported in today's enotes
 - ii. will also send out a flyer
 - iii. will close on 3-Feb
 - iv. included toddler t-shirt, fleece (at cost), graduation t-shirt
 - v. will include in Principal message
 - b. Science Olympiad-Erika Levin, Karin Sletten-Farjo, Yong Miao
 - i. Completing enrollment for S.O. Over 100 kids signed up. Closes on Jan 29th. Still need one coach for Barge Building. Practices start in Feb. New Head Coach has started (Yong).
 - c. PTO Council Rep- Jen McNamara

- i. Proposed handgun resolution - must vote as PTO and Jen will take the vote back to the February PTO Council Meeting.
- ii. note that language of actual bill is complex and long
- iii. majority will determine voice from King PTO
- iv. vote will be on "do we want concealed weapons in the school"
- v. if we vote "yes" - then this indicates we are in support of parents/teachers having concealed weapons in school
- vi. if we vote "no" - then this indicates we are NOT in support of concealed weapons at King Elementary.
- vii. Dr. Swift's (Superintendent) is against having concealed weapons at AAPS schools

Motion: To support Dr. Swift's stance to ban concealed weapons at King Elementary

Motion to approve: Karin Sletten-Farjo

second by: Laura Weintraub

vote: all approved, motion passed

- d. Math Club-Mahendra Muli, Jing Liu
 - i. Math Kangaroo contest is in mid-March and 55 King students signed up. grades 1-5
- e. International Night-Mithu De
 - i. Planning underway. Will be held February 27 at Pioneer High 7 pm.
- f. Community Action Network - updates on coat drive, gift drive
 - i. donated about 50 coats to Mitchell
 - ii. fulfilled all snowman gift requests
 - iii. future drives - book drive?
 - 1. Linda will follow-up on connecting with Mitchell re: book donations
- g. Book Fairs-Tomomi Kumagai, Suzanne Muenz , Carly Ly, Ping He
 - i. The library is in the process of ordering books using the \$5500 donation from the fall book fair.
 - ii. The spring book fair (used and Scholastic) is on March 15-17, ending on Thursday, due to a conflict with Friday assembly. Will have Bagel Thursday.
 - iii. Used books will be collected for 2 weeks starting Feb 29. We target 4000 items of books (for all ages) , games, CDs, DVDs.
 - iv. We will get a Scholastic dollar 2-fair bonus (at least \$500) and an option of getting 50% sales in Scholastic dollars or 25% in cash - or a combination of these two. Because every student gets free used books, we tend to sell less in the spring book fair. Have averaged about \$4,000 in sales.

need to decide - how we want to take the proceeds. in previous years, we have taken the money in cash. so these proceeds have been included in our budget as a source of revenue. the spring sale does not make a large impact. we discussed reaching out to Ms. Fitzpatrick (Tomomi will cover this) about the

status of books for the library and to get feedback from teachers (Linda Hagan will follow up on this)

- v. Remaining used items can be donated to representatives that can pickup on Thursday the 17th around 11-12pm (in the past - Jewish Community Center, Community Action Network) Please let us know of any groups looking for used books.

h. Bingo Night

- i. Thursday Jan 28th
- ii. will have three age groups
- iii. will have a bake sale (nut-free items)
- iv. Principal Cooper will the numbers
- v. need more volunteers - see links in eNotes and Newsletter

i. Bagel Friday - Sara Schneidewind, Sara Zocher

- i. Having a good turn out this year. Next one Fri Feb 5.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

a. Handgun Resolution

- i. voted - see above

b. Officers and committee chairs for next year

- i. recruit officers and committee chairs - will you be returning, trying something new, etc.
- ii. will post slate of Executive Committee in April, send an email to aakingpto@gmail.com

10. Meeting Adjournment @ 7:20 pm

- a. Motion to adjourn: Jen McNamara
- b. Seconded: Karin Sletten-Farjo