

## PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

18-October 2016

In attendance: Larissa Sano, Sara Schneidewind; Jen McNamara, Vitali Fedosov, Suzanne Muenz, Brian Weisman, Xikui Liu, Rochelle Taylor-Franklin, Shalini Jayasundera, Carly Ly, Marguerite Dillard, Ann Lin, Sarah Wentzloff, Talisha Sutton, Linda Hagan, Mary Cooper.

1. Called to order @ 6:36pm
2. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
  - a. Motion to approve minutes: Linda Hagan
  - b. Seconded: Brian Weisman
  - c. Vote: all "ayes"
3. Principal Report - Mrs. Cooper
  - a. Responsive classroom philosophy
  - b. Principal Cooper discussed the adoption of the responsive classroom at King
  - c. <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about/principles-practices/>
4. Teacher Report - Mrs. Hagan
5. Treasurer Report - Brian Weisman
  - a. Final numbers from last year resulted in an additional loss, so we ended up at a 13K loss. We did intend to spend down some of the surplus in the PTO account, because we had about 60 to 65K in the PTO account.
  - b. Part of this additional loss was due to a refund check from the auction (amounting to another 5K)
  - c. Brian presented the budget forecast for this year; as of now, we are projecting a 15K deficit
  - d. There are still many unknowns about the budget, especially in terms of revenue. Our current estimates are assuming the silent auction brings in about the same that it has in the past 3-4 years (i.e., we are not basing this off revenue from last year)
  - e. We also discussed that next year we should try to send out the PTO family request fund at a later date (not in that first week packet); parents at the meeting noted that it is overwhelming to get all of the information at one time; we discussed the opportunity to send the information out in the second week
  - f. We will likely do a second reminder, perhaps in the next few weeks; timing is important, because we use this information to help our projections
  - g. Our family donations have been down this year (and a bit last year)
  - h. We also noted that this would be helpful to do at **curriculum night** - and to note that the information will be going out; we also discussed the logistics of handling this, for example should we include flyers and handouts during curriculum night? There is a direct tie in to curriculum, through minigrants to teachers and to fund the field trips, etc
  - i. The PTO should do more messaging about what the funds go to, so families can understand the many ways in which the PTO supports King students

j. Could reach out to class reps, have them send out reminders, updates to families

Motion: to approve vote

Motion to approve: -Sarah Wentzlof

Seconded by: Suzanne Muenz

Vote: all "ayes"

## 6. Committee Reports

a. AAPAC (Parent Advisory Council)we have a chair: Rochelle

- i. Next AAPAC meeting takes place on November 7th at Slauson Middle School Media Center for Student Intervention and Support Services. Parents of students with an IEP can attend between 6:15 pm and 6:50 pm to meet with the SISS administrator team to ask questions and discuss concerns regarding their child's IEP plan or services.
- ii. October 3rd meeting summary and highlights:  
The special ed millage was passed on May 3rd.  
Graduation rate has increased for special education students.  
Dr. Swift discussed the district commitment to serve all students in AAPS
- iii. Goal is that every child is getting what they need to be fully engaged.
- iv. New things in progress: Peer mentorship programs and disability awareness workshops developing in schools across the district.

b. Academic Games-Vivian Lin

- i. N/A

c. Bagel Friday-Sara Schneidewind, Sara Zocher

- i. We had a great turn-out at the first Bagel Friday. Our next BF will be Friday, October 28
- ii. Planning to sell some spirit wear and raffle tickets (PTO Thrift Shop) at next event
- iii. Event starts at 8:10 am

d. Bingo Night - Jen McNamara

- i. No Report - will start looking at dates in near future

e. Book Fairs-Tomomi Kumagai ,Ann Lin, Leslie (?),

- i. The fall book fair is right around the corner, on the week after Thanksgiving. This year, in order to accommodate band practice, we will setup mostly on Tuesday (starting Monday at 3pm). We will have signup genius for volunteering.
- ii. We also would like to know what people thought about having the book fair during the November conferences next year. November is a busy month for Scholastic so we need to pencil in the dates ASAP. pros = people are already coming to the school for their meetings. Cons = lose the holiday sales and may lose some parent volunteers and may not have as many children accompanying parents;
- iii. We discussed that the cons may outweigh the pros, especially the holiday shopping opportunity.

- iv. Overall the sentiment seemed to be to stick with December date
- v. This year we will post earlier the teacher time slots, so parent volunteers can now sign up for when their children's class will be at the book fair
- f. Box Tops-Sara Robins
- g. Building Healthy Communities
- h. By Laws Interpretation-Jamie Haberichter
- i. Communications/Enotes-Kim Burton-Weisman
- j. Community Action- Larissa Sano
- k. Creative Writing Workshop
- l. Disability Awareness Coordinator-Pam McGuinty
  - i. DAW will be held on April 18th this year, please add this to the PTO calendar. Kate Baidel has graciously agreed to be co-coordinator to learn the ropes to take over for next year.
- m. Family 5K- Talisha Sutton
  - i. The 5K is this weekend, on Sunday
  - ii. Can still register and participate in the event
  - iii. Still looking for some volunteers to help
  - iv. Superhero theme; flyers were sent home to bring in funds to support Scarlett-Mitchell, which covers all of the items on the teacher's wishlist; kids were able to pick out items from a bin, so this helped
- n. First Day Packets- Sarah Wentzloff, Helen Kaplan
- o. Grade Level Rep-K- Carly Ly
- p. Grade Level Rep-1<sup>st</sup>- Jen McNamara
  - i. No Report
- q. Grade Level Rep-2<sup>nd</sup>-Shikha Marwah
- r. Grade Level Rep-3<sup>rd</sup>- Sara Schneidewind
- s. Grade Level Rep-4<sup>th</sup>-Sharon Qi
- t. Grade Level Rep-5<sup>th</sup>- Anita Shelgikar
- u. Grocery Cards
- v. Harvest Moon- Carrie Bora, Liz Batteh
- w. Ice Cream Social- Bing Yang, Monica Jones
- x. International Night- Marguerite Dillard
  - i. - show date : confirmed;  
- update on : number of enrolled kids;  
- nxt steps : practice start date.
  - ii. Already have 130 students sign up
  - iii. Sat Feb 11, 6 pm at Pioneer
  - iv. Practices will start the first week of November
  - v. Fewer performances this year; so far we have ten; and have a wait list of kids who want to be added to an event
  - vi. We need to encourage parents to volunteer, to sponsor more events; right now we do not have an representative dances from India or China

- vii. If we send out a list with the performances already planned, then other parents may step up
- viii. Discussed identifying a "bad weather date"
- y. Landscaping- Marguerite Dillard
- z. Learning Garden-Sara Zoher, Becky Locke, Neha Shah
- aa. Math Club- Shikha Marwa Fred Korley
  - i. We've had a very enthusiastic response. There are a total of 85 students enrolled. Classes start next week.
- bb. Enotes and Outdoor Sign-Kim Burton-Weisman
- cc. Popcorn Friday - Carrie Bora
- dd. PTO Thrift Shop Liaison-Sara Schneidewind
  - i. "Show Your Support" for King's Space Camp the week of Oct 23-29. Visit the thrift shop and vote for the Space Camp poster after you make your purchases so our programs can earn more funds.
  - ii. PTO Thrift shop is hosting a raffle; to support AAPS; we will sell tickets at Bagel Friday
- ee. PTO Council Rep- Beth Grzelak-Lee
  - i. Dr. Swift was not able to attend the first PTOC meeting, but she asked that her welcome video promoting the A2gether theme, be shared with us. (Link provided). The PTO Thrift Store is sponsoring its 2nd annual raffle. Tickets are \$5 each and the grand prize is \$1000, with several smaller cash prizes. Each school receives 50% of the proceeds from the tickets they sell.
  - ii. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sRPA1govQQ&feature=youtu.be>
- ff. Science Olympiad- Karin Sletten-Farjo, Yong Miao
  - i. Tournament date is Jun 3, 2017. No event information yet. We will start recruiting coaches once we know the events.
- gg. Silent Auction- Carrie Bora, Gayle Green
- hh. SIT Rep- Tim Pinto
  - i. Tuesday Oct 25 event - Math Night at King
  - ii. Need to sign up, a few spots are available
  - iii. Teachers will be presenting three workshops to help parents how to use curriculum technology to support kids in math at home
- ii. Space Camp - Neha Shah, Carrie Bora, Gayle Green, Stacey Hamill
- jj. Spirit Wear-Ben Ewy
  - i. Goal is to have product ready for Holiday gift giving. Working on additional graphics with Chien for this year and some new colors which will be ready to review at next PTO meeting if not sooner. We have some carry over product from last year that we can sell at events.
  - ii. We will be selling some spirit wear at Bagel Friday
- kk. Store Certificates
- ll. Student Directory-Sarah Wentzloff
- mm. Teacher Appreciation - Gayle Green

- nn. Traffic & Safety - have Chien and Rochelle as chairs
    - i. November is planned for Traffic and Safety Month - will need parent volunteers - please contact Rochelle for more information. Info Flyer design is pending final text edit and approval. Five Signal Wands were purchased
    - ii. Informational flyer for parents; getting final feedback
    - iii. Have signal wands for safety volunteers to use to help parents with visual cues
    - iv. We will have a push during this time to help instruct parents about what the safety rules are for traffic in/out of circle
    - v. This is especially important to do before the bad weather sets in
    - vi. Also discussed having principal cooper discuss this at assembly, so students will know rules and have responsibility to follow the rules
    - vii. Nov 4th, maybe Chien and Rochell can report at the assembly
    - viii. Remember: safety first (don't worry about being late!)
    - ix. Still a lot of safety violations; so we want to make sure kids stay safe
  - oo. Turkey Trot-Tim Pinto, Jamie Haberichter
    - i. Date has been set - 11/18/2016. Once date is closer and schedule is set, will send out volunteer sign-up sheet. Have begun process of soliciting donation from Busch's
  - pp. Volunteer Coordination
    - i. Volunteer interest Rosters are available committee chairs to view, chairpeople were unable to access them please talk to Sara S.
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Meeting Adjournment @7:46pm
- a. Motion to adjourn:Linda Hagan
  - b. Seconded:Jennifer McNamara