

Kloefkorn Elementary School

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2015

Our Mission

The purpose of the PTO is to enhance and support the educational experience at Kloefkorn School, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging family involvement, and to enrich the environment at Kloefkorn School through volunteer and financial support.

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order / Welcome (Sue Braun)
 - Guest speaker Stacy Schleusener, BIST Educational Consultant, will provide an overview of B.I.S.T - our behavior intervention plan at Kloefkorn School.
- New Business (PTO Members)
 - Set a date for a Committee Chair welcome meeting (Lisa/Shanti)
 - The date needs to be before October 12th. There will be an email regarding possible dates.
 - We need some representatives at the district PTO/A meetings each time. Someone from the board will attend but general members are also encouraged to attend. Please let the board know if you want to attend and we will get you an invite.
 - September 3, 7:00 pm - What is new and exciting at your school this year?
 - October 6, 7:00 pm - Outdoor classrooms and activities
 - November 9th, 7:00 pm - Money Matters: Best practices, fundraising, investing in your school and community.
- President's Report (Lisa Fruhling)
 - Girls on the Run at Kloefkorn is needing parent volunteers (Lisa)
- Treasurer's Report (Brian Agnew)
 - Brian presented a balanced budget to the general membership for comments.
 - Lisa reported that our fundraising plan for 2015-16 school year is more focused on family events that are fundraisers rather than a Chip Shoppe or other direct sales activity to give families a break from heavy fundraising events of the 2014-15 school year for the playground.
 - Fundraising activities will include affiliate programs, movie/skate nights, dine outs, and Janet's Jungle. The updated Amazon link will be posted on the Kloefkorn webpage in addition to PTO site and in the Chronicle each update.
 - Approval of 2015/16 Budget - It was moved, seconded and stands approved as written.
- Principal's Report (Sue Braun)
 - Kloefkorn by the numbers.
 - We opened with 332 kids and this year we have 496 students. This school is closed to transfer at all grade levels. The building is designed to add some additions on the wings and that will likely happen in the next 5 years. Next year's plan is TBA.

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- 343 unique families.
 - 7% free and reduced lunch program
 - 13% students of color
 - 15% HAL or gifted learners
 - 11% are special needs
 - 20% are here on permit; a nearly equal number live in the Kloefkorn attendance area and permit out
 - School achievement data has been published and will be published in the next Chronicle. Data should be examined in context. Staff has met and had an in-depth data review to look at those data and have set school improvement goals.
 - We have great scores and are happy, but not satisfied. All of our scores are above district average.
 - State assessments are given in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades
 - Our focus is for students to not just meet, but exceed standards. Our students, for the most part, come ready to learn and so we need to take them to the next level.
 - The district is implementing a district-wide composting program and they program will be coming the Kloefkorn.
- Teacher's Report (Rachel Johnson)
- Teachers thank the PTO and parents for the welcome back breakfast.
 - The year is off to a great start. There are many new staff members and everyone is getting to know each other. There have been comments about how welcoming the families are to the new staff members.
- Committee Reports (Shanti Gangadharan / Committee heads)
- Affiliate Programs
 - After School Programs
 - Forms will go out in Friday folders this week for the September 14-Thanksgiving.
 - Wide range of programming.
 - If you know of anyone who would like to teach a program, please contact Angela O'Neal. She has lots of ideas for clubs but is in need of teachers. PTO pays a stipend for time and materials.
 - Art Fair
 - Book Fair
 - Chelsea updated that Mrs. Steen has some volunteers already, but could use some more.
 - By-Laws
 - Directory

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- Look for the directory this fall as census forms are completed.
- Environment
- Friday Folders
 - Lots of volunteers for this and things are pretty set using the new VolunteerSpot system.
- Fun Night
 - Brian Agnew and Dee Toupin have agreed to coordinate the sub-committee chairs.
 - Shanti has found 40 volunteers from UNL so all parent support will be needed before or after the event, but families should be able to enjoy the event together rather than staff games/activities.
 - Food Trucks have been approved.
 - Can we incorporate the “fun night mascot” and dressing up ahead of time to build excitement.
- Fundraising
 - Janet’s Jungle - date TBA
 - Defy Gravity - \$13.95 per hour to jump. They will reduce to \$8.95 and we get a 10% kick back. Shooting for winter months.
 - Waffleman - art night April 21st.
 - Dine Outs - Katie Rallis will be taking this over. We want to do one per month.
 - TAGG - Dara presented on this. It works as an affiliate program. There is a TAGG app for your phone and you just shop as normal and ask to have your purchase “Tagged,” and choose your organization. The TAGG website has the complete list of participating businesses. www.togetheragreatergood.com. If you know of any businesses who would like to participate, please contact Dara.
 - Eileen’s Cookie Dough - buy 3 lb tubs for \$8.50 and sell for \$13.50
 - VI Pies around Thanksgiving
- Hospitality
 - Thank you for help with welcome back breakfast.
 - Next event is P/T conferences in October
- Membership
- Movie Night
 - Kaycee will work with Sue to set these dates.
 - There is not a nice new release for September. Big Hero 6, Box Trolls are possibilities.
 - Family Game Night in lieu of movie on September 18th. 7:00. We have some board games and we’ll encourage families to bring additional games.
- Picture Day
 - September 15th

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■ Re-takes on October 20th

■ All set on volunteers

Playground

Safety

School Celebrations

Science Fair

Spirit Wear

Yearbook

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