

Kloefkorn Elementary School

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2016

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.

Board Members present: Shanti Gangadharan, Emily Killham, Angela Korpas, Brian Agnew.

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order / Welcome (Shanti Gangadharan)
 - 6:34 p.m.
- Review/ Approval of minutes from prior meeting (Angela Korpas)
 - No modifications or amendments were made. Minutes were approved.
- New Business (PTO Members)
 - None.
- President's Report (Shanti Gangadharan)
 - Thank you to Megan Johnson for coordinating another great Fall Spirit Wear order! Some shirts ran small so next time note that on order form and/or display sample shirts for people to see. Emily will send a thank you to Megan.
 - Thank you to everyone for helping with Fun Night! Received a lot of great feedback and I've saved all the notes in google drive for next year. Shout out to all of our chairs - Angela Korpas, KayCee Wanser, Brian Agnew and Brian O'Neil, Emily Killham, Lindsay Burkey, Dara Buckendahl, Kirsten Loch and all of their committees.
 - Could I get the silent auction forms from someone so that I can document the final price on everything?
 - Any other feedback that comes to mind? Face painting line moved slowly.
 - Thank you to Chelsea Wu and her volunteers for coordinating this year's Book Fair. Mrs. Mason De Cruz gave us a report that we sold about \$5,000 worth of books and about \$2,000 is going to the Kloefkorn library as a combination of cash and scholastic dollars. 52 books were donated by families to teachers. Thanks again to everyone for their support and generosity.
 - Thank you to Jeni David for organizing another great meal for our teachers at parent teacher conference.
 - We needed more hot food items. Maybe we should budget more money for hot food items and have volunteers supply the rest of the meal, or maybe be more specific on what the hot entree should be. We could also try Goodcents. It was decided to spend the budget we have and we'll make it work.
 - Thank you to Jill Swank and Christy Rohe for helping with the Directory. Everything went out this month.
 - We do have extras available for purchase and PTO membership in the

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- office.
 - We have a correction that will be going out in Friday folders to the PTO members that received a directory.
 - Brian O: Need help sending an email to those folks via mail chimp
- Skate zone was fun and had a decent showing! Next one is in the winter.
 - **Announce Skate Night in morning announcements to remind students.**
- Reminders
 - 10/28 Movie Night - Hotel Transylvania 7:00 PM
 - **November**
 - 11/1 Picture Retakes
 - 11/2 Mr. Goodcents Dineout
 - 11/9 Mr. Goodcents Dineout
 - 11/10 PTO Board meeting 6:30 PM Conference Room
 - 11/16 Mr. Goodcents Dineout
 - 11/22 Pointettias and Cactus Sale orders are due
- Treasurer's Report (Brian Agnew)
 - Fun Night
 - Brought in roughly \$14,000 and expenses were roughly \$4,200, so a \$9-10,000 profit. Last year we made around \$12,000; the difference was that the silent auction profit was less this year. There will be lots of bills to be paid soon.
 - Poinsettia and Cactus Sale Nov/Dec
 - Doing this Fundraiser instead of Village Inn pies. A flyer will be sent out November 4th. This is a 2-week sale so the last order needs to be in by November 22nd. Brian Agnew will check to see if we can change drop off and pickup to Friday December 9th, rather than Saturday to avoid extra custodian hours. We can put the plants in the Attica room and could possibly sell the extras at movie night.
 - There is a question on the Summer Media Program bill and the bike rack/cement slab bill and Brian Agnew will look into these.
 - The distribution to teachers for field trips of \$7 per kid will continue and is in the budget.
- Principal's Report (Tonya Jolley)
 - Report cards are done. Cogat Testing in the next weeks for 3rd , 4th, and 5th grade. Kindergarten is taking a field trip to Roca Berry Farm and 3rd graders to Prairie Land Farms. Picture retake is Nov. 1st. The drive for recess equipment for our sister school Riley Elementary is not going well - maybe need to explain more about what a sister school is and also send out the PTO-affiliate link on amazon for parents to purchase and have items be sent directly to school. Later in the year we'll have a blanket drive - maybe our kids could do fleece tie-blankets or a quilt. This is a lesson on service to our community.
 - Jump Rope for Heart

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- It's organized and will be held January 9-13.
- LPS strategic plan
 - Mrs. Jolley gave a report of the current state of the District and the development of the District's next strategic plan. Lanny Boswell, School Board Member for our area of Lincoln, was present. As part of developing the next strategic plan, Mrs. Jolley will be sending out surveys for parent feedback and LPS will host public sessions to discuss. LPS plans to get feedback from parents, students and teachers. Can find information on the strategic plan on lps.org.
- Messengers/AM announcements
 - 11/4, 11/17 - Poinsettia and Cactus Sale order forms due on 11/18
 - 10/28 - Movie night reminder Hotel Transylvania!
 - 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 - come have Dinner with your Kloefkorn friends at Mr. Goodcents!
- Teacher's Report (Rachel Johnson)
 - None.
- Committee Reports (Scott Zager / Committee heads)
 - Affiliate Programs
 - After School Programs
 - Might need to cancel a few classes for 3-5 grades due to lack of interest (Art 3-5, Jazz Dance, Yoga).
 - Art Fair
 - Book Fair
 - By-Laws
 - Directory
 - Environment
 - Composting
 - Started on 10/19
 - Kids are adjusting to the new system well
 - Initial diversion numbers are ~70%
 - Brian O'Neal wants to make a video of how the process works and how it comes full circle
 - Bento Boxes
 - Brian O'Neal investigating options for a PTO-sponsored Kloefkorn-themed Bento boxes
 - Community Garden
 - Brian O'Neal attending second quarter Sustainability Meeting focusing on implementing Community Gardens
 - 3rd-5th Loop
 - Our custodians cleaned it up, but it still needs more love.
 - Friday Folders
 - Fun Night

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- Fundraising
- Hospitality
- Membership
- Movie Night
 - Buckets in and look good, might need extra \$10's for movie night.
- Picture Day
- Playground
- Safety
- School Celebrations
 - Fall Celebrations coming up and need to start organizing since we don't have committee chairs
 - Scott - could you reach out to folks and/or teachers to see who we can round up?
 - Need to order food/drinks soon.
- Science Fair
- Spirit Wear
- Technology
 - Brian O'Neal is testing Xero to keep track of online transactions. The cost would be \$6.75/month if we adopt it.
- Yearbook
 - New Picture Submission Option on PTO website. After finalized, Emily will publicize.
- Unfinished Business (PTO Members)
 - PTO Closet and shelf - Brian O, Need help?
 - Will purchase soon, and will let Shanti know if need help assembling.
 - Yearbook pictures and storage - Brian O
 - Mail Chimp Education - Brian O
 - 12/8 Board meeting need to move b/c of concert
 - Moved to December 1st.
- Announcements
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- Speaker
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- Adjourn
 - 8:06 p.m.