

Kloefkorn Elementary School

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting Agenda

March 23, 2017

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 (Shanti Gangadharan)
 - 6:32 p.m.
 - Officers present: Shanti Gangadharan, Emily Killham, Angela Korpas, Brian O'Neal and Brian Agnew.
- Review/ Approval of minutes from prior meeting (Angela Korpas)
 - No modifications or amendments were made. Minutes were approved.
- New Business (PTO Members)
 - PTO Board Officer Slate
 - President: Emily Killham
 - President Elect: Shanti Gangadharan
 - Vice President: Angela Korpas
 - Secretary: Trisha Wiebusch
 - Treasurer: KayCee Wanser, Chris Doell
 - Technology: Brian O'Neal
 - If there are no contested spots for the slate, can do a voice vote at our next meeting.
- President's Report (Shanti Gangadharan)
 - Art Night Update - Raffle to be run by Girl Scouts. April 20th. Waffleman profit will go to the PTO General Fund, the raffle directed towards playground. Friday Folder flyer will be sent out soon. Emily Killham will be handling Waffleman, Mounted artwork.
 - Color Run Update - Raffle items donated by First Plymouth Church. May 13th. A couple Moms will help getting snacks - OJ, coffee, etc. Shanti Gangadharan will reach out to Neighborhood Community HOA's to advertise event.
 - Thank you to Chelsea Wu for all of her efforts with the Book Fair last month!
 - Thank you to Jen Thompson for another great Science Fair!
 - General information (including job openings) can be found at SparkSummer.org. A few details are that our supervision hours are from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. with programming hours from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. There are several sessions to fit various families needs.
 - Registration is open for Session 1. This option is a 10-week program that runs Monday through Friday. Families may choose to enroll in this session part-time which allows them to attend Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 - Session 2 and 3 are four-week drop-in sessions with enrollment

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limited to 20. Enrollment opens April 4.

- Session 2 is May 29-June 23
- Session 3 is July 10-August 4

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack will be provided.

- Treasurer's Report (Brian Agnew)
 - Current Financial Position. We are in a good financial position - \$16,430 in bank, with things outstanding a \$13,434 projected balance.
- Principal's Report (Tonya Jolley)
 - Earth Day cleanup will be Saturday, April 22nd, 9-12. Grounds Crew was here cleaning up debris and prepping. The 3-5 loop area will be built up and planted with grass seed or sod. 30 yards of mulch will be delivered for Earth Day, we can have more if we need it. Mrs. Jolley sent out a message about traffic safety. She also spoke with TLP, who agreed to be under Kloefkorn's PTO. Angela O'Neal can contact them and discuss. Nesa testing is coming up and report cards next Friday. Some staffing changes will be announced in Kloefkorn Chronicle, including the departures of: Mr. Palmberg, Mrs. Samuelson, Mrs. Forsman, and Mrs. Deans. These job positions were posted this week.
- Teacher's Report (LeKeisha Howe)
 - Thanks for providing Substitutes for testing. 2 days were split into 4 half-days (mornings). Mrs. Howe completed 17/26 DRA's done in her time. The sub allowed her to have her a quiet space to do the testing, without interruption, which is also good for student. First grade also did the 4 half days, and they completed half of their DRA's. Mrs. Howe reported that having the sub in the 1st quarter, when everything is new, and 4th quarter, would be especially helpful. If each teacher could have one full day of sub time, that would be great. Teachers could not do testing during the last 45 minutes of the sub time because kids left and went to recess/lunch. (sub leaves at 11:30 and lunch/recess at 10:45). A sub is very helpful for younger grades because a lot of testing is done in these grades and not a lot of independence in students.
- Committee Reports (Brian O'Neal/ Committee heads)
 - Affiliate Programs
 - After School Programs
 - 36 kids enrolled so far; \$1,640. Angela O'Neal will do an end of year report on the ASP's.
 - Art Fair
 - Book Fair - Our total sales equalled \$4131.23, which earns us 50% profit! So we had a take-away of around \$2000, which will be put towards books, online databases, and other library resources. We also had 43 books donated to classroom libraries.
 - By-Laws
 - Directory
 - Environment

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- Starting classroom/bathroom composting. Mrs. Jolley will ask Brittney to come back and retrain teachers on this.
- Friday Folders
- Fun Night
- Fundraising
 - JJ Update \$2,800 in sales as of 3/19/17
 - Art Night 4/20/17 5-8, Waffleman and raffle
- Hospitality
- Membership
- Movie Night
- Picture Day
- Playground
- Safety - Please follow drop off and pick up procedures. Maybe talk with students about safety rules, Mrs. Jolley has started opening doors for kids, etc.
- School Celebrations
- Science Fair
- Spirit Wear
- Technology
 - Brian O'Neal met with Mrs. Mason-D'Croze, Mrs. Steen and Mrs. Jolley about developing a maker space and other technology. They'll be putting together a wish list of items that the PTO might be able to provide funding to purchase, to put into budget for next year.
- Yearbook.
 - Will be submitted to Mrs. Jolley for review this week. Not sure if photos are done and in - Mrs. Jolley will check with Jennie Wood.
- Unfinished Business (PTO Members)
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- Announcements
 - **March**
 - 3/23 PTO General Meeting, **Finalized Officer Slate**, 6:30 PM Media Center
 - 3/24 Movie Night - Moana 7pm
 - **April**
 - 4/3 Runza Dine Out
 - 4/6 PTO Board meeting 6:30 PM Conference Room
 - 4/20 Art Night and Waffleman (5-8)
 - 4/26 Last PTO General Meeting, **Board Elections**, 6:30 PM Media Center***Wednesday***
 - 4/28 Janet's Jungle set-up in Gym
 - 4/29 Janet's Jungle Pick-up and Sale 9 AM – 1 PM
 - **May**
 - 1st week in May Staff Appreciation Week
 - 5/4 Kindergarten Orientation 6 PM

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- 5/4 PTO Board meeting 6:30 PM Media Center Room
- 5/13 Kloefkorn Kilometer Color Run and Bike Rodeo 9 – 11 AM (5/20 rain out date)
- **July**
Star City Shores - date TBD
- **Speaker**
 - Dr. Czaplá - Moore middle school principal. Information on the new Copple Family YMCA was provided by Chris Klingenberg and Melissa Kinzie. The facility will open May 1st and will have a partnership with the school and build the community. The Y is open to new ideas, such as a Kloefkorn Family Night at the Y. Dr. Czaplá noted that safety will be a priority at the Y/School; the two different parts of the building will be kept safe. Drop-off policies will need to be obeyed. Have looked to the Fallbrook Y/School Middle School and received ideas from them. Dr. Czaplá presented a slide show on the building. There will be lots of natural light and each grade will have a different floor; definitely 6th grade will be separate. The school's namesake, Dr. Marilyn Moore, plans to be at lots of events. The building has 4 gyms, nice security features, a large commons area/cafeteria. Dr. Czaplá is looking at different music options, for example a digital music program with UNL. There are 934 lockers and will be around 300 kids the first year. The design of the school incorporates the ideas of trying to encourage students to think differently in different areas of building as well as have movement during the day. May wait a semester or more to incorporate swimming pool in curriculum. Will prepare meals for 5 or 6 Elementary schools onsite. Hiring for next school year has begun - very talented, dedicated people. Dr. Czaplá noted his belief in "The Innovator's Mindset" - by George Couros - teachers who build trust, encourage students, encourage risk taking in their learning and allow them to experience failure and be challenged. Would like his Parent Organization to have parent involvement by having parent expertise in our building. The day will be 8-2:58 with a 30 minute lunch w/recreation time. World language offered will be Spanish, might add a second in the 3rd year. Will offer some after-school Art and Stem programs for students. Maker Space depends on what students are working on, themes that run through content, and he will rely on parents to drive this. Possibility of using a laser cutter. There will be a big push of getting/keeping young women involved in Science, Math. Dr. Czaplá acknowledged the concerns of parents from this neighborhood about their children getting to school safely by bicycle and he encouraged parents to call Star Tran about a bus pickup. Dr. Czaplá will speak with our School Board Rep about this and he encouraged parents to as well. A valid concern, need to look at options.
 - Adjourn
 - 8:20 p.m.