

Kloefkorn Elementary School

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting Agenda

December 14, 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

Board Members present: Emily Killham, KayCee Wanser, Erin Schroeder, Shanti Gangadharan, Angela Korpas

- Call to Order / Welcome (Emily Killham)
 - 6:34 p.m.
- Review/ Approval of minutes from prior meeting (Angela Korpas)
 - Approved.
- President's Report (Emily Killham)
 - We made \$522 from the Cactus/Poinsettia sale. Fall parties went well. Emily Killham will contact the Science Fair Chair to communicate that we need to let families know about the event about 6 weeks before, so maybe info flyers should go in the Friday folder right after Winter Break. Teachers could help advertise the event as well. We still need a Chair for Art Night, Emily Killham will see if person who emailed interest in being on next year's board would be interested in Chairing this. Also, could look to list of people who indicated interest in helping with Art Night. Amy Blomenberg will partner with Emily Killham to do a program for parents on Technology safety/education, most likely presented by someone from LPS and possibly done during a Movie Night. Emily Killham met with Chris Poltz, Elementary Technology Representative and he mentioned that there is an Infotec website with lots of tech info that would be helpful for parents. Emily Killham will add a Technology corner to the Chronicle, to guide parents to the Infotec website. Other good tech resources for Parents include Common Sense Media and NSTeens.org for youth.
- Treasurer's Report (KayCee Wanser)
 - We received a \$500 check from Walmart, from KayCee's grant request. The Cactus/poinsettia sales money is in, as is most Dine Out money - KayCee will get outstanding Dine Out money soon.
- Principal's Report (Polly Bowhay)
 - The 1st Semester ending, and there will be lots of testing before break. The three school concerts went well, and we'll have a Holiday sing-a-long before the break.
- Teacher's Report (Mrs. Riley)
 - 5th grade - we have 5 Field Trips in the 2nd semester. We will have the Science Fair in the Spring and will use PTO money towards that - thank you for the PTO funds.
- New Business (PTO Members)
 - Update from Shanti on District PTO Fundraising Fair

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- Shanti Gangadharan learned of some great ideas: Lost in Fun, Class Bundle (a startup through Nelnet), Kona Ice with a 30% match, etc. Board can review options next semester and see which we can do. We could also partner with the new business (kids' fun center) opening on 70th and Van Dorn, in former Russ's space.
- Update from Emily on Curriculum Council
- KayCee Wanser talked with LPS Risk Management about the concerns with our Field Area. Concerned parents can call LPS Operations about this. Would Mr. Schmeackle want to use the outdoor Field area if it were in better shape? Mrs. Bowhay will ask him.
- Mrs. Swiatek reported that a 2nd grade teacher has been hired to replace Mrs. Beckman for 2nd Semester. A new para has been hired as well.
- Committee Reports (Committee heads)
 - **Affiliate Programs**
 - More people using the better Amazon link; it's pinned on the fb page and PTO homepage and listed in the Chronicle.
 - **After School Programs**
 - Spring Programs have been set up.
 - **Art Fair**
 - Still looking for a Chair. Emily Killham will ask Tara if she is interested.
 - Book Fair
 - By-Laws
 - Directory
 - Environment
 - Fifth Grade Celebrations
 - Friday Folders
 - Fun Night
 - Fundraising
 - Hospitality
 - Membership
 - **Movie Night**
 - Not a great movie choice in January - we could skip that month.
 - Picture Day
 - **Playground**
 - Susan Stibal has an estimate for a playground addition.
 - Safety
 - **School Celebrations**
 - Fall parties went great.
 - **Science Fair**
 - Need to distribute info about the Fair earlier than last year.
 - Spirit Wear
 - **Yearbook**

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- Cover design has been selected. If you take photos on a Field Trip, send to Katie Thimmesch. yearbook@kloefkornpto.org. Send a full resolution photo.
- Unfinished Business (PTO Members)
 - Custodial staff is working extra hard this month - next year we need to plan better and not have concerts and movie night the same week. Also, Kim has been out on family leave so remaining staff has been working longer hours. Angela Korpas will give a Holiday gift to Custodial staff before break.
 - Kindergarten K/1st grade, maybe 2nd will use a substitute during 4th quarter testing in the Spring.
 - Erin Schroeder reported that the Kloefkorn/Strong Kids Event at the Copple YMCA will be March 3rd at 7 p.m. The entire facility will be open, we can bring in board games, etc. Erin will speak with Mr. Schmeckle on how to get kids excited about the event, maybe some sort of game tournament with final competition at the Y. Not sure if we'll offer meals because it starts at 7, but maybe do Kona Ice (it doesn't stain floors).
- Announcements
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- Speaker
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- Adjourn
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- Calendar

December

12/14 December Board/General Meeting

12/19 Don & Millie's Dine Out