

Kruse Elementary PTO
Jan. 11, 2021
Conducted via Zoom

In attendance: Megan Kirk, Jessica Harral, Kirk Samples, Ryan Lynch, Charlene Olms, Bria, Kristen White, Jessica Mikunda Tim Smyser

1. Call to Order
2. Review Minutes of Dec. 2020 meeting:
 - a. Motion to approve: Charlene
 - b. Second: Jessica
3. Old Business
 - a. Giving tree:
 - i. Great success
 - ii. Kudos to Natasha and Mr. Anderson
 - iii. Gift cards were a bit lighter than desired; potentially seek second round of distribution
 - b. After school program – Jessica
 - i. STEM club led by Jessica every Monday
 1. 8-10 kids interested in more information
 2. 3 kids showed up for roller coasters
 3. Second session scheduled for MLK day to explore density and hot air balloons
 - ii. Art club with Mr. Montgomery still pending
 - c. School Fundraiser – Megan
 - i. Tie in more closely with Read-A-Thon
 - ii. Different incentive structure
 1. More raffle prizes
 - iii. Will use PledgeStar again
 - iv. Include everyone in raffle with bookmark competition
 1. Students only have to bring back their bookmarks to be entered into raffle
4. New Business
 - a. Principal's report- Kirk
 - i. Getting prepared for return to school
 - b. Teachers input on ways to spend fundraising money – Megan
 - i. Suggestions:
 1. New blinds
 2. Currently have \$10,000 allocated for marquee and staff lounge
 3. Staff lounge needs:
 - a. Dishwasher
 - b. Microwave
 - ii. Budgeted funds to be tied to earning this year as we might expect lower earnings

- c. Spirit Wear/T-shirts – Bria
 - i. Online vendor provides ‘storefront’
 - ii. Hoody, short-sleeve tee shirt, dry-fit tee shirt
 - iii. Delivery to home (with fee for shipping) or to school (for free)
 - iv. Able to personalize
 - 1. e.g., names on the back
 - v. Will not generate any revenue for PTO
 - 1. All fees to go to the vendor
 - vi. Vendor recommends opening/hosting shop for ~2 weeks
 - vii. 3 weeks for merchandise to be delivered
 - d. Book bowl – Jessica
 - i. Book bowl curriculum dated, purchased from school in Ohio ~20 years ago
 - ii. Battle of the Books curriculum
 - 1. October to March
 - 2. New reading list every year
 - 3. Winning team from Kruse would go on to compete within District
 - 4. Cost to Kruse ~\$25
 - 5. Would need to cover books:
 - a. Current budget ~\$150/year
 - b. Battle of Books cost for 3rd through 5th would be ~\$300
 - 6. Modification for Kruse this year:
 - a. No district competition
 - b. Open to PSDV
 - c. Virtual team meetings
 - e. Family Fun Night/Dance Party- Jessica
 - i. Mr. King is running with virtual dance party
 - 1. Wednesday January 13th @ 6:30
 - ii. February 3rd – Community Connection
 - 1. Make Valentine’s and candies for assisted living facility
5. Yearbook – Kristen
- a. Skillman
 - b. Retakes haven’t happened yet
 - c. Software has been challenging
 - d. Christie worked with 5th grade while in Stage 3 this fall
 - e. Mr. Montgomery to add student art
 - f. Reach out to virtual student to allow PSDV students to opt in
 - g. Dropbox link
6. Adjournment
7. Next PTO Meeting will be held via Zoom on Feb. 8, 2021 from 6pm to 7pm