

Kruse Elementary PTO
October 11, 2021

Participants: Megan Kirk, Rochelle Reynolds, Kirk Samples, Anna Becerra, Jen Koerlin, Charlene Olms, Christi Chicco, Natascha Palmer, Jennifer Booker, Mica Rogers, Jessica Harrel, and Tim Smyser

1. Call to Order
 - a. Approve minutes:
 - i. Rochelle, Anna second
2. Old Business
 - a. Staff Appreciation - food for conferences – Megan
 - i. Went very well, food was great
 - b. Amazon Lists – Megan
 - i. Teachers continue to populate lists
 - c. Car Wash – Anna
 - i. Good participation
 - ii. >600 cars (better than average)
 - d. Skate Night – Megan
 - i. Still waiting on check
 - ii. Not many kids wearing stickers
 1. Stickers may not have been distributed
 - iii. Upcoming skate nights in January 28 and April 22
 - iv. Maybe add face painting or dress up theme
 - v. Closed to Kruse community made it fun – connecting with friends, families
3. Other business
 - a. Principal Report
 - i. Need to go diagnosis-free for 28 days (October 22) to be removed from Larimer County outbreak list, but have been progressing through that time frame without cases
 - b. Treasurer Report
 - i. All bills are paid up
 - ii. Chipotle revenue \$744.74
 - iii. Kruse has the coolest newsletters
 - c. Book Fair - Charlene
 - i. Looking like a virtual book fare once again as too much is up in the air and Library staff cannot conduct a in-person fair without volunteer support (volunteers would be prohibited if still in outbreak status)
 1. In-person: \$7000 - \$9000 in sales with ~50% coming back to school as Scholastic dollars
 2. Virtual: ~\$1000 last year with lower rate returned to the school in Scholastic dollars
 - d. Giving Tree – Natascha
 - i. Hoping for in-person Giving Tree but with a 'hybrid' option of having packages shipped directly to Natascha's home
 - ii. Virtual Giving Tree went well but gift cards were limiting in that working through Amazon did not provide a good system for providing grocery or gas gift cards, etc.

1. If we go virtual, will need to move timeline two weeks to accommodate shipping delays, etc.
 2. Could potentially add 'grocery gift card' to Amazon wish list
 - iii. Gift wrapping:
 1. Girl scouts interested in helping
- e. Spirit Wear Update – Bria
 - i. Very successful year with 98 orders
 - ii. Quality seems to be exceptional
 - iii. Another order planned for after the holidays
 - iv. Natascha interested in prices as her company might be able to reduce price by selling near cost
- f. Directories – Jessica
 - i. Still working through kindergarten
 - ii. Should go out this week
- g. Battle of the Books – Jessica
 - i. Received booklist
 1. Kruse fee has been paid (Pam)
 - ii. District starts now through early-March
 1. No district competition
 2. Kruse to run 'Battle' from March – early-May
 - a. Traditional timeframe used at Kruse
- h. Spring Kona Ice – Jessica
 - i. Suggestions:
 1. Front runners:
 - a. Day before the last day of school (Tuesday)
 - b. Last Friday of school
- i. Yearbook –
 - i. Mr. Montgomery to sponsor club
 1. Same website to upload/submit photos for use in yearbook
- j. Lego Robotics Club – Megan
 - i. Proposed by Monte King
 - ii. PTO to serve as financial pass through
 - iii. Start at the beginning of calendar year
- k. Staff Lounge – Megan
 - i. ~\$1600 in available funds for the staff lounge
 1. Anna to head up committee
 - a. Seeking dishwasher
 - b. To survey teachers to inquire desires and solicit teacher involvement in 'renovations'
- l. Recess/Sports equipment – Megan
 - i. \$750 allocated + funds raised through Noodles and Company
 - ii. Megan has received feedback from teachers regarding what might be needed

4. Adjournment

- a. Next PTO Meeting will be held Nov. 8, 2021 location TBD