

Kruse PTO meeting
February 4th 2020

In attendance: Karen Slocum, Ryan Lynch, Charlene Olms, Tiffany Burns, Tessa McMahon, Rochelle Reynolds, Julia Modest, Megan Kirk

- Megan moved to approve January meeting minutes, Charlene seconded.
- Discussed old business:
 - Skate night brought in \$350- Discussed whether or not we should increase the number of skate nights during the 2020-2021 school year. A few parents have asked if we were having more this year and a few people have mentioned that Kruse in the past had more than 2. Agreed to have at least 3 next year.
 - Megan mentioned that she will resume research regarding ByLaws and obtaining our own tax exempt number till after the fundraiser.
 - Asked if anyone has any leads on our next treasurer. No one had. Mentioned we should use social media to advertise for the position.
- New Business:
 - Mr. Anderson and snack budget. It has come to Charlene's attention that Mr. Anderson has been purchasing snacks with his own money. These snacks are used in the nurse's office for kids who need a snack due to various issues. We agreed that Mr. Anderson can turn in his receipts and we will reimburse him out of our general fund. We briefly mentioned that we might evaluate the budget and if in future years we can help more teachers out who purchase snacks for the kids in the class that need them.
 - Spirit Wear- A new order form will be going out in March, it will be with a new company and have more variety to choose from.
 - Staff Appreciation: Reported by Tiffany
 - There is a very lean volunteer base for the days of service, she will sort the volunteers with homerooms first and then special teachers. We do have 3 OtterBox people coming to help for 6-8 hours.
 - Tessa will send out request for Staff Appreciation to all PTO volunteers
 - We also have very few gift cards for the gift card pull on Friday. Discussed posting on social media specifically requesting gift cards and expressing need.
 - Tiffany will consider sending out a text blast for the gift cards or service volunteers closer to the event.
 - Yearbook: It is reported that to pay for all 5th graders to receive a year book it would cost \$1,610. Their current budget is \$800 but according to last year that budget was completely used. Megan proposed and moved to reallocating the \$1500 excess from Giving Tree budget to the Yearbook budget so that we can purchase the 5th grade yearbooks. Julie seconded.

- Kindergarten Meet and Greet: Bria Berger would like to create a summer event to have the incoming Kindergarteners have a meet and greet type event so that the kids can meet each other before school starts. She has done this in the past with her older son and organized it through next door. She is asking if we might be able to plan this event and all incoming kindergarten families will receive an email about it. Megan will follow up with Kirk and or Pam in the office to see if this would be possible. Bria and her husband have agreed to head up the event for the upcoming year.
- Fundraiser: Megan passed out the packet that each family will get and asked that they review it, they had some feedback and Megan will make adjustments.
 - Feb. 28th kick off assembly
 - Feb 28th- March 11th active fundraising
 - Feb. 13th - Day of the Read-a-thon and ending assembly where Mr. Samples, Ms. Sander and Mr. Anderson will get slimed if we meet our \$17,300 goal.
 - Megan and Tessa will be discussing volunteer needs for the week of the fundraisers.
- Other Business: Mr. Lynch mentioned 5th grade promotion and if there is a simpler way of getting reimbursed for the event. He mentioned that there are restrictions on what we are allowed to buy for the event. We will need to consult with the treasurer to figure out details about this event.
- Upcoming events:
 - Staff appreciation 2/10-2/14
 - Bingo - 2/21
 - Read-a- thon kick off - 2/28
 - March PTO meeting - 3/3