

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes for 10/15/2018

In attendance: Jen McNamara, Carly Ly, Hin Yu, Valerie Cuda, Harrison Metzler, Jas Kalsi, Haleh Najafi, Tarun Gehani, Mandy Hutton, Marguerite Dillard, Baris Ozgurel, Tim Pinto, Alfhildur Kristjandottir.

1. Called to order: 6:35pm
2. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes - Ms. Hagan,
3. Motion to approve minutes:
 - a. Seconded: Carly Ly
 - b. Vote: All Aye
4. Principal Report - Mrs. Cooper - Asked to report on the playground status. Looks like we have some very large orange pumpkins growing on the playground. Many students have had concerns about favorite items leaving, but many of those are staying. Not quite sure of the end date, but looks like it will be completed this year. Also wanted to say that Carly Ly, Jennifer Cole and Mrs. Cooper were able to talk about Anti Bullying Club and tool for supporting children to stand up against bullying. New vice principal Halabu is really acclimating well and getting to know the students well and our practices here at King.
5. Teacher Report - Mrs. Hagan - As always, so appreciative for all the support from the PTO. Mrs. Hagan got to play Gaga ball for the first time and really loved it, even after getting out pretty quickly. Kids need their four square lines back! Maybe Mrs. Cooper who did the line up lines! So appreciative of the support.
6. CAN - Harrison Metzler - New site director at Green Baxter Court. GBC has 8 students who currently attend at King and attend the after school program at GBC. At this program students get dinner and homework support, free time, reading and then depending on the day there may be an enrichment activity - maybe gym night, or learning cooking etc. So lots of activities for the King kids. Also have the summer program for 6 weeks which is an educational summer camp. This past year it was all about using technology, this year it will be about food. Only one aspect of CAN - work with families on housing stabilization to prevent client evictions, make sure they have support via the food pantry, community building, to support budgeting/bill pay, have resident council meetings to support community needs. At the end of this month CAN will host a Halloween party at another site - there are 4 total. Just wanted to connect their services with opportunities here at King - and that is part of this role - to support the best experience while they are here at King and at GBC. Also acts as a school liaison for all students, so can check to make sure getting supports that they need, etc. Everyone who participates in CAN improves at least a letter grade. 88% of our students last year had an A or B average. So our goal is to support them via our organization. Q: What as a community can we do to support the kids who come to King or other members of the GBC community? A: Covering costs for field trips (already paid for by PTO). Mrs. Hagan: One thing that may come up is bringing lunch on field trips...could we provide some kind of lunch from home, rather than getting the take away lunch from the cafeteria. Harrison - any other activities that come up, we want to make sure that they can participate. Q: What about recorders in 5th grade? A: We do photos, bagel bucks, etc. Q: What about after school? Can they come to after school events? A: Would be helpful to have a calendar of events to include in the CAN newsletter - that way

transportation and chaperones can be provided. We will get you access to the calendar. Mary will work with Harrison as well.

7. Treasurer Report - Tim Pinto - First year as treasurer, prior treasurer has his own financial company, so Tim is a figurehead. The main focus should be on the second column, titled "Budget". First section shows our fundraising goals for the year. So far have about \$5600 in Parent Contributions, with a goal of \$15,000 by year end. We are on pace (about \$200 more) than this time last year. We will have an payment link in the next eNotes so that parents can pay by credit card. Total income is about \$70,000, minus costs of goods sold, equally the \$56,000. The next section is outflows. \$17,350 for field trips. We will not have the Lexia cost, per the district, since they will be paying for that and that will return the \$5184 to our budget. Next items are mini grants for teachers to support classroom teachers. We want the teachers to make the decisions about how to use these monies for their classrooms. There are also budgets for each committee. Numbers of prior years have been kept in as place holders, so probably won't spend all of the money listed there. We are a pass through for Space Camp. We never spend all of the money that we have budgeted. Tim is actually very satisfied with the \$7000 number for the deficit - and thinks we may not have this. Also have an overflow savings account to support any additional needs that come up. Motion to approve the budget: Linda, Second: Alfildur, Votes: All Aye.

8. Committee Reports

- a. AAPAC (Parent Advisory Council) - Liz Batteh - None
- b. Academic Games - Vivian Lin -
- c. Bagel Friday-Cori Peng and Jas Kalsi - WAS AMAZING! We had a huge turnout for Bagel Friday and we had a kiosk set up for the purchase of bagel bucks. We have also talked with someone who thinks that they can get us a lower rate at Bagel Fragel, which will help to offset costs to the PTO and support fundraising efforts. Next bagel friday is November 9.
- d. Bingo Night - Jen McNamara - No Report
- e. Book Fairs - Mandy Hutton, Dana Habers, Lisa Mitchell, Gayle Green - No real update at this point, slowly building up and will be calling out for volunteers at the next meeting. Actual book fair is first full week of December.
- f. Box Tops - **OPEN POSITION** - None
- g. By Laws Interpretation - Jamie Haberichter - None.
- h. Communications/Enotes - Fernanda Pires - None.
- i. Community Action Network Liaison - We have a potential liaison to work with Harrison to communicate any needs to the school via CAN>
- j. Disability Awareness Coordinator- Katie Baidel - The Disability Awareness Workshop is a one-day program to teach 4th graders an empathetic understanding of physical, developmental, and learning disabilities. The hands-on program is designed to help students understand how difficult and complex daily living can be for individuals with diverse abilities. The workshop helps build a culture of understanding that is invaluable. Through experience, our students can learn that all individuals deserve respect no matter how they may look, act,

walk, or talk. We need volunteers to make this day a success! It will be Wednesday, November 14.

- k. First Day Packets - No Report
- l. Grocery Cards - **OPEN POSITION**
- m. Harvest Moon - Renee Tall - Harvest Moon Festival is Wednesday, October 24th 5:30-7:30PM in the King Multipurpose Room and Learning Garden. Dinner will be available for purchase. Please join us in celebrating harvest festivals from around the world. This event is free and will include crafts, games, and face paint. PLUS: The King Learning Garden will be open for tours! Come dressed in your favorite costume for the lantern parade at 7:00 PM! We need volunteers to make the event a success!
- n. Ice Cream Social - Monica Jones, Emily Nelson - Looking for 3rd co-chair -
- o. International Night - Marguerite Dillard - King International Night is looking for a parent co-organizer. All parents are welcome, no sign-up necessary. We are still looking for Parent Performance Leaders. For those of you who still want to join, please register by Friday, October 26 [LAST DEADLINE]. Thank you! So many of you have committed to leading performance practices at this year's show: it will be wonderful! King International Night is Saturday, February 23, 6PM @ Pioneer High School.
- p. Landscaping - Dan Beard - The committee has coordinated with King Learning Garden and will be co-hosting the workday on October 21. Work will include clearing out existing invasive species and laying ground cover to help prepare the ground for later planting. Come join us from 1 to 4!
- q. Learning Garden - Sherri Grant, Angela Bulman, Valeria Cuda, Becky Locke - October is Farm to School Month. This is the month of harvesting and school wide tastings. We tasted Michigan apples. We're also looking forward to the big Chef Connect schoolwide tasting at the end of October of a culinary treat prepared & served by a professional chef using our KLG autumn harvest! Family Work Day is Oct 21 from 1-4pm (rain date Oct 28). Garden will be open for games, tours, photo booth during Harvest Moon Festival
- r. Math Club - Lakshmi Narayanaswamy - None.
- s. PTO Thrift Shop Liaison - Anita Shelgikar - None, but a rep will come a talk soon.
- t. PTO Council Rep - Leslie Calhoun - I attended the PTO Council's September event with all BoE candidates. It was an excellent event where we heard a 5 minute statement from each candidate on the ballot. October's event is Oct 15 at 7:00 at the preschool center.
- u. Science Olympiad - Marguerite Dillard, Yong Miao, Sravi Parlapalli - The date for WESO this year has been announced and will be Saturday May 11, 2019 at Pioneer High School. Parent volunteer sign up open through Oct. 19th.
- v. Silent Auction - Sara Schneidewind - None.
- w. SIT Rep - Kiana Barfield, Carrie Bora - None.
- x. Spirit Wear - Ben Ewy - None, but rumblings that the design is underway. Could we do table sales at Bagel Friday? And next year the plan is to come to evening

school events where you can make your donation, buy spirit wear and your year book. More to come on that.

- y. Student Directory - Megan Olson - We have sent out the confirmation/update emails to returning members of the Student Directory and the last enotes had information about how new families can sign up. We plan to send out an all school email about the Directory as a follow up shortly.
 - z. Teacher Appreciation - Lindy Lee - Info coming soon!
 - aa. Traffic & Safety - None currently.
 - bb. Turkey Trot - Cori Peng - Turkey Trot date is November 16th. Kids run around the track outside in older/younger pairs in a controlled run. Then come in and have cider and donuts (or a brought from home snack if allergy concerns).
9. Old Business - None
10. New Business - Next month is our first morning meeting for some time. We will be trying this a few times throughout the year. Thursday, November 8 @ 8am. There will be King Care available for school age children. It's BYOC. We would like to bring in different speakers. If you have someone you'd like to hear from, let Jen know!
11. Meeting Adjournment @ 7:15
- a. Motion to adjourn: Marguerite
 - b. Seconded: Alfildur