

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

In attendance: Jen McNamara, Alfuil dur Kristjansdottir, Tim Pinto, Kate Delaney, Leslie Calhoun, Heather Halabu, Marguerite Dillard, Carly Ly, Carrie Bora, Sara Schneidewind, Mandy Hutton, Liz Batteh

1. Called to order: 6:32 b Jen McNamara
2. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Carly Ly
 - b. Seconded: Sara Schneidewind
 - c. Vote: All Yea
3. PTO Thrift Shop - President of Board, Kim Lazarz and Treasurer, Lara Cooper presented information on the goals of the PTO thrift shop and different ways the thrift shop gives money back to AA schools.
4. Principal Report - Mrs. Halabu - big thanks for PTO support of Literacy Night, and the Scholastic book fair which the kids are super excited about and so much effort and parents who were volunteering. Thank you.
5. Teacher Report - Mrs. Hagan - Not present.
6. Treasurer Report - Tim Pinto - Not much to report - processing continues to be processed. We are mostly just spending money right now and not pulling in much. We have about \$10k of \$15k budgeted for family contributions. Did not get much of a bite for the online link. We are a bit over on field trips so we are working with grade levels to sort that out. We will post an updated profit and loss sometime this week. We are showing a \$5000 loss.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. AAPAC (Parent Advisory Council) - Liz Batteh - Adaptive PE - district wide effort, though not clear that it was happening at King. Posts in the eNotes as it comes up.
 - b. Academic Games-Vivian Lin - King students earned 3rd place at the first and second regional tournaments this year. At this point approximately 40 students are regularly coming to the twice-per-week practices—half in the first-year group and half in the advanced (“adventurous”) group. So far we have covered Equations, Set Theory, Presidents 25-34, half of the Propaganda (rhetoric) categories for the year, and parts of the Linguishtik (grammar and vocabulary), WFF-n-Proof (logic), and On-Words (phonetics and vocabulary) games. We are making excellent progress on getting ready for the State Tournament, which is March 6-8 this year.
 - c. Bagel Friday-Cori Peng and Jas - No report - last week sold out! There is not a Bagel Fragel replacement source, though they did use Panera once this year. Next Bagel Friday is February 8.
 - d. Bingo Night - Jen McNamara - Save the date, Thursday, Jan 24th. Promotion and sign ups to start after winter break!
 - e. Book Fairs - Mandy Hutton, Dana Habers, Lisa Mitchell, Gayle Green - Book Fair was a great success! Huge thanks to all of our volunteers for helping set up, aid with wish lists, sales, raffle table and clean up. Our total sales were \$12,280.14 including tax and \$302.25 at the poster raffle. This represents a 2.3%

increase over last year's sale. Now the PTO needs to decide how we want to take our earnings - we can earn 50% of our sales as "Scholastic dollars" or 25% of our sales as cash. That comes out to \$5797.50 in Scholastic dollars or \$2,898.75 in cash. We can also do a combination of scholastic dollars and cash. Currently we have \$2254.12 scholastic dollars in our account. Since our last book fair we have spent \$3,481.25 scholastic dollars on "scholastic news" for the school and \$236.23 on books for teachers and kids. We should also keep in mind that Mrs. Burrill is running the spring book fair, and will be taking the profits from that fair.

- f. Box Tops - Alfhildur - No report.
- g. By Laws Interpretation - Jamie Haberichter - No report.
- h. Communications/Enotes - Fernanda Pires - No report.
- i. Community Action - Rama Thakar - Snowman drive is going on. If you turn in gifts to Robyn, she will gather them up. Take a snowman tag and donate item with tag. Rama did a great job coordinating gift cards for GBC Community for Thanksgiving.
- j. Disability Awareness Coordinator- Katie Baidel - No report.
- k. Enotes - Fernanda Pires - Is going to send out a call for eNotes this week. If you have anything that you want out, plan accordingly - no notes call during break.
- l. Harvest Moon - Renee Tall - No report.
- m. Ice Cream Social- Monica Jones, Emily Nelson - Looking for 3rd co-chair -
- n. International Night - Marguerite Dillard - ** Looking for a Lead-Parent for next year ... the show must go ON.**
- o. Landscaping - Dan Beard - Working with Mrs. Guest and other 3rd grade teachers to do some planting experiments. Garden is overwintering. Planting will ramp up again in the Spring.
- p. Learning Garden - Sherri Grant, Angela Bulman, Valeria Cuda - No report.
- q. Math Club - Lakshmi Narayanaswamy - No report.
- r. PTO Thrift Shop Liaison - Anita Shelgikar - No report.
- s. PTO Council Rep - Leslie Calhoun - On November 12, I attended the PTOC meeting with the following two topics: Everything You Wanted to Know about A2 High School Sports, and A2 Excellence. Eve Claar, Pioneer's Athletic Director gave a presentation about high school sports. The main takeaway for me is that there is a difference between Rec and Ed Sports, Club Sports, Junior Varsity and Varsity Sports. The only sports that are funded are JV and V sports. However, "funded" is almost a mis-nomer. It covers only salaries for coaches and staff, but parents pay for most everything else related to the sport, including equipment, transportation, and the like. Every sport costs something different mostly depending on the expense of equipment. Fundraisers and scholarship opportunities are vital. For club sports and Rec and Ed, parents pay 100% of the participation cost, including for coaches when they are paid. Student athletes gain life skills that are vital to kids' success in high school and beyond. With regard to the second topic of the night, A2 Excellence, the Board approved hiring a new coordinator of outside fundraising for the district. This person is basically a

liaison between the district and outside potential donors/opportunities either in kind or monetary. Relationships are continuing to be forged between the district and the university, the A2 public library, and other organizations. If our PTO needs help getting college students or the like as volunteers for our programs, we can avail ourselves of that through this liaison, though, that is not her primary job description, and individual schools should not be reliant on her to help fill volunteer/opportunity equity gaps.

- t. Science Olympiad - Marguerite Dillard, Yong Miao, Sravi Parlapalli - King WESO Science Olympiad 2019 Children Registration is now open! All information here: LINK [<https://goo.gl/forms/k8bRn7O1Uf9TJeCd2>] EARLY REGISTRATION DUE BY: Friday, December 13, 2018. 30 schools district wide are registered. Paper registration will be coming home in folders this week, 2nd through 5th grade. Will be hosting on April 12 at Silent Auction.
- u. Silent Auction - We have 2 new chairs, but are in need of a third for this year's auction. Carrie Bora and Sara Schneidewind will be available to guide everyone involved this transition year. Need to particularly pull in parents with younger children - and need help reaching out. Silent Auction plays a huge role in creating equitable opportunities and access in our King community. CAN has spoken to the value that King places on this and how this has been actualized through our work. There are also a number of smaller, well-defined intermediate roles that still need to be filled - whether you're a tech nerd or a social butterfly, auction has the perfect job for you. Please help! Or get your neighbors to...Suggestion that it come out in the Principal's email...Also ways to connect the activities that kids are participating in with volunteerism for Silent Auction - making the connection between what Silent Auction supports and what children participate. Grade level cash for a cause...each grade level pick a cause...? Perhaps come up with the ideas and pass them on to GL teams.
- v. SIT Rep - Carrie Bora, Kiana Barfield - SIT parent reps attended their first meeting of the year on 11/30. This year, parents will only attend 3 of the meetings, rather than all monthly meetings - in hopes that parents will feel like their time was well spent. During the 11/30 meeting, staff brought parents up to speed on efforts undertaken so far this year to address a minor dip on climate survey results with respect to how much students feel their teachers care about them. Parents also shared their perspectives, and the group discussed potential SIT-hosted family nights. Possibly Responsive Classroom or assessment/literacy - evidence based practices at work at King. Checking in with staff at the staff meeting - could really help support the work of the PTO and vice versa and give information to the teachers to pass on to parents in ways that the PTO isn't successful in doing. Could we track and make volunteerism something that we reward? Whichever grade level hits 50 hours of volunteerism, gets an extra \$1000 in field trip money...
- w. Spirit Wear - Ben Ewy - Best year ever, used some of profits to pre-buy shirts to sell at other events.
- x. Student Directory - Megan Olson - No Report

- y. Teacher Appreciation - Lindy Lee -
 - z. Traffic & Safety - No Report
 - aa. Turkey Trot - Cori Peng - No Report
 - bb. Space Camp - 5th grade has paid for space camp and any additional money will go into the space camp fund for next year!! Way to go 5th grade families! A lot of younger families have been giving!
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- 8. Old Business - None
 - 9. New Business - None
 - 10. Meeting Adjournment @ 7:55
 - a. Motion to adjourn: Mandy Hutton
 - b. Seconded: Carrie Bora