

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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In attendance: Tiffany Walther, Katie Dobbie, Trisha Shah, Mandy Hutton, Brian Sellers, Koren Clinkscale, Shalini Jayasundera, Trevor Steer, Samantha Cucu, Liz Arnkoff, Eleonore Zetoune, Yunus Zeytuncu, Kristin Berger, Jay Mitchell, Jessica Kishiyama and 36 others

1. Called to order: 6:32 pm
2. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Mandy Hutton
 - b. Seconded: Eleonore Zetoune
 - c. Vote: Approved
3. Board introductions- Katie, Shalini, Ann
4. Principal Report - Mrs. Clinkscale - Hello Everyone, Thank you so much for joining us. Off to a great start this school year. I appreciate you all for being here tonight - you want what's best for your King student and the King community. We had a wonderful Curriculum night and I enjoyed meeting so many of you and I am aware that it was probably most parent's first time in the building. Thank you for participating. Our Learning Garden is up and running. Great seeing all the fruits and vegetables harvested already. Panera Fundraiser- this Thursday. Thank you Liz Arnkoff for organizing the Night Out fundraisers. 5th grade trip to Howell Nature Garden coming up September 28th. 5th graders are excited for the trip. If you are planning to volunteer at King, you will need to fill out the volunteer form even if you did the form last year. Mrs. Cucu added that she's happy to see new faces volunteering at lunch and look forward to more volunteers. Also, the first Bike or Walk to school day is Wednesday, October 12th. Looking for any parent volunteers who might be interested.
5. Teacher Report - Ms. Shah - Just wanted to highlight some of the happenings around the building. This month is Hispanic Heritage Month and students are reading Latin X books. Also, kids are excited about the 5th grade field trip. Finally, Oct 4th is an author visit. The author, Supriya Kelkar, will visit King to share her book *Brown is Beautiful*. The author visit will be an assembly. Ms. Berger added that teachers are excited to have volunteers back in the building
6. Treasurer Report - Shalini Jayasundera - I just wanted to say that this year we will be using the Cheddar Up platform. We had a lot of success last year using Cheddar up. However, this year we've had a slow start so far as only 9 families have donated. Really encouraging each family to make a donation if they are able to do so. A suggested donation of \$50 or \$75 per student, but any amount is helpful. We use these funds for such things as teacher grants and field trips. Also, King is one of the only schools in Ann Arbor that doesn't require students to buy their own supplies each year. The King PTO provides all students with their

school supplies for the year. If everyone could take the time to donate, that would be so helpful.

7. PTO mission review - Tiffany Walther introduces herself as the new PTO Board President. Mission Statement: “ We, as a board, are a group of parents who have collective experiences and time at King. Our mission as officers of the PTO is to provide an equitable environment while supporting the school when we are called upon to do so, in ways that directly impact the educational journey and well-being of the children. We aim to build community by providing social events in order to foster relationships between parents and the school.” We strive to meet all students' needs, we work with the school administration and teachers on the best way to meet the student’s needs, and we want to have fun supporting the students through fundraising events and social events for King. One example of the board listening to the needs of school and students, is the King Bookroom Recalibration Project last year, where the PTO Board paid to replace the outdated/damaged, not culturally responsive, not appealing/relevant, not supporting best practices books, so that the Reading Resource teacher could match students with the appropriate reading level books. This purchase directly impacted all 500 students in a positive way. Finally, as a board, we can’t do it all by ourselves, so we rely on various volunteer committees to help us support the students, teachers, and community. If there is a committee that you are interested in, please email the PTO. Also, if you have ideas or think of something that could really benefit the King community and you are willing to take the lead on your idea, then we would be more than happy to support your idea as long as it fits within our mission.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Games-Anita Joesph - presented a thorough slideshow. Practices are twice a week. Students are encouraged to come to both, but it’s not required. Students are divided into two groups depending on grade level. Basic is for 3rd/4th grade and Adventurous is for 4th/5th grade. Each group is divided into two sub groups of “Cube Game” or “Reading Games”. Cube Games include: equations, on sets, linguishtik, and on-words. Reading Games include: presidents and propaganda. Students must commit to at least three Saturday tournaments if they want to go to the state championship. State championships will be in Ypsilanti this year. If we go to the National Championships, then only 5th graders can attend. Last year King won its first ever State Championship title, so that was exciting.
- b. Science Olympiad - Lisa Whitehead- We have three head coaches for Science Olympiad. WESO (Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad) puts on a tournament every year in the Spring and each school puts together a team to compete in the tournament. Grades that can participate are 2nd -5th. It does not require any prior science knowledge for students or coaches. Each student can participate in 1 or 2 events and parents can coach 1 or 2 events. A lot of different

types of events. Events are divided into two categories: 1. knowledge based (ex. Genes in the human body) and 2. Hands on/building events, teamwork, and fine motor skills events. Timeline: we recruit the parents first in November and then the students in December. We will send out links to interested parents, but we are currently trying to find interested parents. King was top of the state tournament last year, but it's really more important about having fun. We love to have high school students and U of M students volunteering as well. Lisa will work with Emily Mashal on that. The sign ups will probably come out just before winter break. Nicole Bhave added: a lot of options to help: can coach, but if you can't coach on your own you can team up with another parent or you can volunteer at the event.

- c. Bagel Friday- Katie Dobbie- Looking forward to restarting this committee. Ann Lin and are cochairing this committee this Fall, but hoping to have more help in the Spring. This event might look different this year as we are just restarting it, but we are excited to bring this fun social event back to King. It will be outside through the Fall. We might take a break during the winter depending on whether we will have access to the multi purpose room. We are hoping that parents, kids, and teachers can join us this Friday morning. Ann Lin added: please bring cash to this event.
- d. Restaurant Community Nights- Liz Arnkoff - We do them once a month. We started doing them last year. I would love it if a few volunteers wanted help with finding more restaurants or new ideas. If so, please send me an email.
Community Fundraiser Dates so far: September 22 at Panera Bread, October 20 at Noodles & CO, November 16 at Pizza House and December 7 at Dominos' Pizza. Last year we ended up totalling just under \$1200 for the King PTO. Last year's biggest gift was from the Panera community night out. It would be great if we could top that amount from last year.
- e. Book Fairs- Mandy Hutton - Quick update - book fairs are held twice per year - Fall and Spring - tentative schedule (Fall) November 28th and (Spring) April 11th. The Spring book fair is new and used. Funds from the book fair can go to two places: cash for PTO and Scholastic Dollars that help buy books for the school and buying the scholastic news. We can always use more volunteers to help especially during the book fair. We'll send a sign up genius out probably early november. If interested, please email the king book fair.
- f. Community Action Network (partners with under resourced communities)/ Project Snowman- Rama Thacker - no update provided
- g. Harvest Moon- Carrie Lewand-Monroe unable to attend - Matt Monroe speaking on Carrie's behalf - First, we have a date, Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 - 7pm. As usual there will be fun activities, kids can dress up, and there will be a lantern walk. Carrie will reach out to volunteers who have already signed up to work the night of the event, but she is also looking for more volunteers to join the committee. Please reach out to Carrie Monroe if you would like to be on the organizing committee.

- h. Ice Cream Social - Emily Mashal - We had a great event last year. We had about 30 high school students and a high school jazz band as well. We made \$1,000 for current 5th grade students and had \$800 in donations from local businesses.
- i. Learning Garden - Sherry Grant was unable to attend - Tiffany Walther read statement from Sherry:

The volunteers, families and students have been working very hard to rebuild our garden after the Covid hiatus. This growing season has been successful in many ways. We hosted every class to work in the garden in the spring and continue to harvest from the garden. We have family work days planned to help get the garden ready for winter. Watch the KLG FB page for details.

The KLG is looking for a group of volunteers to help lead the garden into the next coming years. We especially need a garden coordinator or group of coordinators. Reach out to the PTO if you are interested or have any ideas. This is Sherry's last year at King.
- j. Math Club - Yunus Zeytuncu - In the past, Math Club was geared toward Math Kangaroo and its goal was to complete a test. We are now moving away from that model and the testing. The goal of the club is not to prepare for an exam, but to have fun and play fun math games. It's for students who love math and also helps students who have math anxiety. Looking for more volunteers to help with coaching. Hoping to use the school building (Mrs. Clinkscale confirmed that was ok). We will meet on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:15 starting November 2nd.
- k. Student Directory - Amanda Francis was unable to attend - Tiffany Walther gave update - The student directory is a living document where parents can add or update their information at any time and it will automatically update.
- l. Teacher Appreciation - Jessi Kishiyama - the mini monthlies started last year -The last Friday of every month we would put together snacks and drinks for teachers and staff. Sometimes students and parents make fun posters showing the teachers how much they are appreciated. We want to continue this year, but we need more volunteers. We are working on themes for each month, so we need parents or a group of parents to adopt a month. Mrs. Clinkscale added- the teachers really loved it and felt appreciated.
- m. Spirit Wear - Harini Sundararaghavan - I have been in touch with Underground Printing - we went over each item that we had for sale last year and how much profit there was per item. We are now working on an item list and prices. The online store should be ready in the next week or two. The store will be open for about two weeks, and everything will ship about two weeks after the store closes. Also, we can do another event in the Spring if it's popular in the Fall.
- n. Fun Run- Emily Stoneman was unable to attend - Tiffany spoke on behalf of Emily. Did for the first time last year in the Spring. Each class was a team. Top three classes got a prize. It was held during the day and the kids had fun.

- o. King community liaison- looking for Lead - Looking for someone to work directly with the principal to help get a specific item or gift card for families in need. There will be a fund in place for the Liaison to purchase items.
 - p. International night/ Silent Auction- In the past we had these events. If someone is willing to take on either of these events on a smaller scale, they are welcome to take them on.
9. Addressing questions: Katie Dobbie asked what are some current clothes that the King staff could use in the building? Mrs. Clinkscale stated: underwear, joggers, pants, smaller sizes are more needed than larger sizes. Kids just need clothing throughout the year. Clothing donations can be dropped off to the front office.
Who can attend Bagel Friday? - all families and family members are welcome

10. Old Business

11. New Business -

12. Meeting Adjournment 7:37pm

- a. Motion to adjourn: Yunus Zeytuncu
- b. Seconded: Eleonore Zetoune