

Minutes Approved: 11/24/23

October 10, 2023

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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Meeting ID: 812 9044 4140

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In attendance: Tiffany Walther, Katie Dobbie, Betzy McCarty, Ann Lin, Koren Clinkscale, Kristin Berger, Trisha Shah, Keichea Shauntee-Wilson, Aarti Raheja, Harini Sundararaghavan, E Yamamoto, Maeran, Vani Patterson, Eleonore, Liz Arnkoff, Sam Scherba, Tiffany, Amarjeet Gill, Buffy Beattie, Sarah Fox, Flora

Called to order: 6:32 pm

1. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Betzy McCarty
 - b. Seconded: Keichea Shauntee-Wilson
 - c. Vote: Approved

2. Principal Report - Mrs. Clinkscale/Mrs. Keichea Shauntee-Wilson - We had a successful soft lockdown drill. During a soft lockdown drill, students remain in the classroom with the door locked and sign on the door that says all clear. We also had a successful tornado drill. We had a successful 5th grade camp despite the rain. Kids had a great time and still participated in all activities. Chaperones were amazing. Can't thank them enough. Successful Count Day session which is a 30 day window, so if a child is absent please let King school know as soon as possible. Parent-teacher conferences going on now during the parent-teacher conference window. They are a great way to connect with teachers and see how students are doing and also be proactive throughout the year. Snack policy has changed for most classrooms - except for classrooms with specific needs, so please ask your teacher. We look forward to our walk, bike, or ride day tomorrow. We will stop the buses before they reach school, so all kids can kind of participate tomorrow. Also, apple crunch day tomorrow which is where lunch providers across the district will provide kids with apples or apple smoothies which will support local farms. We will have our first Fall break this Friday - Monday.

3. Teacher Report - Mrs. Shah/Mrs. Berger - All teachers and staff are grateful for all the mini monthly treats and goodies. Also, Teachers greatly appreciate the PTO's efforts to help with field trips. They are a great way for students to have experiences learning outside of the classroom. Also, Teachers are preparing for parent-teacher conferences this week. Elizabeth Paddock and Henry Pakela gave an update on 5th graders

instruments. 5th graders have done instrument fitting, have received their instruments, inspected instruments, and are setting them up for playing. They will soon bring instruments home and share their learning with their family. Any questions please email teachers Elizabeth Paddock, Orchestra: paddocke@aaps.k12.mi.us or Henry Blackson-Pakela, Band: Pakelah@aaps.k12.mi.us Finally, on October 18th, the Toledo Opera on Wheels is coming to King with the *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf* play which will be an all school assembly. Also, just one question: When will teachers get an update regarding the teacher wish list for field trips?

4. Treasurer Report - Betzy McCarty - mentioned different ways to donate to King for example through CheddarUp, cash, check, Venmo, employer matching programs, donating through Kroger and Busch's giving programs, and also Box Tops.
 - a. Budget presentation included:
 - PTO is increasing field trip budget from \$8,000 to \$15,000 this year
 - Grade level teacher's mini grants increased from \$20 to \$25 per student
 - New grade level teachers receive an extra \$400
 - Innovation grants new this year and open to all teachers
 - Added a recess budget, so that kids at recess have additional resources
 - PTO is funding recorders for 4th graders this year
 - PTO has added expenses this year from adding a Zoom account for PTO meetings as well as adding Smore which is used for PTO Newsletters
 - We are budgeted for a loss again this year mainly because of the increase in the field trip budget and the increase in teacher mini grants. However last year we were budgeted for a \$9,000 loss and we ended up with a \$19,000 surplus.
 - b. Motion to approve the 2023-24 budget: E Yamamoto
 - c. Seconded: Amarjeet Gill
 - d. Vote: Approved (by a majority of hands)
 - e. Thank you the budget is approved and will be posted on our King PTO website.

5. Committee Reports -

- a. Bagel Friday - Katie Dobbie -Next Bagel Friday on December 8th which will coincide with the last day of the book fair.
- b. Book Fair - Mandy Hutton - Book fair is the week of December 4th-8th.
- c. Harvest Moon - Yun- Harvest Moon will be on October 25th from 5:30 pm -7:00 pm. We need more people to fill out sign up genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094FA8AD2EA0FB6-44963155-havest#/> There will be donuts and cider, face painting, games and kids can dress up. Will be a fun event.

- d. King Gear - Harini -We are using a new company and we will be able to offer more variety at a better price. Just came out today in an email blast. Order form is out! Due by October 27th.
 - e. Restaurant Community Nights - Erin Hill -Launch thru 10/31 Sweetwaters 11/12, Panera 11/15, Fowling 11/9.
 - f. Math Club - Yunus - 1st-5th grades able to participate. They will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm each week at 5:30 starting October 18th.
 - g. Academic Games - Bhavana - Tuesday and Thursday nights practices. 4th and 5th graders only can participate in Academic Games.
 - h. Science Olympiad- Lisa Whitehead - no update
 - i. Learning Garden - Caroline Hughes - KLG had a successful work day. 6 Huron kids came for community service, 1 Huron parent, 7 king parents. Spread mulch and picked weeds.
 - j. Silent Auction - a few people have expressed interest in leading/volunteering. Looking to set up a night to learn from the old committee
 - k. Teacher Appreciation - mini monthly 10/18. All slots are full!
 - l. Ice Cream Social - Emily Mashal - If you are interested in helping with the Ice Cream Social this year, please let the PTO know.
 - m. Fun Run - Allison Jeter/Emily Stoneman- no update given
6. Addressing questions: none
7. Old Business: none
8. New Business :
- a. Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee (AAPAC) needs a parent representative from King. AAPAC's mission is to positively impact the education of ALL students in the AAPS schools, with an emphasis on representing students and parents of students needing or receiving special education services. AAPAC's goal is to work more closely with the PTO's of each school to ensure parents know there is a place to direct special education questions and to put an emphasis on inclusion in every building. Meetings are the first Monday of every month from 7 pm - 9 pm. Please email aakingpto@gmail.com if you are interested.
 - b. PTOC Rep still needed. Attend once monthly zoom meeting with a representative from all other PTO's in Ann Arbor to work on equity across the district. Meeting is usually 1 hour on the 3rd Monday of the month. Gather and share ideas across the district.
 - c. International Night Committee: We have a lead chair, Hansini, but it will take additional volunteers to join the committee. A date is being confirmed but we are anticipating the end of January/beginning of February. Friday evening at King elementary. More details to come; Please e-mail aakingpto@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.
 - d. Disability Awareness Workshop Volunteer - half day event for 4th graders. March date: March 18th, 2024.

9. Meeting Adjournment: 7:09 pm
10. Motion to adjourn: Ann Lin
11. Seconded: Amarjeet Gill