

Approved: May 14, 2024

April 9, 2024

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

IN PERSON PTO MEETING

In attendance: Tiffany Walther, Katie Dobbie, Betzy McCarty, Ann Lin, Koren Clinkscale, Trisha Shah, Sam Scherba, Vani Patterson, Emily Stoneman, Mandy Hutton, Emily Mashal, Becca Ketchum, Buffy Beattie, Allison Jeter, Maggie Allan, and Xinqian Hu

Called to order: 6:34 pm

1. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Emily Mashal
 - b. Seconded: Vani Patterson
 - c. Vote: Approved

2. Principal Report - Mrs. Koren Clinkscale -

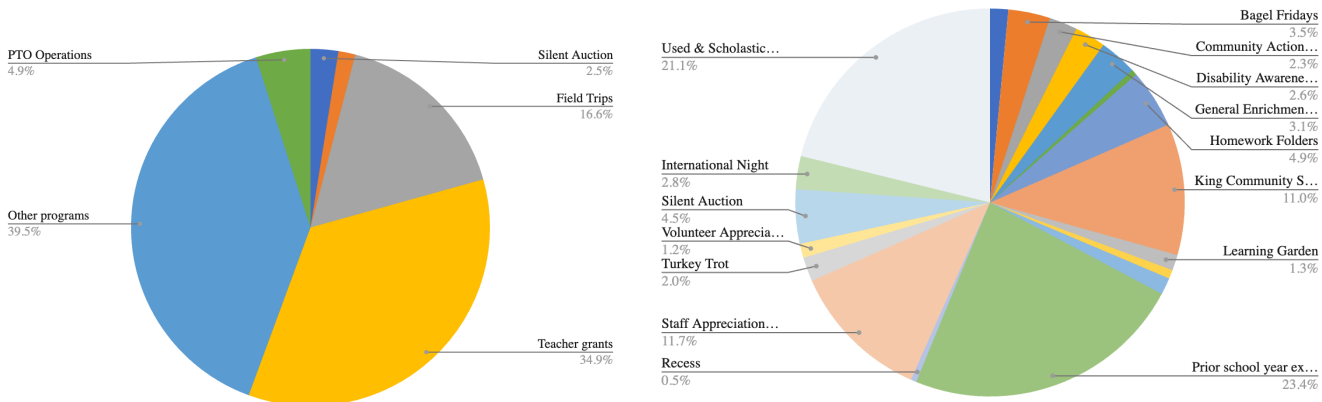
Testing out of Math 6 has started for some 5th grade students. There are two tests: April 2nd and April 8th. If students do well on the first test, then they are invited to take the second test. If students are successful on both tests, then they test out of 6th grade math and go to 7th grade math. The district chooses which students can participate in the testing. This month is Arab American Heritage Month and we are having an all school assembly to celebrate on April 23rd. Mrs. Jarjoura has arranged for the Maple Ensemble of Dearborn Michigan to perform for our 1st-4th graders. (Kindergarten is on a field trip and 5th graders are meeting with Clague counselors that day.) Also, 5th graders will visit Clague on May 2nd. Yearbooks are on sale through April 19th. Student council raising money: April 10th cause: Creature Conservatory. We are currently accepting parent input about classroom placement. We use parent input to help put kids in the class with the best teachers. Please email Mrs. Clinkscale. We will be accepted through April 26th. Also, there is M STEP testing beginning April 12th. It is not a timed test and we will have accommodations for kids with IEP/504. Also, 3rd - 4th will take ELA and Math and 5th grade will take ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students will be using computers to take assessments. Teachers have been working with students over the last week to make sure they have the tools they need and are prepared to take the M STEP. Vani: Does King need any support after losing our Assistant Principal? Will this affect students day to day? Koren: We have an amazing staff here and staff has stepped up to fill in gaps, so we should be good. Tiffany: If parents are interested in helping, we could really use lunchtime volunteers. Please see the newsletters to sign up. Emily Mashal: Maybe some seniors from Huron could help out with lunch time and earn volunteer hours. Finally, regarding the April 15th AAPS Budget meeting: it will be recorded if you want to watch later.

3. Teacher Report - Mrs. Shah/Mrs. Berger -

Thank you to Allison Jeter for the March Madness Munchies. Thank you PTO for sponsoring field trips. From third grade: we feel that field trips add great value to the curriculum and create real world connections. From Mr. Hyuck regarding the PTO's financial support: We use glue sticks often in 4th grade and so having access to resources (like the teacher mini grants) is very helpful. Ms. Robertson's class completed a timeline of the history of earth. Students were really into it. Ms. Hong had over 9 mystery readers in her class during the month of March. Kids made forts and read with flashlights in class. From 4th grade teachers - 4th graders really enjoyed the solar eclipse. Also, Lottery for a King Care spot is open and will close April 30th. King Care will draw by family May 1st - 3rd and they will let families know if they got in. Please reach out to new King families that may not know about the King Care Lottery.

4. Treasurer Report - Betzy McCarty -

Thank you to all of our teachers! We appreciate you! Scholastic dollars need to be spent at Book Fair or by the end of this month. Shipping is included in your total. The last day to submit reimbursements for this school year is June 3, 2024. Please hold onto any overage receipts as well if we're able to cover those receipts at the end of the year, we will. Silent Auction raised \$20,334. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and participated! This year, so far, our operating expenses are \$43,850. Where does our money go?



5. Committee Reports -

- a. Book Fair - Mandy Hutton- book fair is April 15-19 - The book fair will be here next week! We will be holding previews Monday through Wednesday, and in-class sales from Wednesday through Friday. King community members can shop the fair Wednesday and Thursday night from 4-6pm, and Friday morning

during bagel Friday. We need volunteers! If you want to volunteer when your child is visiting the fair, just send me an email or DM on the WhatsApp page and I will let you know their teacher's schedule. In addition to the new and used books at the fair, we have a ton of old King yearbooks! King community members can pick one up for free when they shop at the book fair. Penny Wars will be visiting the fair! Kids are welcomed to put their spare change from their purchases into their class jars.

- b. Bagel Friday - April 19th in conjunction with the Spring Book fair
- c. Silent Auction - Vani Patterson - Wildly successful. I took it on this year, because it is such a wonderful community building event. And it raises a lot of money for the PTO. My goal was to build a great team, operationalize it, and raise money and I think we did all those things. I am now looking for a new chair for the committee next year as I am unable to commit to chairing it again. I am willing to mentor as much as possible. I also think that finding someone sooner rather than later would be better. I think if the business team can start soliciting in August/September, that would be great.
- d. Learning Garden: Caroline Hughes - KLG volunteers are gearing up for the growing season! There will be a number of upcoming opportunities to support the garden and we hope you will join us!
 - Garden work days: this spring we will try to do at least 2 work days to prepare the garden, a week day and weekend. Stay tuned!
 - Classroom visits: sign up geniuses in your teacher newsletters for volunteers to help with your child's class visiting the garden.
 - We will also be creating a sign-up genius for summer garden caretaking. We ask that two families volunteer for each week of the summer to water, weed and harvest. It's a great learning experience and can include teens that need community service hours.
- e. Restaurant Community Nights - Erin Hill (not present)-
 - i. Bandito's Fresh Mex
3395 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Tuesday, May 14th from 10am-10pm
25% donated back to King
Order in-store, via phone, or online by entering "King fundraiser" in the Comments box at checkout
- f. Ongoing fundraiser : <https://stickymonkeylabels.com/>
 - i. Use coupon code MLKPTO at checkout.
- g. Disability Awareness Workshop - Aarti Raheja - Thank for a great workshop
- h. Math Club- took Math Kangaroo test on March 21
- i. Science Olympiad- Lisa Whitehead/Nicole Bhave(not present) - Science Olympiad is into the final stretch, wrapping up the season at the tournament on April 20th.
- j. Academic Games: King Elementary had one of our most successful state tournaments for Academic Games this year. We had 20 players at the state

tournament and competed in four teams: two Minor Basic teams (Smoked Pigs, Camelot), one Elementary Basic team (Jiggle Piggies), and one Adventurous Team (Chunky Monkeys). They won the following medals and trophies for the school:

- i. **Smoked Pigs** (Sahas Ihalaranaweera, Austin Chen, Easton Chen, Thomas Ross, Andy Tan): 2nd in State in the Propaganda Game, 2nd place in their division for the Equation, 3rd place in On-words Game, 2nd place in Division for On-sets games, Honorable Mention in the game of Presidents.
 - ii. **Camelot** (Daniel Moon - from Emerson Elementary, Christina Lin, Muhammad Hasan): 1st place in their Division for Equation, 2nd Place for On-Words Game, 3rd place in on-sets, Honorable Mention in the game of Presidents.
 - iii. **Jiggle Piggies** (Annabelle Yang, Luca Chen, Jessie Guo, Janie Shi, Coralie Martinson, Isabella Xing): 3rd place In Division for On-words, 2nd place in On-sets, Honorable Mention in the game of Presidents.
 - iv. **Chunky Monkeys** (Alex Chen, Shaun Zhu, Alex Lu, Kate Wang, Sudeshna Belur): Honorable Mention in the game of Presidents, Honorable Mention in the game of Propaganda, 3rd Place in the game of Linguistics
- k. Mini monthly- Bonus mini monthly is April 11th and regular one is April 17th.
- l. Fun Run- Emily Stoneman/Allison Jeter - Fun Run is set for 5/2 (rain 5/3). We need to start getting the word out in the next couple weeks for fundraising. Kids will go around the track and have other activities. Jen from Crush will do a soccer station. We will need volunteers on the day to help out. You can come for just one slot or more. It would be great to have a couple people helping out before and after the run like bringing snacks to the event. We will be giving prizes to the top earning class from each grade.
- m. Ice Cream Social - 5/29 - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Ice cream (free for attendees), chips, drinks. Families should enter by the MPR to receive ice cream tickets and game tickets. CHS jazz band will perform again this year. We will use kroger ice cream again. We are hoping Edwards and Schaeffer will donate again. 40 plus Huron high school kids will be here volunteering. Also, Huron high schooler, Antony Fan will be here photographing the event. Sweetgreens will be donating food for staff. We will translate flyers in Mandarin Chinese and Korean. Emily Mashal will put flyers up around the school. Huron high school varsity soccer team will come and run soccer games with the students. Coach Luis will be there too. Huron basketball students athletes have been confirmed. More Huron high school student volunteer face painters (6) have been confirmed. Emily bought two new games to be used at the Ice Cream Social. Sign up genius - we need coolers, face paint, tents for food, and item pick up help.

6. Addressing questions:
7. Old Business:

8. New Business :

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- a. PTOC fundraiser \$20 for \$30K <https://gofund.me/de5a19fb>
- b. 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.
- c. 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.

10. Meeting Adjournment: 7:34 pm

11. Motion to adjourn: Katie Dobbie

12. Seconded: Mandy Hutton