

Koontz PTO Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2016
Koontz Media Center
6:00PM

Present: Cate Rheney, Kim Murphy, Laura Douglas, Ashley Kuykendall, Erika Eill, Denise Ingram, Keena Steffin, Robyn Thomason, Kayleigh Smith, Ashlee Keller, Robin Board, Shellie Whitmire, Christy Woppman, Melanie Berlin, Amy Haldeman, Mandy Klepper, Jill Ibbotson

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Kim Murphy, President welcomed all and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2016** –

- III. **President Statement** – Kim Murphy
 - a. Open vacancies – we still have 5 positions available: 6th grade dance chair, VP-fundraising, spirit night/fun foods, garden, and health fair.
 - b. PTO membership – Celena Greene couldn't attend but is collecting membership information and will be sending it out to committee chairs soon.
 - c. Sunday calls – for those committee chairs with information that must be announced on Ms. Board's Sunday night phone call, please have that information to Ms. Board by Thursday evening.
 - d. Google account – Koontz PTO has a Google account where all the committee documents are stored.

- IV. **Principal's Report** – Ms. Board thanked everyone for their contributions to our school. The Splash program (Spanish immersion) is now at Koontz. The overall number of students has increased above last year (689 to 712) so she is waiting to see if we will get another teacher position. We need more devices to accommodate the new students and Mrs. Hill is starting a coding club for girls. The plan is for a Maker Space to be located in the tree house of the library – Ms. Renee Henley to lead it. We will also be getting FarmBot – an electronic farm with a raised bed with an arm that plants, waters. And weeds the bed. It costs \$3000. We have a new art teacher this year, Ms. Nellie Grow from Wisconsin. Tom House is helping with Project Lead the Way – vocational education program using Medical Detectives software. Open House for the 6th grade is September 15 and 5th grade is September 20.

- V. **Teacher Representative Reports** – Ashlee Keller and Kayleigh Smith introduced themselves and the subjects they teach. They thanked the PTO for all the programs and help we provide. Ms. Smith (5th grade) talked about the Montreat trip being considered. The 5th grade had a great start to the year. Ms. Keller stated that the 6th grade is considering a trip to

Montreat as well but with different activities than were done last year. Permission slips are coming out next week. The 6th grade has decided not to do Treetops again this year – the permission slips are complicated and the trip is very expensive. Some students are bringing home their devices already. Mallory Morrill is the Title 1 teacher representative for PTO this year and she let us know the home/school compact has been sent home already. Christy Woppman is representing the UAs and let us know the Rockin' Rams, a chorus club for 5th and 6th graders, started 9/14. The musical has been selected for this year and will be announced soon.

VI. Vice President's Report

- a. Erika Eill, President-Elect is a computer programmer and is excited about the technology options the PTO can take advantage of (currently she is reviewing the app "Remind" to help our members with events and meetings).
- b. Amy Haldeman, VP-Programming along with her partner, Kim Stevens are looking at 2 programs for our school year. One in the fall and the other in the spring. They will attempt to make the program coordinate with curriculum.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Fundraiser – "No Fuss Fundraiser" - we have no chairperson for this currently. We raised \$1000 in one day.
- b. PTO Membership – Celena Greene – we have approximately 100 members so far and 12 teachers.
- c. Banners/Partners in Education – Jill Ibbotson and Shannon Reese – Jill and Shannon have been working hard over the summer and are half way to meeting their budget.
- d. Box Tops – Robyn Thomason and Beth Roberts – both of these ladies are reviewing the Box Tops website and gathering information. They have been made aware of the deadlines for submission.
- e. 5th Grade Dance Party – Denise Ingram is chairing this committee and in the process of planning.
- f. 6th Grade Dance Party – We need a chair for this committee.
- g. Fun Food Nights – We need a chair for this committee. Currently Chipotle Night is scheduled for 9/6/16.
- h. Heritage Night – Melanie Berlin and Cate Rheney – this incredible community event is scheduled for 11/17/16. Melanie and Cate are in the process of planning with the Heritage Night committee. Last year over 2000 people attended.
- i. Hospitality – Shellie Whitmire and Michele Cady are the chairs of this committee and already did a great job with the back to school breakfast for the teachers and staff. Their next scheduled even is a luncheon on 10/14.
- j. Kick Ball Tournament – Beth Roberts is chairing this event and the date is TBA.

- k. Ingles Tools for Schools – Kim Murphy and Cate Rheney are the chairs for this committee. Ingles card numbers were collected at Meet the Teacher and the plan is to collect them at each open house as well.
- l. Movie Night – Twyla Ryan is the chair and this event is scheduled for 3/17.
- m. Publix Partners in Education – Kim Murphy and Cate Rheney are chairing this committee. Cards were handed out at Meet the Teacher and will be at each open house.

VIII. New Business

- a. FB Page – Erika Eill agreed to create this.

Adjourned: 7:33 PM

Next Meeting: September 27th at 8am in the Koontz PTO Room

Recorded by: Cate Rheney, Secretary