

Koontz PTO Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2016
Koontz Media Center
8:00AM

Present: Kim Murphy, Mandy Klepper, Shannon Reese, Melanie Berlin, Erika Eill, Kaleigh Smith, Laura Douglas, Robin Board

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order** - Kim Murphy, 8:05AM
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2016** - a motion was made and approved unanimously

III. **Teacher Representative Reports:**

a. Mallory Morrill, Title 1 -

Wow! What an amazing Heritage Night. Thank you so much for all of the hard work you all did and the countless hours you spent to plan, prepare dishes, gather volunteers, and to sort, label, and serve food at the event. Your support in our school community is both incredible and inspiring!

We are curious as to whether Title I is eligible to use any funding that PTO has raised for teachers. In the past, we split the amount 3 ways, since there are 3 of us. I checked in with Ms. Klepper on October 31. She said she didn't see us on the list, but that she was checking. Has there been any update on this? We would love to know if funds are available for us to use! :)

We wish you all a very happy (and relaxing) Thanksgiving!

Ms. Board's note/reply: Title 1 is not eligible because they federally funded

b. Kaleigh Smith, 5th grade -

- i. Heritage night was very enjoyable, ran smoothly, great support, everyone had a lot of positive things to say.
- ii. Planning spring field trip – Biltmore House. Nancy McGowan has contacted Biltmore for details.
- iii. Can we alternate PTO meetings one during, one after school

c. Renee Handley - Media Center Coordinator -

- i. Book Fair coming up in December – need volunteers
- ii. Poetry Alive – Actors present poems, bring kids, teachers onstage. Thinking for spring. \$520 for 2 sessions. Possibly a Spring cultural event (Amy Haldeman and Kim Stevens) poetryalive.com

- d. Christy Woppman, UAs -
Rockin' Rams winter concert schedule:
 - i. Heritage Night November 17th- This went well- Please thank the PTO for ALL of the hard work!
 - ii. Asheville Mall performance: December 8th - 6:30pm to 7:00 pm in front of JC Penney.
 - iii. Winter Lights at the NC Arboretum December 14th - ***Any one can come! Additional tickets for friends and family will be available for the date of the performance at a discounted rate when purchased on line at:
<http://www.ncarboretum.org/exhibits-events/winter-lights/>
Register as "Winter Lights Group" and use discount code "WLSCHOOLGROUP2016"
 - iv. School concert with band and strings Dec.16th at 8:15 and 9:15

- IV. **President statement** - Kim Murphy
 - a. Heritage was a huge success this month - there was great collaboration between the PTO and the school staff.
 - b. Leader In Me Tour last week - School looked spiffy, lighthouse team gave tours
 - c. Thank you letters to donors - Want this for every Koontz event. Done for Heritage night. Going forward reminder to committee chairs.
 - d. Tax letters for "No Fuss" will go out 2nd week of December - sending to all (send home with students)
 - e. Next Fun Food Night is Tuesday, November 29th @ Chick-Fil-A from 5-8pm. Need volunteers, Flyers going home Monday
 - f. Spring Fundraiser to make up 6K deficit to Fall "No Fuss Fundraiser" - Actually need \$3K. +
 - g. Counselors appreciate the discount on sweatshirts – Lyn Bush

- V. **Principal's Report** - Robin Board
 - a. Leader in me Symposium
Intent - could BCS host a regional LIM Symposium?
62 people visited Koontz. The Lighthouse team members introduced the school to the visitors. The Lanterns handed out folders and thank yous.
Focus of day - on middle school, asking how LIM is being implemented in the MS. We were the only group whose day was mainly run by students.
 - b. Heritage night - amazed by the amount of parents bringing food, want to expand entertainment, want to have silhouettes next year, then alternating years.
 - c. Friday - Ms. Morrill and Ms. Burchfiel accompanied Ms. Board to Charlotte to get information to make Koontz into a Global-Ready Designated School. 2-year process to get designation.

- VI. **Treasurer Report** - Mandy Klepper
 - a. Budget report - The teachers are using their designated money for supplies, a good thing.
 - b. Heritage Night didn't exceed their budget. \$30 left over.
 - c. Glow Run numbers finalized
 - d. Activities coming up – fun food night, banners, box tops

VII. **Committee Report**

- a. Melanie Berlin, Heritage Night
 - i. It was an amazing success, teachers and custodians did amazing work.
 - ii. Sign-in at door didn't work well. Next year. sign in before you enter the doors
 - iii. Amazed by the amount of food that was brought in.
 - iv. Restaurants were very generous
 - v. Next year – can we run a van with pick up spots to bring back kids who can't come back.
 - vi. Next year – tiny water bottles or water station
 - vii. Next year – Heritage night cookbook
- b. Fun food Night - Next up, Blaze Pizza on December 13th
- c. Hospitality - Crockpot lunch on March 8th, banana pudding requested

VIII. **Old Business**

Peanut Free Zone is being implemented

VIII. **New Business**

- a. PTO needs insurance to cover us for events. Kim will get information from Estes
- b. Committee for a Spring Fundraiser - Kim, Mandy, Erika
- c. Kim is attending the December School Improvement Team meeting to ask if the PTO can have monthly "Dress Down Fridays" for \$2 to make up funds not raised from No Fuss.
- d. Next meeting, time change - January 24th at 3pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:07am

Next meeting: January 24th at 3pm in the PTO Room or Media Center

Recorded by: Erika Eill, President-Elect