

Koontz PTO Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2017
Koontz Media Center
3:00PM

Present: Kim Murphy, Mandy Klepper, Shannon Reese, Erika Eill, Laura Douglas, Chris Cowan, Cate Rheneay, Malorie Morrill, Ashlee Keller, Jill Ibbotson

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order** - Kim Murphy, 3:05pm
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 22, 2016** - a motion was made and approved unanimously
- III. **Teacher Representative Reports:**
 - a. **Mallory Morrill, Title 1** -
 - Thank you for the December cupcakes; they were a delicious treat.
 - We are finishing up MOY Benchmarks & thinking about how/whether to alter our groups to best meet students' needs
 - This year, we are completing a series of poverty workshop trainings -- learning about what challenges students (and families) in poverty face and how those challenges can affect students' learning. As we complete these trainings and move toward the end of the year, we'd like to consider working with PTO next year to create a line item in the budget for students who have specific needs that might not be addressed in other ways (i.e., students who might need glasses or an eye appointment, but who get placed on a lengthy waiting list for these services).
 - b. **Ashlee Keller, 6th grade** –
 - This week we will be changing UAs with the new semester. We will also be switching from Social Studies to Science or the other way around.
 - Growth and Development is set for the week of February 6. One team will go each day.
 - Boys will be in one session and girls in another. Paperwork will be coming home soon with a link and information that will be presented in the classes.
 - Field trip is currently planned for the first week in May. We will be going to Eastern Tennessee to Bay's Mountain Wolf Preserve, Planetarium, and Bristol Caverns to Gray Fossil Museum. Cost will be somewhere around \$60-75 but has not been confirmed yet.
 - c. **Kayleigh Smith, 5th grade** -
 - We would like to thank you for the Skateboarding Program for the students. We are currently in the process of planning our next two off campus events - our annual trip to the Symphony, and we are also planning on going to the Biltmore House. Nancy McGowan has been out liaison with the Biltmore house, and she has found a program that focuses on 'Green issues around the house' (I'm not sure of the actual name for the program), where they will give a tour with a focus on how the House is sustainable and eco friendly. We will ask the students to provide their own lunch, but we were considering ordering ice creams from the creamery for each child (which would be included in the price of their ticket). As of right now, there isn't a definitive cost, but we were thinking it will end up being between \$30-40

d. **Christy Woppman, UAs -**

All County Chorus

Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school:

Molly Berlin

Marcella Montgomery

Phoebe Smith

Collin Taylor

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays after school from 2:50-3:45 in room 111 with Mrs. Woppman.

The date for the Elementary / Intermediate All County Chorus Field Trip is February 24th with a Snow date of March 3rd. The concert will be held the same evening at 7 pm. The venue is TBA.

Wizard of Oz

auditions will be held Jan 23 and 24 after school in room 111

cast will be announced January 27

rehearsal schedule to follow.

performance dates: May 4-6

5th grade field trip: Asheville Symphony Orchestra

2017 Young People's Concert

Thomas Wolfe Auditorium, U.S. Cellular Center

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 12:15 p.m.

392 students and teachers

cost \$4.00 per student and teacher / BCS Arts program paying \$2.00 of cost

Reminder: March is Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM)

IV. **President statement** - Kim Murphy

- a. PTO and Koontz Facebook pages are up and running and we are regularly posting
- b. There is a healthier foods initiative in discussion with PBIS
- c. New bill that threatens art, music, PE specials – passed for 17-18 school year. Contact congress people to repeal bill. This bill will mean larger class sizes at Koontz.

V. **Principal's Report** – Chris Cowan

- a. PBIS Snacks – there is a push to make them healthier and the PBIS team is going to make that happen.
- b. The 5th/6th grade dance planning is underway. Ivy Helms, head of the Events Team will send out a sign-up sheet for teachers to volunteer to be chaperones. Denise Ingram and Hannah Lim are the PTO representatives organizing the food, decorations, flyers and money collection. The dance will be February 10th from 3-5pm.
- c. Claxton Elementary school came to visit yesterday to see our building and how we do things.

VI. **Treasurer's Report** – Mandy Klepper

- a. Mandy reviewed the latest P&L and let us know that the \$1500 we set aside for the Rana Review will not be used this year.

VII. Vice Presidents' Reports

- a. President-Elect – Erika Eill requested that all committee chairs create a document describing your job for the next person who has it.
- b. VP Programming – No report from Amy Haldeman or Kim Stevens

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. PTO Membership – Laura Douglas. No new members to report but we've had a record breaking year for membership.
- b. Banners/Partners in Education – Shannon Reese and Jill Ibbotson. The fire marshal has a problem with our banners hanging up in our gym so as it stands, we've sold quite a lot and can't get them hung up. Shannon and Jill will work with Mr. Cowan to come up with a solution for this problem. One idea is to hang them on the fence around the school outside.
- c. Box Tops – Robyn Thomason and Beth Roberts. Robyn plans to send out an email letting parents know that they can turn in box tops all year long in the main office. The second collection time is in February.
- d. Dance Party – Denise Ingram and Hannah Lim. Already discussed under Vice Principle's report.
- e. Fun Foods Night – the next Fun Food Night is at Barbaritos on March 14th.
- f. Hospitality – Shellie Whitmire. The next event is scheduled for March 8th.
- g. Movie Night – Twyla Ryan. The movie night is scheduled for March 17th. If the weather is nice, the viewing may be held outside.

IX. Old Business

- a. Dress Down Fridays (for students) fundraiser presented to SIT. The idea is to have a theme on Fridays which the students can pay a dollar to dress like the theme (i.e. Mardi Gras). Other fundraising ideas were discussed as well.
- b. Spring Fundraiser ideas to make up the 3K deficit from our fall "No Fuss Fundraiser"
 - i. Kickball Tournament (adults versus students)
 - ii. Fun Fridays – Holiday Celebration
 - iii. No Fuss Fundraiser – Spring
- c. PTO needs insurance to cover us for events. Shannon Reese encouraged us to get in touch with AIM, a company that specializes in insurance for PTOs/PTAs.

X. New Business

- a. Committee for Spring Fundraiser needed. Please let Kim Murphy know if you are willing to help.
- b. Should we have a 6th grade dance at the end of the year?
- c. Friday jeans for teachers was discussed as a fundraiser.

Adjournment