

Koontz PTO Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017 Koontz Media Center 8:00am

Present: Kim Murphy, Erika Eill, Cate Rhenev, Mandy Klepper, Robyn Thomason, Denise Ingram, Chris Cowan, Christy Woppman, Kayleigh Smith, Jill Ibbotson

- I. **Welcome/ Call to Order** – Kim Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:06am.
- II. **Approval Meeting Minutes from January 24th, 2017** – Kim Murphy (Motion) –Erika made motion to approve, Mandy Klepper seconded; passed unanimously.
- III. **Teacher’s Representative Reports and Title One**
 - a. Title One – Mallory Morrill- Title I would like to thank you for organizing such a fun spring event for our students. They all seemed to have "a ball" at the Snow Ball. :-) This Tuesday, 2/28, we are completing the fifth of five training days regarding foundational reading skills. We have brought lots of new strategies back to implement in our own classrooms and will soon be sharing these strategies with classroom teachers. Thank you for all that you do for our students!
 - b. 5th Grade – Kayleigh Smith – 5th grade has a field trip planned to the Biltmore Estate 4/17-4/18. Cost will be around \$40 per child. Letters to go home soon. On March 15th, 5th grade is going to the symphony. Cost is \$2. The kids enjoyed the dance but the 5th grade teachers felt that the dance should be separated into 5th and 6th grade separately. Kids felt intimidated and there were too many kids. The food was great but next year we need to have big bottles of hand sanitizer at each end of the food tables.
 - c. 6th Grade – Ashlee Keller – 6th grade field trip planned for May3rd and

6th. The cost will be \$75. A deposit of \$30 is due today and the remainder due at the end of March. On May 3rd, Passmore/Burgin/Coules/Decker/Keller/Wallin are attending and on May 6th, Hough/McCall/Lachler/Rana/Parker/Compton attending. The 6th grade teachers also felt that it would be better to separate the grades for the dance.

- d. UA - Christy Woppman ☒- On Friday the all-county chorus happened and Koontz was well represented. Symphony is happening this month, the county subsidizes \$2 per student. Ms. Woppman asked if PTO would subsidize the 15 teachers going (total of \$30) and use her Rockin' Ram budget. The food was amazing at the dance! The parents were great and patient. The UA teachers felt that the dances need to be separated into grades as well. Several fights among 6th graders occurred and there were too many kids in the cafeteria and gym. The decorations were great too.

IV. **President statement** – Kim Murphy ☒

- a. We have several events coming up – Global Fridays, Plant Sale, Fun Food Night: Barberito's Southwestern (scheduled for 3/14 but switching to 3/21) and Wild Wings Café scheduled for 4/3. We would like to get some entertainment from the school like the band or chorus at Wild Wings. Ms. Woppman and Kim Murphy will come up with a plan for this.
- b. Insurance for PTO – Plan to use AIM General Liability Policy, which is the one Estes PTA uses. Kim Murphy is going to check into cost.
- c. We need every committee to document a description of position and send all electronic docs to Erika Eill or put on Google drive.

V. **Principals' Reports** – Mrs. Board. Following the dance, we were up to 155 absences. There were approximately 70 Latino kids absent on Thursday (protest?) so had 185 kids absent that day. Absences are slowly decreasing,

hopefully we are getting healthier. Ms. Board lost her father and has been absent for a few visits. Brian Turner coming to Koontz Friday, March 3rd. The principals also feel that the dance should have been separated by grade. They were very disappointed in the behavior of our kids at the dance and in general. It may be that in the future, kids who have been in trouble may not be invited to the dance. Koontz kids are using inappropriate language engaging in other disappointing behavior. Mr. Cowan made a telephone call last week to this effect. "Jeans for rare genes" is happening today. The 5th grade field trip needs activity buses and Mr. Cowan is working on that. The banners have been hung on the Long Shoals Road side of our fence outside. Visibility is greater there than in the gym.

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

a. Budget Report - We have settled up banners with VSMS. The dance collected \$1635 and it was so well organized with the money and Mandy was very grateful. Cost for the dance was only \$334. Mandy needed to purchase checks and a case for the laptop. We received \$17 for Amazon Smile and Publix came in at \$183.66. We are doing well budget-wise. Last year the musical was sponsored in part by the PTO and we will need to decide whether to do that again. Kim will call a meeting of the executive board to discuss.

VII. **Vice President's Report** – President-Elect: Erika Eill

a. Global Themed Friday update – March 17 for Mardi Gras was well received but lots of kids were ill and it wasn't promoted as well as it could have been. We will improve that for the next event. Incentive for staff to participate was discussed.

b. Garden/ Plant Sale – this will happen April 27th from 10am to 4pm. We will be selling herbs and tomatoes, \$3 each. We will be using our grow

lights to grow the product.

VIII. **VP Report – Programming Update:** Amy Haldeman and Kim Stevens

- a. April 21st – We have the Children’s Theater of Charlotte perform “New Kid” (Time: 8:15am and 9:15am)

IX. **Committee Reports**

- a. Dance Party – Denise Ingram & Hanna Lim – The dance was a monetary success and we have 316 kids participate. Behavior and volume of kids was an issue with combining of both 5th and 6th grade. Maybe next year we have 5th grade early in the year and 6th grade at the end to celebrate “graduation”. The parents donated all the food so cost was low. Alternating themes every 2 years was discussed. Denise appreciates all the parents who volunteered.
- b. Movie Night – Twyla Ryan: March 17th at 7pm. Will be 1.5 hours long and we will be showing “Trolls”. Considering a fundraiser where kids can pay to get their hair sprayed with color. There will be some concessions for purchase and a meal deal that will include pizza, popcorn and drinks. We will not charge to come watch the movie. Advertising will happen soon.
- c. Box Tops – Robyn Thomason and Beth Roberts- We are \$52.52 short of our budget for this year. We may need to cut the budget for next year because we have a 6th grade student who brought in almost 4000 boxtops (parent works in a recycling center).
- d. Fun Food Nights – Next Fun Food Night at Barberitos March 21st from 4-8pm. Flyers will be going out soon.
- e. Hospitality: Shellie Whitmire: March 10th (Crock Pot lunch). They are looking for PTO parents to help with this.
- f. Banners/ Partners in Education – Shannon Reese and Jill Ibbotson – they

got hung up on our fence outside! It's a great location for these. We may consider charging more next year for the ones hung up on the fence. If we hang them on the fence in the future, we may need to get slices cut into the banners so the wind easily goes through them.

X. **New Business**

- a. Drama – Wizard of OZ sponsorship May 4-6

XI. **Adjournment**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Early Release – March 9th, 2017 Teacher Luncheon – March 10th Fun Food Night – March 14th, 2017 (Pending) Global Theme Friday (Music) – March 17th PTO Movie Night – March 17th, 2017 Early Release – March 30th, 2017

PTO Board Meeting Schedule

March 28th @ 8:00am (Board and Committee Members) April 25th @ 8:00am (Board and Committee Members) May 23rd – (Time" TBA) Change over gathering