

Koontz PTO Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2017
Mosaic Café
8:00AM

Present: Kim Murphy, Mandy Klepper, Shannon Reese, Erika Eill, Laura Douglas, Amy Wamsley, Ronda Henning, Amy Haldeman, Beth Roberts

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order** - Kim Murphy, 8:04AM
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2017**- a motion was made and approved unanimously
- III. **Teacher Representative Report:**
Mallory Morrill, Title 1 -

Title I thanks you for an incredible year. We appreciate your support in our Transition/Community Resources & Opportunities Event. Feedback from families was great! In Title I, we're gearing up for our last Title I Parent Event. At this event, we'll provide Title I students with reading materials for the summer to help them continue to work on the reading skills they've been practicing all year. We will also be sharing opportunities for families to encourage reading throughout the summer. Barnes & Noble, for instance, offers students a free book after reading 8 books. Buncombe County Libraries offer a similar opportunity. After four visits to a library, students are allowed to select one book of their choice to own. Additionally, Buncombe County Libraries offer ZOOM passes to families with a library card where they can gain free admission to local attractions like the Smith-McDowell House Museum, the Arboretum, the Asheville Museum of Science, and more. We hope you and your families might be able to take advantage of some of these opportunities, and that you have a relaxing & rejuvenating summer! Thank you so much for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Malorie Morrill

- IV. **Principal's Report** - Robin Board
 - a. Presenting June 1st at School Board meeting on the School Uniform. We are at the end of our 2- year Pilot. The announcement of the new principals will be made at this meeting, as well.
 - b. June 5th & 6th – Field Days
June 5th – 6th grade NC Final Exam in Science/Social Studies
June 7th – 6th grade School of Hard Knocks
June 8th – LEAD Social
June 9th – Awards Day: 8:30 (8:15?) 6th grade; 9:45 (9:30?) 5th grade. Early Release
June 12th – PTO Luncheon in Media Center
 - c. We will begin our 3rd year with The Leader in Me initiative. Empowering Academics is the Theme. We are also in the planning stages of having morning clubs for every child on the monthly early release days. This provides the opportunity to participate for those students who cannot b/c of transportation. We will still have clubs (Rams' Runners, etc.) after school as well.

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- d. Global Ready Designated School: We are completing our 1st of a 2-year professional development program to be designated by the NC Dept. of Public Instruction as a Global Ready School. This is an intense 100-hour w/ a Capstone Project completion process all faculty members are going through.
 - e. We are ending the year at 704 enrollments and are projected to have an enrollment of 750 next year.
 - f. 1st year Splash program has been a joy to watch this year. They will transition on to 6th grade while the incoming 5th grade group will begin their Intermediate school years. While several GA parents are saying the program will go to VSMS rather than CCMS, I have not heard that, nor has the county office when I contacted them.
- V. **President statement** - Kim Murphy
- a. AIM companies liability insurance information - approved
We are signed up for insurance for the coming year, we need to add this expense to the Operating Expenses for coming years.
 - b. Ms. Board retirement - PTO give flowers
 - c. June 7 - School of Hard Knocks: brought sign up sheet
 - d. Vote in new PTO President and Board - President: Erika Eill, President-Elect: Amy Wamsley, Treasurer: Laura Douglas, VP-fundraising: Ronda Henning, VP-Programming: Amy Haldeman, Secretary: Heidi Ewing
 - e. Shared cards of thanks to the PTO
- VI. **President-Elect Report** - Erika Eill
- a. Still need PTO positions filled - need to convene with Kim about who has said yes regarding Committee Chairs
 - b. PTO website - <http://koontzpto.wordpress.com> we will sign up for a plan with Wordpress to have koontzpto.com. (\$3 a month)
 - c. No Fuss Fundraiser - Fall 2017 - Discussed incentives for class participation and entire school for reaching our fundraising goal. Showed meeting members the potential form and explanation, they were ok with asking for additional people to send the form, thought the "packet" should be one sheet, two-sided, and have an envelope.
 - d. Events from the prior year/calendar review -
 - i. Amy will talk to Leslie (??) about the Glow Run. Set a potential date of September 15 for that event.
 - ii. Moved Kickball Tournament to the 27th.
 - iii. Proposed the 20th (Friday) for "Koontz Day" = Spring Festival, have a bigger event with the plant sale as a feature, celebrate Earth Day and Mr. Koontz's birthday. "Koontz Day"?
 - e. Mom's Night Out at embellish - she supplies wine/snacks, we shop/receive 15% of sales. Talked about making it a Parents' Night Out, and getting a restaurant, possibly Strada, on board for a discount/donation to the PTO.

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- f. Mr. Cowan would like us to have a “beautifying the school” day in the summer (painting more). Talked about getting Ms. Parker and the NJHS involved, and doing it in the fall.

VII. **Treasurer Report** - Mandy Klepper

- a. Budget close out - spending until June 30 for 2016-17 budget - Teachers have until the end of June to submit expenses.
- b. We viewed the proposed budget for next school year
- c. The transition to updated Quickbooks has been a bear.
- d. Order a plaque for (over?) the gym doors that thanks the 2015-2016 PTO for the sound system and the 2016-2017 PTO for the drape system.

VIII. **VP Reports** - Programming

Amy discussed trying to schedule one last program for the students because the last one was cancelled, but there is not enough time.

IX. **VP Reports** - Fundraising

Ronda has ideas for holiday shopping for the students to be able to buy gifts for their families at the holidays/Mother’s Day. She will put together proposals/a plan. She also has a business for which she is offering services to all the PTOs.

X. **Committee Report**

- a. Erika Eill and Laura Douglas - Plant Sale - Raised \$725
- b. Fun Foods - Initial feelers out to Farmburger, Rocky’s and Luella’s. Mandy will send list of where we went and what we made last year.
- c. Banners - Shannon Reese and Melanie Berlin are the committee chairs, and will work with Koontz to find out if we can still hang banners inside, and will also work on the program with Valley Springs (Jill Ibbotson and Jen Loizzo)

Meeting Adjourned: 9:27am

Next meeting: tbd (around August 29th at 6pm) in the PTO Room

Recorded by: Erika Eill, President