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December 12, 2023
PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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In attendance: Tiffany Walther, Katie Dobbie, Betzy McCarty, Ann Lin, Koren Clinkscale, Keichea Shauntee-Wilson, Vidya Ramanathan, Tiff, Trevor Steer, Erin Hill, Amarjeet Gill, Kristin Berger, Susin Tang, Maeran Uhm, Beth Cable, Emily Fine, Patel S, Weiyi, Lindsey Birrell, Sam Scherba

Called to order: 6:30 pm

1. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Betzy McCarty
 - b. Seconded: Susin Tang
 - c. Vote: Approved

2. Principal Report - Mrs. Koren Clinkscale - Turkey Trot was successful. Thanks to the Turkey Trot volunteers. Report cards and NWEA should have been received by all families. Please email us if you have not received report cards or NWEA test results. Book fair was a success. So sad to see that Mandy has finished up her last Fall book fair. Bagel Friday was a success and is always fun during the book fair. For the Character Effect Program this week we are focusing on hope. It's great seeing each classroom putting their spin on the Character Effect Program. Coming up next week is PJ day on December 22. Also, looking forward to January, we are planning our all school assembly for MLK. We do NWEA testing after our winter break in late January or early February. Also, I just wanted to say thank you to our families for their support regarding the incident that occurred at the school yesterday. I think it is important that families know about these types of incidents, but please know that no one was in danger.

3. Teacher Report - Mrs. Shah/Mrs. Berger -
Kindergarteners are currently learning about winter holidays celebrated worldwide, but especially those celebrated by students within the classroom. Students made suitcases and created passports as well. WIDA Test Information Night, January 17th: The King EL Department is offering an informational night for families with English Language Learners to learn more about preparing students to take the upcoming WIDA EL exam. There will be information about how the test is administered and ways students can practice for the test at home. Come learn more on January 17th, at 5:30pm in the Library, or the Info Night will also be offered on Zoom on January 17th, from

7:00-8:00pm. After School Writing Program for EL Students: In the coming days, some of our 2nd-5th grade English Language Learners will receive invitations to participate in a FREE after school writing program. There will be four sessions: January 16, 18, 23, and 25. Please reach out to Evangeline Burgers with any questions - burgerse@a2schools.org

Kristin shared a video during the meeting regarding the King lost and found and encouraged students and parents to claim their lost items. All items left will be donated after December 22. Finally, a big general thank you from all the teachers to the PTO for the holiday treats, book fair, and field trips.

4. Treasurer Report - Betzy McCarty - Giving Tuesday Initiative raised \$2,740! We are giving Mitchell \$1,370. General Fund Donations are only at about 32% so far. We are at about \$5,500 of our goal of \$17,000. We are over \$1,000 in donations for restaurant nights which is double of where we were last year. Interest on savings is at \$750 and last year at this time we only had \$9.00 in interest. Some recent expenses include: paying for recent field trip buses which cost \$3221.20, we've paid out \$7,900 in teacher mini grants so far, and we have also spent \$950.81 on teacher appreciation so far this year. No reimbursement checks between December 21 - January 8 during break as Treasurer Assistant is out of town.
5. Innovation Grants for Teachers -Pleased to say this was a pre pandemic thing, and we are happy to bring it back. We had \$1500 budgeted for this. There were 6 applications submitted. A mural outside of the music room submitted by art/music, early learner reading books submitted by librarian, and all K teachers submitted grants for flexible seating, a writing desk, "soft start" items, and math games. The mural was awarded money sought for completion of the project, and the rest received a portion of their grants which will allow them to buy items towards their projects. We are pleased to announce that we are awarding grants to all applicants.
6. Committee Reports -
 - a. Book Fair - Mandy Hutton (Ann Lin spoke) book fair sales before tax: \$13,963.21. Great turn out once again. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out. Our next book fair will be in April and will be our new and used book fair. Thank you to all the volunteers.
 - b. Bagel Friday - Katie Dobbie - bagel friday with book fair is always a huge hit. We have teamed up with Moonwinks this year. A wonderful community event. Thank you to the volunteers for all your help. We will be taking a break in January, February, March, and we'll be back in April with the book fair.
 - c. Silent Auction - Beth Cable - Silent Auction is going well. Teacher/staff, family, business donations are all coming in. We want to increase business donations this year. We're also going to try to increase community knowledge, so that the community knows what goes into the auction night and also the ins and outs of how it works. Thanks to Mandy for the book fair bookmarks. Erin Hill is helping brainstorming ideas with donors. Also, we are trying to honor our veteran silent

auction team members and while also bringing in new volunteers to help out. Save the Date! King Silent Auction March 8, 2024. Excited about the Silent Auction and want to get involved today? Contact Vani vani.sohikian@gmail.com or Beth cable.beth@gmail.com if you're interested in joining the planning effort. Trevor Steer question: I think Vani has me down for a role, but I want to make sure that I'm not needed just yet? Beth will text with Vani and get back to Trevor.

- d. International Night - Hansini (Susin Tang spoke)- Date is February 24th @ Huron Student sign up available. Still a lot of spots left open for students to sign up. Performances are open to everyone. A lot of performers have already started rehearsing. We discussed how to fundraise and we are thinking about asking for a donation at the door and maybe doing a concession stand at the event.
 - e. Restaurant Community Nights - Erin Hill - December Fundraisers- Nothing Bundt Cake - 10 am - 8 pm and January Fundraisers - Paint Nail Bar on January 22 from 10 am - 6 pm and The Raven's Club on January 29th from 4 pm - 11 pm (kitchen closes at 10 pm).
 - f. Math Club - Yunus - Math Kangaroo test on March 21st. Sign up until Dec 15th, fee increase after. 1st-5th grades able to participate. They will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm each week starting October 18th.
 - g. Science Olympiad- Lisa Whitehead/Nicole Bhave -student sign up available- the sign up link in our most recent newsletter. Can sign up until Jan 12 and session start february 15th
 - h. Staff Holiday lunch - will be Satchels this Friday, Dec 15th.
 - i. Gift Crowd - \$4,215.00 has been contributed so far for King Teachers and Staff!
 - j. King Gear- Being sorted and distributed this week! King PTO can set up
7. Addressing questions: no questions
 8. Old Business: none
 9. New Business :
 - a. Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee (AAPAC) needs a parent representative from King. AAPAC's mission is to positively impact the education of ALL students in the AAPS schools, with an emphasis on representing students and parents of students needing or receiving special education services. AAPAC's goal is to work more closely with the PTO's of each school to ensure parents know there is a place to direct special education questions and to put an emphasis on inclusion in every building. Meetings are the first Monday of every month from 7 pm - 9 pm. Please email aakingpto@gmail.com if you are interested.
 - b. PTOC Rep still needed. Attend once monthly zoom meeting with a representative from all other PTO's in Ann Arbor to work on equity across the district. Meeting is usually 1 hour on the 3rd Monday of the month. Gather and share ideas across the district.
 - c. Lindsey Birrell - thank you for PTO for all your support with Project Snowman.

reminder off in January

10. Meeting Adjournment: 7:16 pm

11. Motion to adjourn: Erin Hill

12. Seconded: Betzy McCarty