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March 12, 2024

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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In attendance: Tiffany Walther, Katie Dobbie, Betzy McCarty, Ann Lin, Koren Clinkscale, Kristin Berger, Vani Patterson, Maeran Uhm, Maggie Allan, Hansini Mundigala

Called to order: 6:31 pm

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

2. Principal Report - Mrs. Koren Clinkscale - Report cards go home March 22. On the winter report cards there are no NWEA scores. Parents can reach out to teachers to find out their child's NWEA scores if needed. March is reading: Read the book *The Word Collector* and it helps us come up a word of the day each day this month. Also, we have had a lot of mystery readers so far this month. March is also Music in the Schools month: Mrs. Berger has hosted our Spring concerts this week. Finally, March is Arts in the Schools month: Ms. Wayne and Ms. Stepnick are placing art all around the school. King has the largest international community in AAPS. That being said, our ELL students are currently taking the WIDA test and they have almost finished completing the test. Mrs. Burgers has been working really hard to get all students tested, so that she may be able to track each student's progress and evaluate what each student's needs are after the test. Also, M STEP is coming up for 3rd-5th grade. We will be testing more towards the middle of April. The 3rd and 4th graders will test on reading and math while the 5th graders will test on math, reading, science, and social studies. Also, The Logo Challenge winner is a 5th grader named Percy. We will share our logo in our Dream Keeper this year. The King Academic Games team did really well. Just wanted to thank all the amazing parent volunteers who helped out with International Night and Silent Auction. DAW workshop coming up this Monday, March 18th.

3. Teacher Report - Mrs. Shah/Mrs. Berger - Thank you so much for the delicious hot chocolate bar - the messages were so sweet! The teachers were really excited for the Silent Auction and each teacher really talked up their donation beforehand. Ms. Wayne helped digitize the Dream Keeper logo and it has been made into a pin that staff is wearing. Also, from Mr. Tomsik: Kindergarten is doing building/engineer design work

using pushing and pulling. First grade is building a module that investigates light and sound energy. March is Youth Art Month - you may have noticed more art in the halls and a long the front sidewalks and that is thanks to Ms. Wayne and Ms. Stepnick. From Gatonez - Thank you to the PTO for the hard work in organizing the Silent Auction. Parents have been in the classroom for reading and now we are building leprechaun traps. Finally, Mrs. Berger is doing a music showcase where students are invited to share their music talents with fellow students at King.

4. Treasurer Report - Betzy McCarty - Preliminary estimate for Silent Auction is around \$19,000 in funds raised. Restaurant Nights have brought in over \$2,300 this year. \$1,000 over last year's total. This month we received \$550 from the Employer Donor Match Program, Benevity. We have paid out over \$25,000 in enrichment which includes: field trips, mini-grants for our teachers, and staff appreciation program. Thank you to all the teachers for their generous donations to the Silent Auction. We appreciate you! Teacher's Scholastic dollars need to be spent by the end of April. The last day to submit reimbursements for this school year is June 3, 2024.

5. Committee Reports -
 - a. Book Fair/Bagel Friday - Mandy Hutton/Katie Dobbie - Book fair is April 15-19 and Bagel Friday is April 19th in the MPR (Koren mentioned that M STEP is that week. She will reach out to Mandy to help organize the book fair around testing dates.)
 - b. Silent Auction - Vani Patterson/Beth Cable -
 - i. Wonderful turnout. We had 226 "tickets" which just means people who registered.
 - ii. Great energy and fun in the MPR thanks to Emily and her students from Huron.
 - iii. 280 items in total worth just over \$28k in value
 - iv. Current revenue is just a few dollars under \$20k
 - v. We surpassed our goal for Cash for Cause and are happy to support this workshop for ELL families
 - vi. Online flash sale begins tonight at 8pm and will end at 8 am on Sunday. This includes several sign up activities that still have spots, plus a new event - mom's night out - which our PTO board kindly offered to host due to so much demand at the auction.
 - vii. Overall ran remarkably smoothly due to an incredibly dedicated team. It took a lot of people to bring this event to our community and everyone played a key role. There was also a small core team who really kept this ship moving forward and without them we simply wouldn't have pulled it off. We also had extraordinary support from local businesses - far beyond anything I expected.

- viii. We are still working on closing this event out which includes documenting and packaging everything nicely for whomever is interested in co-chairing next year. I (Vani) am personally dedicated to onboarding the new chairs and working with them to be really strategic about donation solicitation next year now that we have two years post covid under our belts.
 - c. International Night - Hansini/Susin - It went much better than expected and we were so impressed by the turnout. We think there were about 500 guests. Moving forward, we would get the food donations earlier. Thank you to the volunteers who helped out. The showcase of the culture and diversity of the King Community was amazing. Also, it was great to see the willingness of parents and students to learn about other cultures by participating in their dances and other activities.
 - d. Learning Garden: Caroline Hughes - no update
 - e. Restaurant Community Nights - Erin Hill. Panera 3/13. Qdoba 4/4. Pizza House 4/8
 - f. Ongoing fundraiser : <https://stickymonkeylabels.com/>
 - i. Use coupon code MLKPTO at checkout.
 - g. Disability Awareness Workshop - Aarti Raheja - The Disability Awareness Workshop is a one-day program to teach 4th graders an empathetic understanding of physical, developmental, and learning disabilities. The hands-on-activity based program is designed to help students understand how difficult and complex daily living can be for individuals with "Diverse Abilities." The workshop is on Monday, 3/18 from 8:30-12:30 pm. We still need at least 5 more parent volunteers for the workshop. Thanks!
 - h. Math Club - Yunus - Math Kangaroo test on March 21st.
 - i. Science Olympiad- Lisa Whitehead/Nicole Bhave - Completing team selection this week in order to push for final competition April 20th. One month left of the season.
 - j. Mini monthly- March 20th-March munchies
 - k. Fun Run- Allison Jeter - Sometime in May
6. Addressing questions:
 7. Old Business:
 8. New Business :
 9.
 - a. PTOC fundraiser \$20 for \$30K <https://gofund.me/de5a19fb>
 - b. Next PTO meeting is IN PERSON, we will offer KingCare
 - c. 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.

- d. 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.

10. Meeting Adjournment: 7:07 pm

11. Motion to adjourn: Betzy McCarty

12. Seconded: Katie Dobbie