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PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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In attendance: Tiffany Walther, Katie Dobbie, Betzy McCarty, Ann Lin, Koren Clinkscale, Kristin Berger, Trisha Shah, Keichea Shauntee-Wilson, Maeran Uhm, Sam Scherba, Vani Patterson, Mandy Hutton, Hansini, E Yamamoto, Beth Cable, Aarti Raheja, Buffy Beattie, Nicole Bhave, Eric Shah

Called to order: 6:31pm

1. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes:
 - b. Seconded: Mandy Hutton
 - c. Vote: Vani Patterson

2. Principal Report - Mrs. Keichea Shauntee-Wilson - Thank you to parents for helping during lunch and recess. Support has been extremely helpful. We are beginning a new program called the character effect. A social emotional program. They talk a lot about children learning their own strengths and also helping children, teachers, and staff to be mindful and intentional in the things that they do. Parents will hear of the strengths each week. Each week a different strength, for example friendship. Turkey Trot this Friday, November 17th. Donuts and clementines for kids. Mr. Metulis started a running club. He gives the kids cards with QR codes that can track how much the kids run. The kids are really excited about it and running a lot at recess and lunch. Report Cards come out November 21st. They will be sent home electronically. We are starting our student council spirit day the first Monday after Thanksgiving will be monochrome Monday.

3. Teacher Report - Mrs. Shah/Mrs. Berger - Teachers really enjoyed the cider and donuts on October 18th. The Toledo play was great and the kids really enjoyed it. Running Club has about 50% of student participation. We hope it continues to grow. 5th graders are going to take a field trip to the Charles H Wright African American Museum on January 5th. First graders celebrated Diwali and had a wonderful experience and enjoyed making crafts. PLTW will start the second rotation through January 25th which includes engineer design and one computer coding modular. Steven Tomsik, the new PLTW teacher, feels very lucky to be a member here at King. Everyone has been so welcoming. Gatonez to

share an author day with families and a big thank you from all teachers to the PTO for the classroom funds.

4. Treasurer Report - Betzy McCarty - Restaurant nights have already brought in almost \$700! The King PTO will be participating in Giving Tuesday this year. We will be donating 50% of all money collected in our general fund between now and December 1st to a Title I school in the district. So far for the general fund donations, we have only reached 32% of our goal of \$17,000. Ways to help: If families are able to donate, we suggest a donation of \$50 -\$75 per child, but really any amount is helpful. We can accept cash, checks, and Cheddar Up. Also, mentioned different ways to donate to King for example through CheddarUp, cash, check, Venmo, employer matching programs, donating through Kroger and Busch's giving programs, and also Box Tops.
5. Committee Reports -
 - a. Silent Auction - Vani Patterson/Beth Cable - Please save the evening of Friday, March 8 for the King Silent Auction! This wonderful event brings our community together to fundraise for our PTO and foster community building both that evening and as part of the events that are auctioned off. Want to help? We still need volunteers to join our team in making this happen! Please contact Vani Patterson at vani.sohikian@gmail.com if you are interested in helping bring this event to our community. Beth and I are first year co-chairs. We are working very hard to hit the ground running. We are really excited. Silent Auction is a fun family event with food, activities for kids, raffle, and much more. It is also a community building event. We are having a meeting with potential volunteers this Thursday. No expectation of commitment, but if you are curious, please let me know and I can send you my information. We are looking for people to help with the database and marketing right now.
 - b. International Night - Hansini - Tentative date is February 24th. Committee consists of parents and Ms. Berger. We have about six coaches signed up for it and King Care has agreed to do a couple performances. We are excited to make it what it used to be. If you are willing to organize a performing group, it is time to start recruiting and rehearsing! Please let us know the number of participants needed for your performance. If you are interested, but need additional details, please contact us. We can help you get onboard. Dance, music, poetry, song, martial arts, more (be creative!) encouraged. If kids are interested in participating in cultural dress parade (individual or group), Please let us know. Country Posters: For those who would like to be a part but do not have time to participate in a performance, everyone is invited to make a country poster to teach about a special country or culture that you like!!!! Please reach out to us at internationalnightking@gmail.com for any questions or to sign up.

- c. Restaurant Community Nights - Erin Hill - Panera 11/15, Sweetwater 11/12, December fundraisers: December 1st - 8th, All Day
Eureka Dry Cleaners (they offer organic dry cleaning), 308 N. Main Street
Mention "King PTO" at time of dropoff! Pay at time of dropoff. 20% donated back to King PTO! Also, on Thursday, December 7th, All Day at Red Robin, 3797 Carpenter Rd, Pittsfield, MI 48197 (this location only!)
Mention "King" at time of order. Dine-in or takeout only.
20% of food sales donated back to King PTO!
- d. 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.
- e. Science Olympiad- Lisa Whitehead/Nicole Bhave - We have finished parent recruiting and we will be recruiting students soon. April 20th is the date of competitions, which unfortunately conflicts with academic games championships. We have our two key volunteers. We still need a few coaches, so please reach out if you are interested. Human machine, barge building, feather friends all need coaches as well as two coaches for 4th and 5th grades. Starting to recruit students after Thanksgiving. Starting to practice late January through early February.
- f. Turkey Trot - This Friday, November 17th, all day at King. Kids participate during gym class. There will be donuts and fruit for kids.
- g. Fowling recap - Fowling was such a fun night. It was a great experience and we hope to do it again next year. Thank you Sam Scherba for putting together this excellent evening!
- h. Bagel Friday - Katie Dobbie -Next Bagel Friday is on December 8th which will coincide with the last day of the book fair.
- i. Book Fair - Mandy Hutton - The Book Fair is 3 weeks away! It will take place the week of Dec. 4-8. We will be offering after school shopping for the King community on Tuesday and Thursday, from 4-6, as well as Friday from 8am - 8:40, during Bagel Friday. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need volunteers to help us set up the fair on Friday afternoon, Dec. 1, help with previews and sales throughout the week of Dec 4-8, and cleanup on Friday afternoon, Dec 8. The link to the sign up genius can be found here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA5AA2AA7F58-46146640-2023#/>
If you would like to come in and volunteer when your child is attending the fair, just contact me and I will let you know when your teacher's time slots are.
I am also working on gathering up the links for all teacher's eWallets, if you are interested in donating to their classroom libraries. Links will be shared soon!
- j. Mini monthly- Beth Cable signed up for this Wednesday
- k. Staff Holiday lunch will be Dec 15th. We will also do Giftcrowd again this year.

6. Addressing questions: no questions

7. Old Business: none

8. 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. Giving Tuesday - spoke about in the Treasurer report

9. Meeting Adjournment: 7:07 pm

10. Motion to adjourn: Betzy McCarty

11. Seconded: Vani Patterson