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PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

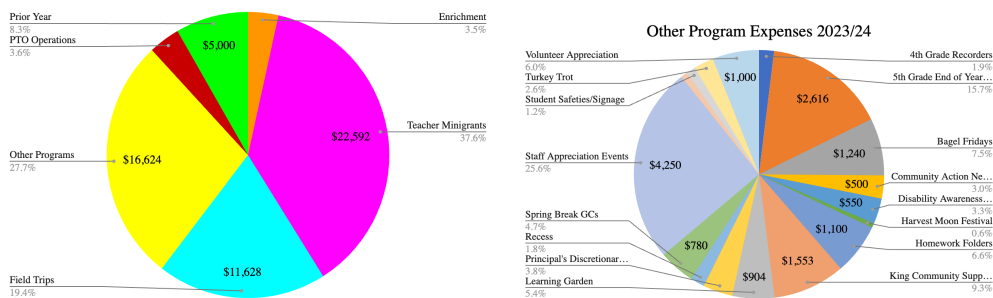
Meeting: in person in the King library/media center

In attendance: Tiffany Walthers, Koren Clinkscale, Katie Dobbie, Betzy McCarty, Ann Lin, Kristin Berger, Trisha Shah

1. Called to order: 6:10 pm
2. Minutes - Review previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Erin Hill
 - b. Seconded: Nav
 - c. Vote: Approved
3. Board Introductions: Board Members introduced themselves
4. Board Mission: We, as a board, are a group of parents who have collective experiences and time at King. Our mission as officers of the PTO is to provide an equitable environment while supporting the school when we are called upon to do so. We aim to build community by providing social events in order to foster relationships between parents and the school.
5. Principal Report - Koren Clinkscale - Great start to the school year! I really appreciate the wonderful turnout this evening. Mrs. Clinkscale introduced herself to the attendees. Right now, teachers are focusing on classroom culture, building relationships, and establishing routines. Also, for parents, please refer to my recent email regarding arrival and dismissal procedures and safety. This year (like last year) breakfast and lunch are free to all students. Families must complete the free and reduced lunch form whether they qualify or not. Just fill out the form, so that the district can get the revenue for each kid that uses it. King Dreamkeeper goes out every Friday at 3 pm. All pertinent information and King community events will be in the Dreamkeeper. Devices have been given to all students in grades 1-5, but Y5 and Kindergarten students will share devices that will be kept in the classroom. For Y5 and Kindergarten it will be a one device per three kids ratio. Parents were concerned about little kids carrying heavy laptops, so the district has made adjustments. NWEA testing coming up September 9th. NWEA testing is for Kindergarten - 5th grade. NWEA testing is done in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Also, Curriculum Night is September 11 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Fifth grade camp will take place Wednesday September 18th-20th. Fifth grade

camp is going to Camp Storer. First early release day is September 24th. Student count day is October 2nd. Picture Day is October 15th.

6. Teacher Report - Mrs. Shah/Mrs. Berger - Mrs. Berger giving a teacher report. Teachers report - love getting to know the kids, focusing on building relationships with students and creating community for kids this year. Question from a parent regarding band opportunities- Mrs. Berger responded that students are fitted in 5th grade for band and orchestra instruments.
7. Treasurer Report - Betzy McCarty - Ways to Donate: we recommend \$50-\$100 donation per year or whatever you feel comfortable giving. We accept cash, check, or use our digital platform through CheddarUp. Passive ways to give: Kroger and Busch's Cash for Education programs. Employer Donor Match Programs such as Bright Future and Benevity are a couple others ways to donate. Please see the chart below for a list of our 2023/2024 Expenses totaling \$60,076.



8. Committee Reports -
 - a. Harvest Moon - Yun Lee - October 23rd. First social event of the year. After school, there is pizza, donuts, and cider for sale. Kids get to do crafts and face painting, dress up, and a paper lantern parade.
 - b. Science Olympiad- Lisa Whitehead - Science Olympiad is an elementary only version that competes against other schools in the Washtenaw area. It is run by Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad (WESO). Going on for 25 years. Each school has their own team and own coaches. We recruit parent volunteers to help coach teams. Teams program robots or bird trivia, etc. 2nd - 5th grade only. We need a lot of event coaches. They work with students and the tournament starts in April. Time frame for parent recruitment is November - December and kid recruitment is

December - January. We try to place kids on team right after holiday break so that they can get started right after break

- c. Fowling - The Fowling place donates their space to King. Tickets sold to attend the event. Date coming soon.
- d. Ice Cream Social - Emily Mashal/Susin Tang - Ice cream free for all. The event has prizes, games, a jazz band performs, and is just a wonderful social event at the end of the year. Sponsors make it possible to offer free ice cream. Always looking for more volunteer help.
- e. Restaurant Community Nights- Erin Hill/Liz Arnkoff - California Pizza Kitchen is on 9/24/24 from 11 am - 9 pm. 20% of all food and drinks sales will go to support King PTO. Briarwood Location only. Enter code BACK20% at checkout. Also, currently we are doing Stickymonkeylabels.com. They will give 20% of all sales back to King PTO if you use the code: MLKPTO. Moonwinks Thursday, October 10 - all day - 5% without mentioning king, but if you mention King it will be 10% back to King. Also, if you know the owner of a restaurant or if you own a restaurant or business that would like to participate, I am taking suggestions.
- f. Bagel Friday - First Bagel Friday coming up September 27 at 8 am on the King playground. This is a fun community based event for parents, staff, and kids to get to know each other. Hope to see you all there. We try to coincide with the last day of the book fair at least twice a year. This is a fun social event. Cash event.
- g. Fun Run - Allison Jeter/Emily Stoneman- Allison and I have run this event for a few years and this our last year that we will be able to chair this event as our kids will be graduating King. The Fun Run started 3 years ago. This event is held in May during the school day and classes take turns running laps around the playground and usually another activity for the kids. Kids get a drink and snack after the event. Volunteers help get ready for the event and help with handing out prizes. Also, we have a fun friendly competition where the class from each grade that raises the most money of the grade gets a prize.
- h. Learning Garden - Whitney Wilkes-Krier - We are trying to rethink the garden and what is more sustainable. I'm trying to gear it toward whole foods and their health benefits. So exciting for kids to learn how our food grows and be outside in nature. In the Spring we try to take classes out to the garden, but we need parent volunteers to help with those garden

visits. We're trying to find a way to make it really meaningful to the kids, but not too much of a burden to the parents and teachers. If anyone has ideas, please let me know. I was thinking of doing a survey of what parents think will be helpful. We are thinking of possibly transitioning to perennials as well. Also, October 2nd will be our garden work day. Our goal that day is having weeds pulled and mulch put down. Huron high school volunteers are welcome as well. Spring is the next time kids will probably be in the garden. Thank you to the Summer volunteers for all your hard work.

- i. King Gear - Harini - We are using the same printing company as last year and we are hoping to get the orders in earlier this year, so the distribution of items goes out sooner.
- j. Book Fair - Sam Scherba - Two book fairs during the school year. Dates soon to come. First book fair will be before the holiday. Definitely can use volunteers to help set up, preview day, purchase days, and break down at the end of the book fair. Also, there are two days during the week that the book fair will be held after school.
- k. Academic Games - Tom Tan - National Club for elementary students - High School. Tuesday and Thursday 7 - 8:30 pm and every sat we have a tournament to compete with other schools in the district. Goes until March when we go to the state tournament.
- l. Math Club - Yunus -
 - i. Who: 2nd -5th grader
 - ii. When: Once a week
 - iii. Where: King Classrooms*Ends with the optional Math Kangaroo National Test
- m. Directory - Looking for a new parent volunteer to maintain the directory. The previous directory parent graduated from King. Currently we are collecting contact info from King parents. We will soon send the first iteration of the directory, but as more parents submit contact information, we will need someone to update the directory periodically throughout the year. This is a low commitment volunteer opportunity. Time commitment: 1-2 hours a month. Please email aakingpto@gmail.com if interested.
Beth Cable will take over the Directory.
- n. Teacher Appreciation - Mini Monthly - we provide treats/snacks once a month for teachers and staff. Volunteers can sign up for one spot. Pto will reimburse.

- o. Turkey Trot- Nav Cheema - Great way for kids to be active and run around the school. Kids get donuts from Washtenaw Dairy as well as cider. This year we might do allergy friendly muffins from Busch's for students with allergies. The run is staggered throughout the day and based on grade. We will need volunteers all day.
- p. International Night -Hansini/Stella - We will need two new committee co-chairs for next year. This event celebrates the many cultures at King. Last year was the first year we had this showcase of the beautiful amazing talents that our King students have from all over the world which is what makes King such a beautiful community. This event will be held in February 2025 at Huron High School.
- q. Silent Auction - Vani - looking for two co-chairs to lead this committee this year. Information about Silent Auction:
 - i. \$20,000 in funds raised in 2024
 - ii. 226 "tickets" registered (ie the number of families who could bid on items)
 - iii. Family fun night-of with food and activities in MPR
 - iv. Continued activities throughout Spring/Summer/Fall bringing King community together
 - v. A large and great team committed to continuing to help for 2025
 - vi. Smooth operating principles, organization, and marketing plan established

9. Addressing Question:

- a. Parent Comment: PTOC meetings are very informative and anyone can attend those meetings.
- b. Question regarding cell phones: Is there a school policy regarding cell phones. The principal would be the best person to ask regarding the cell phone policy.
- c. Aarti Rajesh question: When will the slide be fixed? We still don't know what will be fixed yet. We will get in touch with Koren.
- d. Question; How did the district budget cuts affect the board budget for the PTO. Our biggest concern was teacher morale and we tried to bring in lots of fun treats and coffee for teachers. We still have concerns for the teachers this year and their morale.

10. Old Business:

11. New Business: Committee Chairs Needed for the following

- Silent Auction Chairs - Two chairs needed to lead
- Disability Awareness Workshop - Work with Assistant Principal and outside company to coordinate ½ day workshop for 4th

graders

12. Meeting Adjournment: 8:08 pm
13. Motion to adjourn: Sam Scherba
14. Seconded: Lisa Whitehead