

Minutes Approved: May 13, 2025

April 9, 2025

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes

In Person Meeting:

In attendance: Tiffany Walther, Katie Dobbie, Ann Lin, Koren Clinkscale, Kristin Berger, Diana Shah, Nav Cheema, Sam Scherba, Sara Hammerschmidt, Buffy Beattie, Erin Hill, Vani Patterson, Jeff Patterson, Erica P., Kayla Cornett, Cindy Hu, Danielle B, Mark Dobbie  
Called to order: 6:04 pm

1. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
  - a. Motion to approve minutes: Erin Hill
  - b. Seconded: Vani Patterson
  - c. Vote: Approved
2. Treasurer Report - Betzy McCarty did not attend-
  - a. Our total income this year is \$31,073.
  - b. Our total expenses are \$28,885.
  - c. Therefore, we are at a surplus of \$2,188.
  - d. We still have \$10,000 in field trip funds and \$12,000 in mini-grants to pay out.
  - e. For more details please visit our March Profit and Loss Statement that will be posted to the website by next week.
  - f. **Reminder: All reimbursement requests are due by May 23rd.**
3. Principal Report - Mrs. Clinkscale - Classroom placement letters - each year I ask families to share their thoughts regarding their child's placement for next year. This year I am using a google form and it is due April 18th. We will use that information to inform our decision for your child's placement. King 2.0 Open House tonight! The build team is here to share some plans with parents, so please join the meeting. Fall of 2027 and return in Fall 2029. Also coming up is our 5th grade testing out where incoming 6th graders can test out of 6th grade math and 4th graders can test out of 5th and do virtual 6th grade math.
4. Teacher Report - Mrs. Shah/Mrs. Berger - It's been really busy with all the end of year activities. King-kgram Pen pals got to meet their pen pal and wore the same shirts. Gatonez - thank you to PTO for generosity, so she could be able to buy flexible seating for the classroom. Nav Cheema came to Mr. Clarkson's class to share stories of climbing adventures. Teachers were really happy with the grab and go for the mini monthly. Thank you to kids and parents of k-4th for all the amazing concerts.

5. Committee Reports -

- a. Book Fair/Bagel Friday - Ann Lin update. Gross sales: \$13,000- we do pay scholastic for the books, scholastic news. \$360 in raffle sales. Last bagel Friday of the school year; great turn out. Teachers are celebrities when they show up!
  - b. Silent Auction update - Sara Hammerschmidt - April 11th is silent auction!!
  - c. DAW Workshop- Not rescheduled
  - d. Restaurant Community Nights - Erin Hill - Buddy's pizza 3/18 is all day. Includes delivery. 3/19 Michigan Awesome-online shopping. Donate back 25%-share with friends and family-they ship wherever.
  - e. Math Club - Yunus - Math Kangaroo test Happened on 3/20 and math club will finish for the year
  - f. Fun Run- Save the Date Tuesday May 13th; the committee will be in touch for volunteers on day of and the cheddar up link to donate for that.
  - g. Committees in need - Harvest moon and International Night, Ice cream social, King Learning Garden, and Silent Auction
6. Addressing questions: Kayla Cornett brought up how kids are not allowed to sit with friends every day and it has been affecting her child and other children. Kayla mentioned that lunch time is a socialization time and they shouldn't be isolated from friends. Her observations are that the rule is not beneficial and is causing anger and resentment from students. She feels that sitting friends should be the standard and not letting them sit together should be only if they are misbehaving. Koren responded that it's hard to find children in the lunch room if they are not with class and 5th grade class can always sit with friends because we are preparing them for middle school. Koren's observation is that kids are not disrespectful and upset. And seem happy to sit with their classmates at lunch and the students are rewarded with sitting with friends on Fridays.
7. Old Business:
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](mailto: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.

- 9. Meeting Adjournment: 6:34 pm
- 10. Motion to adjourn: Sam Scherba
- 11. Seconded: Sara Hammerschmidt