

# Kruse PTO Meeting Minutes

## Thursday, March 8, 2016

### Agenda Items

- **Qdoba Events Center Roller Skating Event:** Parents had asked why there wasn't beer available to purchase at the last Qdoba roller skating event. Apparently, there is a liability issue so they no longer serve beer.
- **Walk-A-Thon:** The PTO (Amanda Holubar) has a contact at Bauder Elementary that runs their Walk-A-Thon fundraiser. This is an end-of-September event. Kruse PTO is interested in trying this idea next year as a fundraiser instead of the Read-A-Thon.
  - They used to count laps using bracelets (e.g. students got a bracelet after completing a lap). There are 2 ways to run a Walk-A-Thon: either a flat donation (easy) or laps (complicated).
  - They spend about 45-minutes on this per classroom. Usually it takes place when kids have special classes like PE, Computers, Art, or Music scheduled. Bottles of water are provided. The walk takes 30 minutes and each shift is about 45 minutes.
  - There is a water refill station and flavor ice.
  - Prize ideas discussed include a big, grand prize for top fundraisers. Maybe give "active" prizes like bikes or a soccer registration? Fly High Trampoline Park gave prizes at Bauder.
  - UHC Healthy Kids Club has a grant you can apply for. They provide T-shirts for the whole school. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirt decorating contest. 8 ½ x 11" drawing for the T-shirt contest. You have to spend \$2500 towards wellness activities as part of this grant. You apply for the grant in the summer and there is a four-week turn around.
  - They take online donations with 99 Pledges. This website takes about 10%. (Kruse uses Pay Pal for the Read-A-Thon.)
  - There is a kickoff assembly as well as forms and rob calls that go home.
  - They play music and the kids are pumped.
  - Note: Raintree Athletic Club sponsors the Wellness Club at Kruse. They might be able to contribute towards this event at Kruse.
- **Book Fair:** The Kruse Spring Book Fair is April 19-22, 2016. It is a Buy One, Get One Free book fair.
  - There will be a preview of the book fair for teachers from 7:15-7:30AM with coffee and breakfast. Ideas include \$200 for an espresso cart or getting Starbucks coffee and bagels. Amy Gage is looking into options and volunteers.
- **Movie Night:** The next movie night is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The movie shown will be "Minions."

- **Room Parent:** The idea of going back to a “Room Parent” concept was discussed. The PTO would ask teachers to stress getting yearbook and PTO liaisons at Back to School Night.
- **Bi-monthly PTO Meetings:** The idea to change to bi-monthly PTO meetings was discussed.
- **Back to School Night:** The Back to School Night opening talks with Mr. Gorman and Mrs. Barela are well-attended. The group discussed sending a PTO representative to these talks.
- **Bingo Night:** Bingo Night went well, but the turnout was small (e.g. less than 50 people).
- **Cake Walk:** Amy McKellar likes the idea of having a Cake Walk.
- **Dunk Tank/Kona Ice:** Other popular fundraising event ideas include a dunk tank with Mr. Gorman and having Kona Ice present to attract people to the event.
- **Kruse Website:** We discussed the idea of adding information to the PTO page of the Kruse website.
- **Bike Rally:** There was request to include Boy Scouts in the bike rally (the older ones). They could work a station (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up).
- **Kruse T-shirts:** Kim Pascavis needs to order next year’s kindergarten T-shirts along with the spring Kruse T-shirt order.
- **Yearbook:** LK Hart is planning to finish the yearbook even though her family has moved to Windsor and her kids no longer attend Kruse.
- **Staff Appreciation Week:** This year’s Staff Appreciation Week is April 11-15, 2016. Korin LaPlante is organizing.
- **Budget:** The Kruse PTO budget is on track. A copy of the budget was distributed.
- **Lockout:** Questions were raised about the school lockout last week. Lockouts may occur when there are tornadoes, a bear on the playground, suspicious people on the playground, etc. Mr. Gorman agreed to share the lockout plan and procedures with parents.