

Kruse PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Agenda Items

- **Rotary Club “Buddy Benches:”** Kruse Elementary is scheduled to receive one “Buddy Bench” during the next school year. However, to receive the donated bench, there are costs that Kruse would have to pay that aren’t covered (e.g. concrete slab, engraving, etc.). The PTO agreed to get more information about costs, timing, and amount of usage at other schools before making a decision.
- **Minutes Approved (Jen Darbie):** The PTO approved the April 2016 PTO minutes.
- **Budget (Sarah Walsh):** The PTO budget is on track. Copies were distributed at the meeting. The PTO will add a \$400 line item in the budget for Kruse Student Council. This money will be used for Kruse Student Council parties, etc. Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Pibel will submit receipts for expenses.
- **Art Club:** Students are not registering (they are just showing up) and paying promptly for Art Club. PTO discussed the need to communicate expectations more clearly.
- **Kruse Book Fair:** The Spring Kruse Book Fair went well, however there were some problems with the Book Fair being open during Movie Night. Kids from Movie Night were wandering around the Book Fair unsupervised. Amanda Holubar needs more volunteers or we won’t do this next year. The PTO discussed possibly asking Scholastic if they could send someone to help with the Book Fair next year during Movie Night.
- **Staff Appreciation Week (Korin LaPlante):** This event went well and teachers seemed to enjoy it. There is \$411 left in the budget. We spend money on donuts, espresso, and Book Fair certificates (\$5 per teacher).
- **Staff Lounge:** The PTO discussed helping to clean out this room and asking teachers what they want in the lounge to see if PTO could help make this happen.
- **Volunteer Sign-Up (Amy Gage/Gail Baker):** Amy Gage is re-doing this form. We may add an electronic option next fall. Next year we will include yearbook page editor and room parent in the Back-to-School night teacher sign-up sheets.
- **PTO Meeting Logistics:** The PTO discussed how important a reminder phone call is for parents. Also, we talked about adding an information letter about the PTO along with the back-to-school information from the principal.
- **Student Council:** PTO discussed the idea of having Kruse Student Council lead a school event.
- **Walk-A-Thon:** Walk-A-Thon will replace the Read-A-Thon as the main PTO fundraiser next year. We are applying for a grant using ideas from Bauder Elementary.
- **Next PTO meeting:** September 2016