

Kruse PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Agenda Items

- **Welcome:** Amy McKellar
- **October PTO Minutes:** The PTO approved the October 2016 minutes.
- **Walk-A-Thon:**
 - Thank you to all of our volunteers and Kruse staff for making it a success!
 - We raised \$18,737 the day of the walk.
 - Sarah Walsh (PTO Treasurer) will try to set up credit card donation for next year. Also, we would like to add kids' names for next year.
 - The donated T-shirts were nice. \$2,000 for T-shirts/Wellness programs. Teachers loved the T-shirts and want T-shirts.
 - Grades K-1 needed breaks. The waterstations were nice. Three different courses. Need teachers to clean up cones.
 - Could not hear Principal Kirk Samples. We need music and a megaphone next year. The upper grades especially wanted music. Punch cards next year for laps.
 - Make SignUp Genius more specific for volunteers next year.
 - Silly rewards next year like a Dunk Tank—for the principal?
 - The theme group idea was fun—more next year.
 - Mostly (overwhelmingly) positive feedback about the Walk-A-Thon vs. the Read-A-Thon fundraiser.
- **Book Fair:** November 15-18, 2016, is the Kruse Book Fair. Tear down will be November 21, 2016. Each teacher will choose three students to get a free book using a Golden Ticket (free and reduced lunch kids, etc.). This way, it will appear to be random who gets these tickets.
 - PTO is asking teachers not to hoard books. If teachers want an entire set of the same book, we can order them. We don't want to have teachers reserve all of the popular books.
 - There will be a Robocall on November 14th for the Book Fair as well as a reminder text.
 - **Idea:** "Donuts with Dad" or "Muffins with Mom." PTO may reserve the cafeteria now for next spring. Base Camp can go to the library.
 - **Staff Appreciation Events:** November 15th is the Teacher Preview Breakfast. There will be a volunteer signup.
 - **Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree will include present requests from kids and grocery gift cards. PTO may send out a SignUp Genius for any remaining gift tags not collected at the Book Fair.

- **Gift Wrap Event:** There will be a Gift Wrap Event night on December 14th from 6:30-7:30PM. PTO will send out a reminder text. We need donations of wrapping paper.
- **Yearbook:** There will be a yearbook cover contest for Kruse Elementary's 25th year. There are six classes with no yearbook representative to create collage pages. There are three people working on running the yearbook project this year. We need to remind parents to print and save their yearbook receipt to prove they have paid.
- **Kruse Family Fund Night:** January 14th from 7:00-9:00PM. Skate party at Qdoba Events Center.
- **Earth Day Cleanup/Community Day:** Kristin Rush, a new parent at Kruse, suggested this idea. It would involve planting flowers and helping clean up the school. Ideas for this event include:
 - Grades K-1
 - Scheduling one of the last days of school
 - Otter Pops
 - Trash bags and gloves
 - City to give out seeds to plant
- **Fundraiser Ideas:** Kona Ice, McDonalds, Culvers, Old Chicago, Texas Roadhouse, Freddy's, Jason's Deli, waffle truck, Dominoes, etc. We could tie this in somehow with the Cleanup Day.
- **Science Fair:** March 9, 2017
- **Next PTO meeting:** February 7, 2017