

January PTO Meeting
January 12, 2021
Via Zoom; 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Minutes

- President's Call to Order
- Review of Minutes
 - Secretary Van Horn - **Approved**
- Treasury & Budget Update
 - Budget Update after December expenses – **\$69,210.67 balance**
 - **Inflows – \$3,015.17**
 - **Outflows - \$2,403.35**
 - **Income we will have about \$4000 less than we had budgeted coming in**
 - **Handful of springtime events 5th grade fun day, 3rd grade circus, ice cream social, field day. We will need grants to cover these as they are not in the budget. While we have under raised by 5k, we have under spent by about 20k so events should be able to be covered**
- President's Report
 - Thank you for the donations to the custodial & kitchen staff - **\$2600+**,

What about the TAs? Not all are acknowledged, as an organization maybe it's time we need to do something as a group. This was a unique year. PTO did provide swag bags, some parents added \$

Some room parents collected for classroom TAs, but hard to know how to divide up \$

Specials Teachers/SSD – Let's look at the 2021/22 and possibly add a line item for the budget to thank all

Touch base with committees for Teacher Appreciation week to make sure we are recognizing all staff
 - Thank you to the Room Parents for the holiday collections
 - Parent Teacher Conferences in progress
 - Spring Semester: **We will be trying to diligently make these things happen. Important for the school community**
 - “Friends” party in classrooms around Valentine’s Day is being discussed – **still in talk, communication will be coming from room parents and teachers on how to facilitate within district guidelines**

-Third grade circus will happen; with modifications – **Anticipating some extra costs, in the past we've budgeted \$600-700, they think it will be closer to \$700 this year**

-Will have a virtual spring book fair – **looking at the logistics to an ice cream social during the day**

-Staff appreciation week will happen; with modifications – **parents won't be able to be in the building to decorate, but the committee will be creative to makes things happen and will still provide meals**

-Culture's night is being discussed – **run by Beth Doht in the past, a virtual version is being discussed**

-Fifth Grade class will be honored in some way – **grant is in the works \$30-35 per student**

Any other events? - No

- **Chess – PTO is not sponsoring but are helping to market Chess Club is underway with Mr. J**
- **Snow days – will remain as snow days**
- **Insurance paperwork has been filed for the next school year**
- **Upcoming Dates:**
 - No dining out dates as of yet – In process with Mission Taco and the Food Court with the West County Mall, look for dates soon**

Can we coordinate with NKMS so we don't overlap as much? Going to try and get some downtown Kirkwood restaurants involved with outdoor seating

· **Principal's Report**

- **Updates from KSD**
 - **Spring parties, possible an activity or goodie bag, details still are being worked out**
 - **Asynchronous this Friday 1/15**
 - **Mtg on Friday for circus. Date of the actual circus will probably be later as it will be recorded over time. Teachers are having to work through the logistical aspects of having letter weeks and not letter days.**
 - **Car parade should still be a go for 5th grade, will probably be one car per family**

- **Conversations tomorrow will occur regarding Friendship Day, inauguration etc. with all elementary principals**
- **Vandalism -strongly condoned, working to identify individuals, no video for NKMS or Nipher**
- **KDG registration will be starting soon – end of the month, if able there will be an orientation but might be a video. Hope to be able to do the kdg shuffle next fall**
- **Food Court contact has been contacted regarding a dining out event- this would allow us to support those businesses**
- **Fridays in person? Dr. Ulrich said things will stay as they are unless the 14 day averages in the county decline. Any plan changes would need to be voted on and approved by MO Board of Ed.**
- **Per the survey that went out do we know if and when the results will be published? Results will be published by January 25th if not before**
- **Board will need to vote on 1/25 that night to go through with a bond.**

- **Vice Principal's Report**

- **Please Remember to sign up for a Chicken Checker slot**
 - **Volunteering has slowed down, chicken checker does need to let them out in the AM, can we update the sign up genius to hide the old dates? We can, but it costs \$ to buy the premium software**
 - **How are things going virtually? Lots of celebrations, class sizes are smaller, synchronous specials are happening, once a month parent liaison mtg, going to have some student led ambassadors, they are having conferences this week as well. Virtual has about 290, lost about 60. WE has about 540 students**
 - **5th grade fun day – committee is planning, working with Keysor & Tillman to put a bulk order NKMS gear, it is the committees decision on how to spend the money**
 - **Father/Daughter Dance – would they do a party via zoom? Would Mr. Glen want to host? Shannon will contact committee**

- **New Business**

- **Adjourn**