

PTO MEETING NOTES 09/10

10 SEPTEMBER 2024 / 8:30 AM / ROOM 409

ATTENDEES

Principal Owens, Mr. Hill, Jenny Smith, Stephanie Cavender, Laura Monninger, Chelsea Garcia, Ron Patchell, Alison Discheit, Dylan Tash, Nineetha Devi

AGENDA

Events & Ongoing Activities with PTO Involvement this Year

1. Staff Appreciation- Move to monthly events for teachers in addition to stocking the fridge. Possibly a themed food cart every month that stops into classrooms for a surprise
 - a. Sept - Snack cart sponsored by Closed Title
 - b. Oct - Candy themed?
 - c. Nov - Pie cart? Slice of pie? Coffee cart?
 - d. Dec - holiday cookie cart? (Donated by parents?)
2. Staff Favorites List- Filled out and put on file for future donations. Possibly incorporate into monthly birthday celebrations?
3. Giving tree. Start to plan in October meeting. Principal Owen's to get count of families in transition. KMS definition may differ from the district's. Any student not in permanent/safe housing may be considered.
 - a. Ronald P mentioned that the Basket Brigade may be able to help any in transition students during the holiday season. If provided a list, they could deliver baskets.
 - b. Mrs Sweeney also does a collection during Thanksgiving.
4. Other initiatives coming up:

- a. School beautification in partnership with BETA Club.
 - b. Creating sign up genius for helping in the Media Room in the mornings
 - c. Monthly PTO sponsored fun days like Hat Day or PJ Day
 - d. Field Day
5. Culinary garden. Jenny put a shout out on FB parents page and got a lot of engagement and donations!

Fundraising & Communications

- URGENT- BB concessions opportunity. Mr Reed will donate 10% of profits back to PTO for any concessions donated by the PTO group. KMS has 4 more home games to collect donations. Volunteers are also welcome to work concessions. BPS can only sell Pepsi products if selling sodas. Parents can get volunteer hours for working/donating.
 - Items needed: hot dogs, buns, sodas, candy, pickles, sausages, etc.
- PTO Communications- Alison D mentioned it would be helpful for new to Kennedy parents to get a 1-pager “cheat sheet” from the PTO outlining useful tips for getting involved and informed at the beginning of the year. Such as, help location forms, contact info, what groups to join, etc. Mr Hill offered to help
 - Additionally discussed ensuring in school bulletin boards all have the same information and any old communications are taken down.
 - Principal Owens brought up the fact that some times in school flyers get posted before emails or online and wanted to work to ensure communication all happens at once, consistently.

NOTES

- Approx teacher headcount: 37; TAs: 17

ACTION ITEMS

1. BB Concessions- Set up sign-up genius for donating and volunteers (Jenny). Create flyer and post to parents FB site (Chelsea). Post flyer to school FB site (Mr Hill)
2. BB Concessions- Alison D's husband works at Performance Food Group and could get a hook up for food/snack donations.
3. Sponsored Staff Appreciation cart- Jenny to reach out to title company that was requesting to help.
4. Planning on first surprise cart to happen Sept 23.
5. Giving tree- Principal Owens to get list of students in transition
6. Mr Hill to work on an "onboarding cheat sheet" for next year. Alison D can review and provide feedback
7. Mr Hill and Laura to meet at bank to create PTO bank account, so we can start a Business Venmo account. Much easier for parents to donate to.

NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA

Next SAC meeting scheduled for Sept 17, 8:30 AM

Next PTO meeting scheduled for Oct 8, 8:30 AM