

January PTO Meeting Minutes

6 p.m. January 14, 2025

- I. Treasurer's Report - Allison Looks worse than it actually is because we had to give the school \$17,000 for the basketball court and the cost was nowhere near that so we will be getting most of that back now that the project is complete.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Popcorn Machine delivered to Ms. Story A new machine was delivered to the school just before break. Ms. Story is very thankful for this.
 - B. December Pep Rally Kim said that all went well! It was messy and fun.
- III. New Business
 - A. School Report Card - Dr. Cottrell Grade is calculated by 4 indicators. Our school letter grade is a B. Last year was a C so we have improved and grown from last year. We are one of only 13 elementary schools in KCS that grew a letter grade. This letter grade is based on the Spring 2024 TCAPs. The "high achiever" group did not have as large of gains as they could have, so there will be a focus on reaching those kids this year in addition to continuing the progress that has already been made.
 - B. Sweet P's Dine Out - Wednesday, January 22nd This will be all day - lunch and dinner - we will receive 10% of sales for the day as long as they reach \$3000 in sales for the day.
 - C. Class Picture Day - January 31st
 - 1. Two Volunteers Needed - 8:00-11:00am Candice Hinkle & Hannah Loomis volunteered for this.
 - D. Early Release Day - February 12th - 11:15am Dismissal
 - E. Valentine's Dance - February 13th - 5:30-7:00pm - Shannon We will need a lot of volunteers for this. Shannon will communicate through GroupMe for needs. We are confirming that Basketball practices can be rescheduled that night before any communication goes out. It was suggested that we stick with mini water bottles for drinks and have paper towels on hand for spills. We will also need to purchase snacks and decorations. Last year, several people brought disco lights to set up in the gym during the dance. We still need to try to find a sponsor. Last year we asked for a \$200 sponsorship.
 - F. ABES Game - Date TBD Kim has been trying to coordinate with ABES, but the date suggested (2/28) didn't work for them. She is going to see if March 7th or February 21st would work for them instead. There was talk about a larger popcorn machine for the event. Hallie Hearnese and Matt Viers are looking into some options that we might be able to use for this event and/or Carnival.
 - G. Ham 'n Goodys - March 14 - April 2 (Distribution April 16-17) This is up in the air at the moment. Jackie is reaching out to Moonshine Cookie Company in Fountain City to see if they might be interested in doing a similar fundraiser since it is new

and local. The Ham 'n Goodys cookie prices have gotten quite high and there is concern that the fundraiser won't do well.

- H. Basketball Court Update - Cassie The basketball court is in! We were fortunate to receive a great deal of donations and discounts toward the project so what was originally quoted at \$17,000 actually ended up being \$3,969.73. The only thing we did not complete yet was grass seed because it is not the right time of year. We will put that out in the Spring. We also purchased a ball box that still needs to be put on the playground and a "thank you" sign that will be added to the fence to recognize all the business and community sponsors that contributed to the project. The cost of the project was covered by the Siddiqi Grant funds received last school year.
- I. Marquee Update This is all paid for and approved. We are just waiting for installation. It will be located to the right of the steps leading down to the office so it could connect to the electricity that goes to the portables. We hope to use the sign for fundraiser possibilities (Birthday wishes, etc.) It was suggested that it could be used to recognize PBIS kids each month. Pam will be the main person operating the sign once it is installed.
- J. Media Studio Update Kim is working on getting this moving forward. Once the equipment has been purchased, we can work on install/set up at the school. Amanda Hays said Tyler would be willing to help with set up if we need it.
- K. Pep Rally - March 14th We will plan for this at the next meeting.
- L. Skatetown Night - March 27th - 5:30-7:30pm Will be \$6/person. This includes skate rental.
- M. Spring Grounds Day - Sunday, March 30th (Rain Date: April 5th or 6th) Most likely 2-4pm, but time still needs to be confirmed with Hallie.
- N. Teacher Appreciation - Megan and Amanda
 1. January will be teacher supplies Supplies have been purchased based on a list from Dr. Blaine. Supplies will be set out for teachers toward the end of January and left out for a few days for teachers to come get things they need.
 2. Planning meal for February 14th This will be sponsored by TVA Credit Union. They want to be present at the lunch. Megan is coordinating with them to see if they will need PTO support or not.
- O. Spring Carnival - Friday, April 11th 4:30-7:00pm
 1. Possible Sponsorship Chairs - Hannah Loomis/Candice Hinkle Hannah is willing to help with this. Cassie is still working on the Sponsorship spreadsheet and will share this with Hannah when it is complete. Cassie requested that anyone that reaches out to a sponsor (regardless of the end result) that it be passed along to her so we can keep records of who we have asked and what we have received this year. Shannon is going to look at the layout since the inflatables may need to be in different spots because of the new playground location.

- P. Field Day was also brought up and Mrs. Boudreaux could ask her husband about megaphone and/or Radio Bee Truck.
- IV. Principal Remarks: Dr. Cottrell appreciates everything PTO does. Mrs Boudreaux was grateful for the teacher supplies especially this time of year as things are running low.

** Next PTO meeting Tuesday, February 11th at FCE in the Library at 6pm.