

**Kaufman Elementary PTO
General Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2014**

The November General PTO Meeting was called to order at 1:35PM.

Those present at the meeting were Kara Holton, Amanda Mason, Kellye Brown, Erin Mayeux, Helda Martins, Suzanne Baldwin, Angel Frank, Shasta Howard, Sandi Brown, Catherine Paladino, and Mrs. Oliver.

Approval of Minutes

Angel Frank made a motion to approve the General PTO Meeting Minutes from the September 4, 2014. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

PTO has collected approximately 90% of the Boosterthon pledges thus far; currently, our net profit is \$39,401.

Fundraising

The canned food drive as part of the Boosterthon outreach service project will be from November 3 – 7th. Donation boxes will be set-up in the cafeteria; there will be a competition to see which grade level donates the most canned goods. The canned goods will be delivered to the Montgomery County Food Pantry. Raising Canes made a \$100 donation toward the canned food drive.

The next SK8 Town Spirit Night will be November 20th. Amanda was reminded to get an announcement to Mrs. Gregory a week prior to SK8 Night so that she will announce M – Th leading up to the spirit night. The homeroom class with the most participation at SK8 Night will receive a treat.

The Raising Canes Spirit Night will be held on November 11th from 4 – 8PM. Food can be purchased either for Dine-In or Carry-Out during that time frame. The class with the most participation will receive a Raising Canes party.

Principal's Report

Grade level Benchmark tests will begin November 18th. Mrs. Oliver would like to give students peppermint candies prior to testing because studies have suggested that peppermints aid in the total recall of information. Each grade level testing will be encouraged to wear different colors per the subject matter being tested such as **blue** clothing for the reading test, **purple** clothing for the writing test, and **red or green** clothing for the math/science test.

Volunteer Needs

Sandi Brown will be the Santa Shop Chair for Jingle Bell Bash (JBB) and for the school shop that following M – Th.

PTO is working on recruiting some high school students from Oakridge needing service hours to assist with JBB. Some clubs to target are Key Club, Drill Team, Cheerleaders, and National Honors Society.

Menu ideas for JBB are with pizza again or possibly sandwiches. Everyone agreed that pizza is the easiest because it can be delivered. Kara asked Kellye to call several different pizza places in area for a price quote.

Kara is working on a list of the Santa Baskets per grade – basket themes.

The front office would like for PTO to help them recruit a Box Top Chairman. Angel will send out an email from Kaufman PTO announcing this position to see if we can find a chairperson.

Expenditure Requests

The Library has requested funding for a Kindle Fire to be given as the Top AR Prize winner the student with the most AR points would win the Kindle Fire. The approximate cost is \$200.

Sandi Brown made motion that PTO purchase a Kindle Fire for the Library. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken to approve this purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

The Library is also requesting funding for the purchase of a hot/cold water dispenser for Mrs. Wright to utilize for hot tea and water. Mrs. Wright can't easily leave the Library to go to the teacher's lounge to utilize that hot/cold water dispenser. This could also be utilized by Library volunteers and other teachers located near the Library. The dispenser costs approximately \$400.

Kellye Brown made a motion that PTO approve funding for a hot/cold water dispenser to be located in the Library. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken to approve this purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Music, Art, and PE are requesting funding to purchase 3 iPads each for a total of 12 iPads. Those present at the meeting asked why Specials can't utilize any of the existing iPads from the 2 iPad carts purchased for the school. PTO was told that the 2 existing iPad carts are broken down into 3-iPads per classrooms in K, 1st, and 2nd grades. We would like to know that the iPads would actually be used in Specials. We would like further information on this request – could some of the iPads be loaned to Specials to see if they would actually utilize the iPads before purchasing any?

If we approve the purchase of iPads for PE, the funds would come out of the allocation of funds to be. They would complete their expenditure requests for the rest of the school year.

New Business/Questions

Helda Martins suggested that we have a sign made for the Kroger Community Rewards Program that can be hung in the front office, especially during those times that parents will be on campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56PM.