

January 18, 2024 Schalm ASK PTO Meeting Minutes
Meeting Conducted In-Person

Attendees (14): Heather Todero, Kimmy Gabrys, Nicole Bye, Nicole Wright, Nicole McDonald, Salisa Savel, Amber Lewis, Karen Abdella, Brynn Stanis, Danielle Titus, Daniel Ewald, Angela Hamilton, Sarah Smith, Jen Skridullis

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

President's Report by Heather Todero

We're continuing to meet the Kenwood PTO team to look at next year, and have a draft of the bylaws. We are looking for 7 officers for next year. If you are interested, please speak with Heather after the meeting.

Secretary's Report by Nicole Wright

Review of November 2023 minutes. Motion to approve: Danielle Titus, seconded by Salisa Savel.

Treasurer's Report by Kimmy Gabrys

Review of December 2023 budget report. Purchased headphones for CKLA, a few different teacher appreciation items, teacher budget use. \$400 came in from Detroit Burger Bar, \$466 from Holiday Shop. Jen Skridillis motion to approve, Salisa Savel seconded.

School Board Report by Daniel Ewald

1 resignation, Jacqueline Stanley was appointed. The last meeting was a joint meeting with city council led by Mr. Shell to work together on areas of interest. There were a lot of public questions about the future of the district buildings.

Principal's Report by Nicole McDonald

December was really busy with parties, getting ready for the break. This month has been getting into the groove, starting iReady assessments and CKLA midyear assessments.

Thank you for breakfast and the holiday shop.

March is Reading Month book has been chosen. Looking to maybe get an author visit. Ashley Jones is reaching out to Oakland Schools for funding to hopefully get a book for each student. Mr. Shell would like to attend the next meeting to answer questions about future plans.

Staff Report by Karen Abdella

Thank you for all you do!

New Business/Committee Reports

- **Christmas in Clawson-** Looking for someone to run it next year. As of right now, funds cannot be distributed until they know if the group will continue or be absolved.
- **Holiday Shop** Thank you to Salisa and Lori for coordinating, and to all of the volunteers. Great turnout.

- **Spirit Wear** All orders have been distributed. Talking about spring spiritwear, a commemorative Schalm shirt and potentially doing Clawson Elementary shirts to prepare for next year.
- **Board Appreciation and Senior All Night Party;** checks are going out this month.
- **Book Fair: 1/26-2/2:** Signups are going out this week for volunteers. Kenwood is unable to have their book fairs, we can check on having a night time slot so they can shop.
- **Assemblies:** March/Kindergarten
 March is Reading Month: [Beatrice Zinker: Upside Down Thinker"](#) by Shelley Johannes
 Shelley Johanness is available to come and speak to students for a full day (3 presentations \$1000) or half day (2 presentations \$700). Could split the day between the schools at \$750 per school. We could do 2 presentations at each school. Authors must have a good speaker system to be able to hear them.
 We could use assistance coordinating assemblies for March. Salisa Savel has volunteered. Kindergarten has requested funds for a content-related assembly.
- **Carnival** Currently coordinating the kitchen. 2 adults are needed for the food portion.
 - Auction- letters are going out. We have had quite a few donations already. Jen Skridils is coordinating. Rooms are reserved. Letters and maps are going out to teachers tomorrow.
 - There will be an Amazon wishlist of needed items to purchase. Carnival will be open to Kenwood families, as well.
- **Dine to Donate** \$132 from Mojave Cantina. Not as large of a turnout due to weather. Red Robin is next month, Zeolis, Grand River, and Shields.
- **Other fundraiser/activity ideas**
- **Committee Leads/Board Officers 24-25**

Open Discussion

Door prizes Angela Hamilton and Amber Lewis

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 p.m.