

## Kean Elementary PTO Meeting January 7, 2025

A meeting of the Kean Elementary PTO was held at Kean Elementary on January 7, 2025 at 6pm

Attendees: Barbie Arnold, Elizabeth Choppie, Tina Knight, Nicolle Sigler, Michelle Stull, Kiana Leppla, Julie Abbott

- Treasurer update
  - We received our check from illusions over break.
  - We received the check from Wooster race management and deposited it in November
  - Separated out playground funds raised so that we can see where we are at compared to YAGO without counting the playground funds
  
- Talent show update
  - Sign up and info went out again as we still need volunteers. Michelle reached out to parents of participating students and will reach out to the rest of school at EOD Thursday if we still don't have enough volunteers.
  - There are 24 acts (2 First, 7 Second, 7 Third, 8 Fourth). We will split the school performance up 1&2 and 3&4. No K acts, but they will watch the 1&2 grade performances
  - Michelle to finalize details with Zuzi Thursday
  
- Winter class parties recap
  - Movie and decorations were a hit!
  - Next party need to reinforce to volunteers that they can't take their student home early unless they stop by the office and check them out
  - Next year have PTO provide hot chocolate and have the parents volunteer to bring in the fixings
  
- Holiday Shop recap
  - Profit \$828.88
  - Overall, the kids had fun. Company sent us less product than we ordered and we were short a few volunteers which slowed us down a bit
  - Next year, no shopping 2:30-3 to allow more time for restock ordering
  - On makeup day make sure to ask teachers to only send kids that haven't shopped yet (i.e. not kids returning to buy friend gifts) as we ran out of friend items quickly both days & it diminished the selection for kids that hadn't shopped yet.

- Valentines Parties next month on the 14th
  - Tina will get the sign up out next week
  - Kiana will send out reminders to teachers to let parents know if their child is to send in a box, bag, etc.
  
- Parent Teacher Conferences are Feb. 24 & 26
  - Ask Laura about talking with El Camp. about donating meal
  - Michelle will try to move Mariola dine to donate to Feb 26. We could possibly order lasagna platters
  
- Otis Spunkmeyer spring Fundraiser
  - Kick off is March 4th at 2pm
  - Elizabeth to find out when we will get the pamphlet and will start working on a flyer so we allow time for printing
  - Tina let Amanda know she did not need to lead this one this year
  - Tina will ask Aisling to reach out to Butterbraids and let them know we won't be doing this year
  
- Appreciation days that PTO is covering:
  - School Counselor Appreciation Week Feb. 3-7
    - Last year we did a large card that kids could write notes to her on and gave her a small care basket; Something similar but a little different this year
  - Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day March 7
    - Elizabeth will bring treats down as Tina is out of town
    - Treats in their lounge and a nice thank you note
  - Paraprofessional Appreciation Day April 2
    - 9 small treat bags & put in their mailboxes
  - Bus Driver Appreciation Day April 22
    - Treat in a lounge and a nice thank you message
  - Teacher Appreciation
    - Move Chipotle dine to donate to align and order chips & guac for teachers
  
- Spring Book Fair April 28-May 2
  - Science Night tentatively Tuesday April 29
  - Current Scholastic Dollar balance is \$3,016.31
  - As we get closer to book fair will need to determine how many birthday books & Club 1000 books we'll need to purchase

- Discussed collecting gently used books and using those for birthday books to allow teachers more scholastic dollars for their classroom
- See if we can link book donations to Right to Read Week. Tina to reach out to Miss Anderson

Action items

- Michelle to send out email to parents seeking more volunteers for Talent Show
- Tina to send signup for Valentines Party
- Kianna to send note to teachers on Valentines Party
- Michelle to look into moving Mariola Dine to donate
- Michelle to talk to El Camp to see if they will donate a meal during PTC
- Elizabeth to create Otis Spunkmeyer flyer & send to Brenda for printing
- Tina to ask Aisling to inform Butterbraids we won't be selling this year

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm