

Pto meeting 8/29/17

Amanda welcomed everyone and PTO board members were introduced. President: Amanda McClafferty, VP Anne Blankestyn, Treasurer Cassie Lewis, co-secretary Megan McGonigle. Co-secretary Sara Watson was not able to be present.

2) What Kenwood Pto does: we do make money for the school through many events and we ask for your participation. Restaurant fundraising nights, family movie night. We don't have a role in school policy, for example a way of changing holiday celebrations. Kenwood Advocates has been a spinoff of PTO and Jessica Mercerhill will be leading that this year. It is a way for us to have representation to the district.

3) Fundraising: Kroger plus cards can be linked to Kenwood, ask your family and friends! You have to renew this one every year. Amazon Smile can also be linked to Kenwood. Giant Eagle rewards, Meijer, GFS (you tell them you are with Ecole Kenwood), Office Depot (when you check out online you can specify that a percentage of your bill be donated and search for Kenwood). A list of these was sent home the first week of school.

4) Upcoming events:

Kenwood Homecoming: This is our 30th anniversary! We are one of 5 free (public) immersion programs in the US. Invites have been sent out to former staff and students, if you have connections to alum, please share with PTO. Volunteers will be needed to offer tours of the building. There will be food trucks. Tshirts will be available to order. We are also selling bricks for a patio and are bringing back bricks in a patio that was in the old space. There will be a slide show of old pictures, class pictures etc. We still need to secure some sort of band. Fort Hayes jazz band was mentioned as well as another band. It is October 7th 3-6pm.

Dogtober Fest: October 13th 6-7:30. All beef dogs, veggie dogs. \$5/person with a \$20/max for a family. Please bring a dessert to share. We are looking for some sides to be donated like salad, hummus etc for this event if you know of any local businesses that tend to donate.

Restaurant fundraisers: September 21st Celebrity night at Rita's Italian Ice on Henderson Rd. Mme Corbin will be scooping between 4-6, and 50% of proceeds will be donated to Kenwood. November 6th at Chipotle on Bethel Rd, from 4-8pm.

5) Mme Corbin: We have been able to bring new experiences to kids over the past 4 years. This year 2nd and 3rd grade can have a partnership with Local Matters. 45 minutes a week and they will be present at different events for families such as parent teacher conferences. PTO is being asked to cover half of the cost for this which is \$2000. Mme Williams has a science website that she uses that she would like funded. Mr. Joy has some requests for phys ed equipment. Reading A-Z license has been purchased, it's a reading tool to begin using in first grade. The renewal requires \$750, and this will give us access to books in French as well as English. Mme Corbin is excited for this year and to get to know our kindergarteners!

6) Action items:

Local Matters: \$2000 is asked from PTO. Cassie let us know that last year we earned \$23,000 last year, to help give new parents perspective on what our budget looks like. Mme Corbin covers the costs for some things like this, but sometimes it makes more sense to split the cost.

Reading A-Z: the teachers utilize this and love it.

Camp Willson: 4th-6th graders attend for two nights and it costs \$90 a student. PTO has offered in the past to help cover students who cannot do this, and teachers have asked if that can happen again.

Teacher requests: Mme Jezerinac, M Joy—both have lists but we don't have prices. So if PTO wants to approve X amount and the teachers can work with that.

There is a motion to approve it all, and it is seconded.

Discussion: A cap of \$400 is set for M Joy. Title funds cannot pay for PE equipment and this would have to come from Mme Corbin's general fund. This is why he is asking PTO.

Motion Approved.

7) Treasurer's report: last year we did very well, about \$5,000 under total budget. We have more staff this year so this year we need to account for that in the budget. Former PTOs set aside extra money for the new building, which totaled \$8,000. We still have half of that money left to utilize. Our founders' garden out front is a pollinator's garden so we can teach the students about that process. Some of that money went to cover the costs for that. Cassie has found a program to help provide new books for the bookcart-- 485 books for \$136.

Introductions of the audience so we could get to know each other. ☺

School directory: if you haven't signed up already, you still can do so. It is online. Info for signing up is on the Kenwood PTO website. Ecolekenwoodpto.com

The family building events are great ways to meet families and there are many ways to contribute to Kenwood.

Room parents—this has been successful in some ways in the past but sometimes classes fall through the cracks. Mme Corbin would like to try this again. For ex our parade in October can really use some room volunteers to help with that.

There is a concern about availability of latchkey and this is an issue for Advocates to take up.

Next meeting is 10/3/2017.