

## PTO General Meeting - Minutes

11/6/25 - 5pm

Executive Committee Members: Rachael Nelson, Michelle Gray, Natalie Wester, Olivia Kachelman, Erin Wittscheck, Gina Wilson

Meeting started at 5:02pm.

1. Cookie Dough Fundraiser Update - Rachael
  - a. Cookie Dough - \$5,937
  - b. Donations – \$1,700
  - c. Total Fundraised - \$7,637
  - d. Reward Lunch - November 14 (Pizza, Chips, Desert, & Drink)
2. Kilby Cub Dash Update – Rachael and Michelle
  - a. Tentative Date – April 18th
  - b. Current need: Sponsorships!
    - i. Letters will be available to hand out to potential sponsors with information.
    - ii. People can sponsor a piece of the playground through a sponsorship as well.
    - iii. Push now to get sponsors, since fiscal year is finishing up.
3. Playground Task Force Update - Gina
  - a. Funds secured – Kilby PTO has \$27,500, Dr. Kirkman has grants of \$20,000.
    - i. 2 CD's for 7 months at 4%
    - ii. Rachael, Tosha Paige, and Julie Lane to present for Women of Influence grant tomorrow
    - iii. Game Time's matching grant – 80:1 for funds under 75K
    - iv. Play Boss – they would give us 75K discount to compete. They also have free shipping, includes demolition and dumpster.
  - b. Quotes
    - i. Game time gave us a quote and layout, but needs to be adjusted for the circular shape of our area.
  - c. Timeline
    - i. Where do we go from here – need 30K to reach 75K for matching
4. Box Tops - Rachael
  - a. Connect to email and scan receipts anywhere that has BoxTops
5. Charity Event - Rachael
  - a. Considering options for this year's charity event.
  - b. Also considering dates.
  - c. Ideas: instead of one as school, let each class choose a charity and let them practice organizing and taking ownership. Competition options. Room parents

could help drive process. Supply drive for Jamaica partner lab school. PTO could curate a list after collecting ideas. Concerns over complications expressed.

6. Budget Update

- a. Updates on Budget levels and events we've had thus far, as well as upcoming events and expected incoming funds
- b. CD's and investment updates

7. Upcoming Dates

- a. Cookie Dough Reward Lunch 11/14
- b. Kilby Camp Out 11/14
  - i. Each family check list of items to bring for their grade
  - ii. Bring a light/flashlight
  - iii. Announce to families that they can rent outdoor equipment from UNA
  - iv. Things that parents and families can help with: Parent volunteer for Grill. Helping get food out and organizing smore tables
  - v. Coffee or Hot chocolate options
  - vi. Dr. Kirkman – inflatable planetarium
  - vii. Stargazing is part of the event
  - viii. Suggestion for buying headlamps in bulk and selling at up price (including batteries). Students can buy ahead of time if parents pay PTO.
- c. President Kitt's Christmas Party 12/3
- d. Photos with Santa 12/15
- e. Kilby Christmas Program 12/15 – at Norton
- f. Class Christmas Parties 12/16 – early release day

8. Dr. Kirkman Announcement

- a. Kilby set to receive National Department of Education award, but the Blue Ribbon program has been cancelled. Dr. Kirkman sent letter to state department of education to see if something can be done. National department has sent the info to states and it's in their hands – question posed about possible inroads with Governor's office.
- b. Ms. Bolton named Alabama Literacy Teacher of the Year!!

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

