

Kurtz Elementary PTA  
General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at: 7:06 p.m.

**Old Business:**

- Approval of February minutes by Sarah Geisler and seconded by Mr. Chisik

**Chisik Chat:**

- Curt Banke passed away last month from Pancreatic cancer - he was a Marine and I met with his daughter today about recognizing him and she was interested in doing something with E-Mail Angels. Doing something like "Curt for Kurtz"
- Beginning the process of possibly replacing our existing flagpole with two flagpoles and flying the Marine flag in honor of Curt especially during Veterans Day. Unveiling during Veterans Day celebration next year.
- Leadership Night was a huge success! Thank you so much for coming. The fifth grade students did a lot of work and behind the scenes.
- Mrs. Kaczor came in over the break and painted the walls with the extra paint we had and hung up student artwork.
- Mr. Chisik locked in a \$1,000 grant from a community member in the fall. That grant funded materials for Mrs. Kaczor to frame student artwork.
- Mrs. Vezina has a Donor's Choose out (Thank you to Mrs. Geisler) for a monitor that will run our past Veteran's Day programs
- Partnering with Eastern Michigan University to go a family writing project. Learning about researching, making and creating your own book. Right now we have 13 families signed up. They pay for everything: snacks, water and dinner. The focus is bringing the families together and supporting literacy. There is a focus on ELL families and bringing them together.
- Update on the library - We have a media center issue going on. We were not happy with the durability of our bookcases. Mrs. Papchak and myself went to the Northfield Library to see their library. We are going to purchase smaller wheeled cases and larger, six foot bookcases to put around the outside of the media center which will keep the open air space above the shelves and also keep the inside nice and open. Mr. Chisik has made it clear that he does not have any extra money for this project.
- The mileage will just replace the expiring mileage that is expiring. The mileage will take care of buildings along with the Huron Valley Recreation building and equipment.
- We've had some great hires this year: Mrs. Tyler, our new music teacher has been great. I hope your kids are coming home excited about music again. Mrs. Smith, our new social worker has been a huge asset to our school.
- Make sure you are getting the word out about the mileage. Huron Valley covers 100 square miles so everyone needs to get the word out.
- We are a great school and have a huge open enrollment population.

- Empower Hours help our teachers to supplement their income.
- Our building is fortunate to have one specials teacher.
- Kurtz will house a Junior Kindergarten next year.
- Student banking - The first Wednesday of every month in the media center the students will be there from 9:15-9:30 am to handle the deposits. We are working together with Huron Valley State Bank. It's a student led program and it will be starting next week.
- Update on the bounce house - no update

### **Teacher Talk**

- Looks like the majority of teachers would like April 24th for Kurtz takes over McDonalds night.
- The staff was not interested in a dunk tank for the Family Fun Night.

### **Treasurer Report**

- We made under \$100 at Defy, however it was a snow day.
- Looking at maybe doing another Defy night in the fall or maybe a mid-summer get together
- The Tigers Game-May 19th

### **Committee Reports**

- Mother and Son night - Bowling night was great! It was very well organized and everyone had a great time.
- Daddy/Daughter Dance - Rainbow Ball - It went SO well. The girls had a good time and the DJ was great. It was a great night! We need to watch donor participation for next year.
- Family Fun Event - May 31st - 5:00-7:00 p.m. The committee needs some help. They have some direction as far as finalizing things.
- There will be a food truck and they will donate 10% of the sales to us.
- Checking with other vendors about possible ice cream truck
- We need help with specific jobs
- Box Tops - new places around the area will be new drop off locations for Box Tops. We can get \$20,000 a year. Our total so far is a little over \$900. We need to get preschool and the community involved.
- Spirit wear - we will have a spirit wear website
- Assemblies - Bug Assembly - May 14th and 15th - students will go outside and explore
- Paws the Detroit Tigers Tiger will be coming out and someone will come out and read and Paws will act it out.
- Family Science Night - Cranbrook - April 26th - free to all families and the Jr. National Honors Society will be here to help set up.
- Blessings in a Backpack - is running smoothly and the new provider is Champion. The food is more nutritious.
- Popcorn committee - Popcorn Friday is going well. The pre-paid is the way to go. She is looking to raise the cost to .50 a bag or \$10.00 a year.
- Mileage club will start up again after Spring Break.
- Ski Club is over and it went great and we were able to go every week.

- The Tiger's Game will be May 19th - \$20.00 per ticket-there will be an opportunity for families to sit together and the kids get to run the bases.
- The parent survey just went out. We are looking for at least 40% feedback from parents.
- The next meeting is April 10th at 9:30 a.m. This is when we will vote on new positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm