

## Nov 7, 2025 | 📅 PTO Meeting

Board Members Present: Megan Maguire, Anna Abboud, Justine Prothro, Sasha Schwartz, Sophie Berglund, Theresa Schultz, Lauren Weaver

Attendees: Peter Minor, Kristin Ashbrook-Kovar, Kristin Larson, Bry Myers, Shayna Linn, Karen Colbert, Kathleen Doody, Kristin Campbell, Chelsea Colwyn, John Williams, Katie Albee, Analisa Manziona, Christine Chen, Leticia DeSimone, Kendra Posner, April Busch

### *Budget - Anna Abboud*

- Fully funded for paraprofessionals and some extra:
  - Should we use that for some school need?
  - Should we vote to increase yearly holdover from 20% to 25%?
    - General discussion was positive toward this change
    - "Provide maximum flexibility"
- King Soopers income is quite a bit lower
  - It hasn't been promoted in awhile, include in December PTO email?
- What are some areas for potential spending?
  - Tech refresh: chromebooks, \$2000
  - Playground supplements: soccer ball, goals, etc \$1000
  - Teacher development \$2000
  - Increase scope of \$300 yearly stipend to part time teachers/paras

### *Vote of October Minutes*

- Online for review
- Approved by all

### *Fall Fest*

- Proposal to make a change to ticketing:
  - \$35 wristband for kids that included everything!
    - One meal (seconds won't be denied), all activities, cotton candy, bake sale
- Feedback:
  - Some kids were sneaking around and stealing stuffies
    - Plan to add a spider to monitor that area
  - Music played too long at Cake Walk
  - Improvement in providing instructions for volunteers at stations
    - There are descriptions on HelpatSchools
    - Send an email the day before with descriptions
    - Maybe put a laminated sheet at stations?
  - Can there be an announcement to let people know when it's time to head in for M&M performance and end of fall fest

### *Multicultural Fest*

- Volunteers needed for decorating ahead of time:
  - Julie Saurit (from previous meeting), Sasha Schwartz
- Food Truck, yay or nay?
  - No
- \$5 suggested donation

### *SAC/DAC - Pete Minor*

- New concept: "Defining Small Schools"
  - Any school 2 or fewer "rounds" per grade level
- Methods of solving the problem:
  - Closing schools
  - Combining schools
  - Redistributing students
  - Boosting out of district enrollment
- Rule KH
  - Much discussion about how raised funds can be used and how to distribute
- Homework
  - Review of district wide homework policy
  - A lot of inconsistency in how homework is managed across schools
- Next SAC meeting: Monday, November 17th

### *FET/CCBC - Karen Colbert*

- Survey says: supporting children's mental health 60%, Technology social media and mental health (52%), supporting pre-teen through middle years
- Next meeting: November 12th, 5:30-7pm

### *Ruby Bridges Day - Bry Myers*

- Friday, November 14th
- Classrooms will have curriculum based around Ruby Bridges next week
- 3 meeting spots, walking starting at 7:25am

### *Final Notes*

- We need a new family to sponsor Earth Day!
- Mesa Swag went well; should net \$2000!
- Follow Mesa PTO on Facebook & Instagram!