

**PTO General Meeting**  
**September 5, 2018 - 6:30 pm**  
**Official start: 6:35**

**Introductions & Meeting Sponsor:**

- Board introductions and parent/staff introductions
  - PTO Board Attendance: Dani Bondurant, Tannaz Walker, Kristen Peters, Eric Peltier, and Shawna Martin
  - Total attendance (including board and staff): 32
- Sponsor introductions: Koru Chiropractic - introduction to their practice and thank you for providing dinner

**Celebrations:**

- Great turnout at first PTO meeting
- Thank you to the Kentucky Derby Fundraiser - great event last year.
- New parking layout, playground, and new school wing
- Portables are gone!
- Seeing new parents attend PTO meetings.

**Upcoming dates:** Highlighted upcoming dates for Fun Run and Spirit Nights for Bishops and Freddy's

**Board Updates:**

- Parking spots: PTO Board is reserved for PTO board members, but PTO space is reserved for the auction winner of the Spring Fundraiser. Dani has sign on order for the auction winner to add to the sign.
  - **ACTION:** Send to Robyn note regarding PTO spot reservation to remind people not to park in spot
- Volunteers needed for Yearbook and Walk to School day
  - Liv Berger has a sign up sheet to help with volunteers for Yearbook
- Budget review - Carryover budget from last year, \$45K already put back towards the school for this year.

**Principal Update**

- Reminder of the theme of the year of Geese.
- **K-3 Lit Adoption Update** (Reference presentation from Robyn) - will be posted on the website
  - K-2 are working with the new Fountas and Pinnell materials and 3rd grade materials are on their way.

- BVSD targets to achieve more than the state minimums standards. Where BVSD provides direction on the “What”, “Why”, and “How” of the literacy program, it is up to our teachers on the best way to present the materials and make it engaging students.
- The goal of the new district-wide literacy program is for actual student experiences to be consistent across the district using best practices and being motivating and engaging for our students.
- Process started back in 2015-2016. Eldorado started with Lucy Caulkins (workshop model) for our teachers to begin to implement what is best.
- District chose Fountas and Pinnell, however it follows the same model (workshop) as the Lucy Caulkins model which gives Eldorado teachers a foundation on the model and are now working through the content from the Fountas and Pinnell.
- Elementary Hub is setup with new materials from Fountas and Pinnell.
- Goal of the district is to have 90 minutes of literacy in a day including writing, reading, and phonics. This is across 1-5 Grades.
- Particularly important to encourage and get kids interested in reading. We want to get kids excited about reading and for elementary, build it into the schedule
- Question: Why is it stopping at 3rd and not for 4th grade. Answer: Publisher hasn't completed the materials to ship.

**Teacher/Staff Updates:** Mark Call: No updates, staff is appreciative of the PTO

#### **Fundraising:**

- **Fun Run** - Need additional volunteers to help day of the Fun Run
  - One of our large fundraiser of the year for PK-5 that involves the kids and raises money for the PTO.
  - Last year funds went to sound system, full time health para, and chromebooks. This year funds go to full time health para and playground shade structure
  - Corporate matching - remind people to leverage corporate matching
- **Spirit Wear** - Need a new volunteer for next year (Heidi Howard volunteered to take over for next year)
  - Every Friday is “Eldorado Spirit Friday”; Middle level every Friday is hat day
- **Spring Auction:** Ali Cortez - Planning in progress for next spring auction
  - Last year the auction raised \$57K overall, \$45K net after expenses.
  - Looking for donations from the community to contribute to the auction.
    - Can be items or ideas of parent contributions (example was a Nerf gun party at a parent's house)
  - Need more volunteers:
    - Software system setup - Tricia Dunham volunteered
    - Event/Venue - Need assistance finding a location and date.
    - Decorations, catering, setup, etc.
    - Finance: Need additional assistance from PTO treasurers

- Day of event volunteers
  - Donations/Procurement team to help recruit and gather
- Voting on this year's auction theme (Boots & Bowties, Disco Fever, Roaring '20s, Prom Night) - Vote ended in a tie. **ACTION:** Post two finalists (Roaring '20s or Prom Night) - UPDATE: Dani posted to a Facebook poll - results will be calculated for final decision

- **Committee Reports**

- **Website coordinator:** Tricia Dunham - Website is up to date, no other updates
- **SAC** (School Accountability Committee) updates - Whitney Hillestad:
  - Meetings second Wednesday of every month @ 4 PM - 5:30 PM
  - SAC consists of parents who represent every grade level as well as TAG and other groups.
  - SAC has open positions that can be posted on the Facebook group.
- **PEN** - Parent Engagement Network (Tricia Dunham and Kate Spector)- works with BVSD to bring speakers and programs to bring back to schools and parents.
- **Crossing Guard** - Need additional crossing guard volunteers for front of school and Wildflower park
- **Yearbook:** Liv Berger - Need additional assistance, Signup sheet for anyone to assist. There is a website and app to help share photos for the yearbook throughout the year.
  - **ACTION:** Link to upload pictures for yearbook will be shared via Facebook
- **DPN:** Tammy Morgan - District Parent Council meeting is next week. Representative from each school to meet with the superintendent once as month

- **New Business**

- **4th/5th Grade Restrooms:** Robyn Hamasaki: The new 4th/5th grade wing has individual unisex bathrooms and there is a new issue raised regarding the cleanliness and responsibility of the 4th/5th graders using the bathrooms. The staff was alerted to the issue this week and will be meeting with both the students to remind them to be responsible as well as with the staff to determine a plan to address.
  - Suggestion from parents to allow kids to go to other bathrooms in the meantime
  - No issue with middle level wing, only with 4/5th grade.
- **Sixth grade Language Arts teacher opening** - Interviews in progress, great progress/candidates.

**Coffee Chat** - Reminder as a great time to connect. Next Coffee Chat on September 13th from 9-10 AM, Extended for new families from 10-10:30 to connect with Robyn.