

CHILDREN'S KIVA MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Parent-Teacher Organization

MARCH 13, 2018 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM – TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MISSION & PURPOSE

“The Children’s Kiva Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) serves as a liaison between parents, teachers, staff and the Boards of Directors (BOD) with the goal of enriching the Kiva community. The PTO strives to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for families to engage more deeply in their children’s education by providing a forum for sharing ideas and by sponsoring opportunities for parent involvement. The PTO will align, adhere, or coincide with the goals, visions, mission statements and bylaws of the Elementary/Middle school (E/MS) and Children’s House (CH).” ~PTO Bylaws

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order:** Jonathan Smith, President
- II. **Roll Call:** Name? Affiliation with the school? What brings you here today?
 - A. **Signed Attendee List:** Emily Wisner, Sara Parks, Rebecca Milholland, Jonathan and Rachel Smih, Trena Murphy, Kayla Maynard, Cassy Whitehead, Cayce Hamersclag, Erin Tanner, Kellian Valerio
- III. **Directors’ Forum:**
 - A. **Director Alexia Hudson, Children’s House**
 - i. School year is ending soon! Upcoming events:
 1. 4/14 - Superfair with CH and MECC in conjunction with 9 News Health Fair @ MCHS; 8a-2p; Health screenings for kids and adults; Volunteers needed! 20% discount given on screenings if you volunteer
 2. 3/21 - Early release, staff attending conference in Denver
 3. 4/19 - Family night at CH @ CH campus 5:30pm
 4. 4/26 - 3rd year K-1 transition @ EMS at 5:30pm
 - B. **Head of School Susan Likes, E/MS**
 - i. Upcoming events:
 1. 3/21 - AMS Conference in Denver for staff
 2. Throughout April = 3rd thru 8th grade PARCC & CMAS assessments
 3. 4/5 – Lower El philosophy night 5:30pm @ EMS; Open house for Ms Cassy’s and Ms. RayLynne’s classes
 4. 4/19 – Innovation Fair for 4th thru 8th graders, hours TBD
 5. 4/16 – Ag Expo fieldtrip 8:30a to Noon
- IV. **Officer Reports:**
 - A. **President, Jonathan Smith**
 - i.
 - B. **Vice President, Kayla Maynard**
 - i. Thank you to parents to participate in PTO and in the Kiva activities.
 - C. **Treasurer & Secretary, Trena Murphy**
 - i. Current checkbook balance: \$3,737.18
 1. Reserve available: \$397.14

2. Outreach available: \$246.66
3. Funds available for distribution: \$3,093.38
 - a. Request for distribution of funds:
 - i. Ms. Danielle has requested \$300 for “Taste Testing” which would encourage kids to try fruits and vegetables – Kathy Griglak motioned to approve, Cayce Hamerschlag seconded, motion passed.

D. Volunteer Coordinator, Kellian Valerio

Opportunities: (Please watch newsletter and posted signs, check with your child’s teacher, a staff member, Directors, or PTO officers to find out where help is needed):

1. CH is collecting Boxtops for Education- It’s simple and easy to collect them!
2. E/MS volunteers needed from 8:30a to 12:30p to assist in “corralling” the Lower El kids during the Ag Expo field trip
3. E/MS needs Mystery Readers to read for 30 minutes
4. E/MS always needs assistance laminating and cutting classroom materials
5. Volunteers are needed for pick-up and drop-off at E/MS

V. Teacher’s Forum: We love to hear about celebrations, comments, suggestions, questions or concerns. It is YOUR participation that makes this organization great!

- A. Ms. Kayla – A student lost a parent recently and Ms. Kayla was very impressed at the compassion and kind words the other children gave to the student;
- B. Ms. Cassy - Two field trips this week: Petting zoo on 4/14 and Ag expo on 4/16

VI. New Business:

- A. **Teacher Appreciation Week** is coming up May 7 – May 11. We need someone head up the celebration! Please email kivapto@gmail.com or talk to a PTO officer.
- B. Gabi Morey, CH Board Member and parent, shared info about a home owned and nearby the **Ross Montessori School** in Carbondale, Co. The school has graciously offered up the 3 bed, 1.5 bath home for FREE to those wishing to visit and “...participate in classroom observations of our lovely K-8 charter school and learn from one another through professional conversations leading up to and after your visit.” Questions or interested? Please call Sonya (970) 630-7199.

VII. Unfinished business:

- A. **PTO still needs a Secretary.**
- B. **Spring Yard Sale DATE CHANGE** to 5/5. Please sign up at <https://www.justserve.org/projects/fb9ea05f-a12d-49cc-8591-f80ef3372752>
- C. **PTO would still like to plan the following and volunteers are needed:**
 - i. **“Spring Clean”** event: A day where a team of volunteers can perform school clean up and maintenance. The PTO would provide breakfast burritos.
 1. What date would work best? Probably 4/21. Trena volunteered to chair this event.
 2. What sort of repairs/needs does the school foresee? Painting
 - ii. **“Sunday Funday”** (no name yet) – Just a FUN day for families to celebrate the end of the year with of fun “classic” games and activities at the park. Think: Water balloon toss, bean bag toss, cake walk, etc. Pot-luck? PTO hosted bbq? Possibly on 6/1?

VIII. Community Member Forum: We love to hear about celebrations, comments, suggestions, questions or concerns. It is YOUR participation that makes this organization great! (In order to be respectful of

everyone's time, please cap to 5 mins; for discussions that may take more time, please email kivaPTO@gmail.com.)

- A. Emily Wisne, CH parent, asked if anyone would be interested in a Pilates class that would be "by donation". Many attendees said they would have interest.

IX. Upcoming events:

- A. March 14th – Lower Elementary Walking Field Trip to Kemper for the 4H petting Zoo – 11:15am
- B. March 15th – Upper Elementary Field Trip to the Durango Powerhouse
- C. March 15th – Curriculum Committee Meeting – Empire Campus – 3:30 pm
- D. March 16th – Lower El Field trip to the Ag Expo – Montezuma County Fairgrounds
- E. March 16th – Fundraising Committee Meeting – Empire Campus - 11am to 1pm
- F. March 19th - CKMS Board Meeting - Beech Campus – 7:00 pm
- G. **March 22nd thru March 30th – No School - Spring Break**
- H. **April 10th – PTO MEETING – Trinity Lutheran Church, 5:30pm**

X. Adjournment

Minutes by Trena Murphy, 3/17/18