

Approved November 14, 2006

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.16.28
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2006

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the CKMS PTSA was called to order in the school library at 6:37 pm by Kara Popp. All members received proper notice of the meeting. A quorum was present. A sign-in sheet is attached.

Approval of Minutes

The May 10, 2006 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved as written.

Standing Rules

It was moved by Mary Lu Hawes to accept the amended Standing Rules, which were distributed (noting changes). The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

The budget for the 2006-7 school year was distributed. The August financial reports were distributed and the treasury books were on hand.

At the end of August:

Balance in Checking: \$5,367.77

Balance in Savings: \$7,477.10

Committee Reports

Book Fair (Laurie Edwards): The Book Fair is September 25th-28th. All proceeds from the Book Fair go to the school library or the teachers. On Thursday, the 28th, there is an ice cream social from 6:00-8:00. Laurie requested volunteers to provide baked goods by 12:30 on September 22nd for the Teacher Preview.

Legislative (Dwight Miller): On October 13th and 14th, the Legislative State Assembly is in Yakima. The purpose of the assembly is to prioritize items for the state PTSA to focus on this year. Dwight distributed a survey for member input, which will also go out in the newsletter. The voting members from Chief Kanim will go to the assembly with the priorities which are identified by the survey. Dwight would like these turned in to him by the end of the month.

Activity Blitz: There is now a chair for this committee. Activities from the community are invited to have tables for students to get an overview of activities available to them. There is one in October and one in May.

Membership (Laurie Edwards): As of today there are 331 members.

Audit (Teresa Appleseth): The most important finding during the audit was that when a line item is added to the budget at a meeting, the amount needs to be added to the report also.

School dances: The first dance is September 29th. Chaperones are needed.

Sweatshirts: Sweatshirt information will be out in October; a form will be in the newsletter. The plan is to have them here by the holidays.

Directory: This is being worked on, hoping to have it ready for distribution by the middle of October.

Grants (Teresa Appleseth): \$6,550 has been budgeted for regular grants; \$2,000 has been budgeted for tech grants. These are grants that teachers apply for.

Parenting: It was noted that there is a parenting seminar starting September 26th, *Guiding Good Choices*. This was highly recommended for parents of middle school students.

Other: Libby noted that there are still open committee positions and that a Nominating Committee will need to be elected at the next General Meeting.

Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)

There is general consensus among the staff that the school startup was very successful. As of today, there are 679 students at Chief Kanim. A 6th grade teacher and an exploratory teacher were added. The class sizes are up this year.

Grade level WASL scores (not individual) were released officially on Friday of last week and will be reported in the newsletter. The Learning Improvement team will use the scores to select areas to focus on.

Student pictures were done this week.

Next week is Curriculum Night, to meet the teachers and learn about curriculum.

There was a fundraiser assembly today. (Because of the number of students, there were two.) ASB students run the assemblies and did an outstanding job. Turn-in dates for forms and money are September 19th, 26th, and 29th. Funds raised go to athletics and activities and are used to purchase things like the score table. Ray Wilson is negotiating a percentage of the sales for the PTSA for the work that is done (verifying forms and counting money). Last year they grossed \$65,000, netting 45% of that.

There was a fire drill today. The school was evacuated in 1 minute. In less than 5 minutes, all people were accounted for. They had returned to their classes in 9 minutes. Last year a change was made to focus on students being quiet during the drills, which has been very effective. They do one drill a month.

A change is being made this year so that all grades will be accessible online this year, allowing parents to basically pull up the teacher's grade book for their child. They will not be updated every day, but have committed to 10 certain dates throughout the year. Those without access can print them out at school or the library and take them home. A letter will go out with all of this information.

Agendas should come this week. The company dropped the ball on delivering them in time for the start of school.

There is a plan to have an email callout system.

3 active white boards were purchased by the school through the Snoqualmie Valley School Foundation. Six more will be coming every 4-6 months until every class has one, because of the Tech Levy.

New Business

Insurance: It was noted that the CKMS PTSA currently does not carry either Fidelity Bonding Insurance or Directors and Officers Insurance. The additional cost would be approximately \$150 per year. Kirk Dunckel moved that the PTSA carry both. This was seconded and passed.

November General Membership Meeting: The date needs to be changed. Superintendent Joel Aune will be at the meeting. The new date will be communicated once it has been set.

Other Discussion: There was a discussion about a non-PTSA school dance last year. Kirk reported that they are working with Community Network Services and are in the process of looking at the implementation of an anti-bullying program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 8:02.

Next Board Meeting will be: October 11th, 6:30

Next General Membership Meeting will be: TBA soon