

(Approved April 18, 2007)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.16.28
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2007

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the CKMS PTSA was called to order in the school library at 6:30 by Libby James. All members received proper notice of the meeting. A quorum was present. A sign-in sheet is attached.

Guest Speaker

Randy Taylor from Mt. Si High presented a PowerPoint presentation, covering WASL and SAT test scores and answering questions.

Approval of Minutes

Page Perey moved that the January 16th, 2007 General Membership Meeting minutes be approved as written. This was seconded and passed.

Co-President's Report (Libby James, Kara Popp)

Libby and Kara want to see a wide group of people involved in PTSA next year. People are encouraged to invite people to participate next year. Next year meetings will be 3rd Wed. of the month to avoid back-to-back meetings with FCES. Libby and Kara will be visiting PTA meetings at elementary schools in May to encourage participation from 5th grade parents.

The suggestion was made to explore daytime meetings. The suggestion was also made to survey the members about why they don't attend PTSA meetings. Ray noted that it could be included in the Fall survey. It was also noted that PTSA could be present at the 5th grade parent night in June.

It was also suggested that PTSA information on open positions, etc. be made available on Sharepoint.

Co-Vice President's Report (Becky Miller, Mary Lu Hawes)

Mary Lu covered no effort fundraising. Details are in the newsletter - everyone should sign up! It's "free money" for the PTSA.

It was noted that for Campbell's soup labels, it's the UPC code that is required, not the front label as it has been in the past. It was also noted that Boxtops for Education need the expiration date on them.

Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)

The February financial reports were distributed and the treasury books were on hand. Mary Lu reviewed and initialed the February bank statement.

At the end of February:

Balance in Checking: \$12,836.59

Balance in Savings: \$7,509.74

Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)

Fridays are now full-day Fridays. The last 2 Fridays of the year will be half day Fridays. They'll still do District-directed and Building-directed days, but they will happen after school.

The last day of school is June 26th. The 8th grade celebration is on the 25th.

They are ramping up for WASL. The first test day is April 18th. Some of the staff are visiting area middle schools to get tips on what's working at other schools. Beaver Lake Middle School is one of the schools that they are visiting. CKMS uses the "Step up to writing" program; MSHS uses the Jane Schaffer program. Beaver Lake Middle School has trainers on the Jane Schaffer program that will come to CKMS to work with teachers. WASL Pass classes continue.

CKMS enrollment is currently at about 683; the projection for next year is 731. The school is at capacity. Ideally, next year we will get two additional teachers.

Kirk covered the cell phone policy. They did research by calling surrounding schools before finalizing the policy. All cell phones need to be off and not visible during school time. If they are taken away, a parent needs to pick it up from the office.

There are a lot of activities happening: band concert, choir, basketball, soccer, etc. Nobody is turned away from these activities. It was noted that this is a testament to people working on these programs. It was also noted that as many as 70 students have showed up at Homework Club.

Two high school students came down with testimonials, meeting with potentially at-risk 8th graders. It appeared that this was very valuable for the 8th graders

On June 1st, there will be an SMS/CKMS dance at MSHS for 8th graders. This is an introduction to the high school.

On May 11th, there will be a Culture Fair. Anyone with connections to a different culture should contact the office.

Laura Smith is a Snoqualmie Valley Community Network employee, and was a guest speaker on the OLWEUS bullying prevention program. She noted that school needs to be a safe place, and if it is perceived as such, it boosts protective factors against tobacco, alcohol, etc.

She offered to come on May 9th to present students' perceptions of bullying and what they identify. We are part of a pilot program. 605 surveys were returned.

The "Healthy Youth Series" was discussed (see attached).

Teacher Representative's Report (Page Perey)

Page Perey has signed up for Escrip.

She is also running the WASL Pass reading program and co-running the math program. It was noted that the program has not been ideal.

Page will be the summer school principal. Look for upcoming information! There are plans for enrichment activities, in addition to remedial instruction.

Page noted that the Tech Levy items are coming in, and that the Active Boards are great! She has subscribed to United Streaming for curriculum enrichment and gave examples of its use in class.

Committee Reports

Activity blitz – Kara Spalding. If you have information on summer activities, get them to Kara, as she is updating the groups who will be at Activity Blitz. It is planned for May 16th.

Nominating committee. Teresa Appleseth reported on the slate for 2007-2008: Co-Presidents – Kara Popp and Libby James, Vice-Presidents – Mary Lu Hawes and Becky Miller, Treasurer – Laurie Edwards, Secretary – Lois Bauer. There were no nominations from the floor. Liz Piekarczyk moved that the slate be accepted. It was seconded by Debra McLain, and passed.

Grants – Teresa Appleseth presented a proposal for PTSA grants, as described here:

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	requested	granted	TYPE
Participation Banner, Gym: Hang a large banner in gym showing CKMS' large participation numbers for each sport. Recognizes participation over win/loss record.	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	teaching
Children's books: LA students create books then share with FCES students. Funds will purchase blank books and art materials.	\$300.00	\$300.00	teaching
AAHPERD conference: Pay for one day sub for Joyce so she can attend this National conference & receive award for her portfolio of the CKMS PE program. Also will pick up new ideas for use in CKMS classes. (two sub days requested).	\$280.00	\$140.00	teaching
Purchase additional die for die cut machine: numbers and hawk. Also requested misc. set of die (not granted).	\$410.00	\$250.00	teaching
Vision Exams: Purchase new vision screening charts, old ones falling apart.	\$302.33	\$302.33	teaching

Wilderness First Aid Certification: Three day wilderness first aid workshop. Additional safety training for leader of the Adventure club at CKMS. \$185.00 \$185.00 teaching

Peer Tutor Button Making Sales project: gen ed students work with Life Skills students to make & sell buttons. Promotes understanding and interaction between gen ed and spec ed programs. Proceeds from sales go to ASB - to be routed to Life Skills program. \$170.90 \$170.90 teaching

Library Technology: Purchase scanner for students to use in library computer research lab. \$185.00 \$185.00 technology

	\$2,648.23	\$1,598.23	
	<u>\$185.00</u>	<u>\$185.00</u>	
	\$2,833.23	\$1,783.23	

Current available budget	
teaching:	2,937.52
technology:	1,300.00
Available for third trimester (if adopted per committee report)	
teaching:	1,339.29
technology:	1,115.00

Mary Lu moved that we grant the money as proposed by Teresa. This was seconded and passed.

Hanging Baskets – Maggie Grate, Becky Miller. Baskets will arrive by Mother’s Day. Order forms are available and orders are being taken now.

New Business

Bookfair – Laurie Edwards. This will be May 7th to May 10th. Anyone who is interested in helping out or running it needs to contact Laurie Edwards.

Recycling. It was noted that FCES has started recycling in the lunchroom and that we should look into it for continuity. Mary Luh will look into this.

Fall City Days is looking for people to sign up to help. Contact Judy Dix, the Chair, if interested.

Adjournment at 8:55.

Next Board Meeting: April 18th, 6:30 PM, CKMS Library
 Next General Membership Meeting: May 9th, 6:30 PM, CKMS Library