

(Approved May 9, 2007)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.16.28
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2007

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the CKMS PTSA was called to order in the school library at 6:35 by Libby James. All members received proper notice of the meeting. A quorum was present. A sign-in sheet is attached.

Approval of Minutes

The March 14th, 2007 General Membership meeting minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report (Ray Wilson)

Thanks were given to the PTSA for WASL treats.

Recognition ceremonies this week were very well attended.

Respect talks have been taking place at school.

They are working with the district to put in a new climbing wall in the old gym. They hope to get it in before the end of the school year.

Feedback from the Bullying/OLWEUS program is back. They receive local and state information on how CKMS compares to other schools. They would like to present the data at some point in the future.

The Culture fair is May 11th. If anyone has contacts to engage the community in this event, please forward them to Ray.

June 1 is the CKMS/Mt. Si Dance.

There are a lot of students participating in Spring activities: 135 in track, golf starts next week, and 90 in the musical. They are very proud of this and appreciate the parental support.

The district calendar for next year was distributed, noting the make-up days built into the schedule.

Ray covered what some of their planning time has been used for. He noted that they have reviewed the emergency supplies, processes, security, intruders, etc. The school improvement plan was re-visited by them, as a school. They revisited strategies to prepare for the WASL. They met with vertical teams (e.g. 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade Math teachers) to ensure common language, etc. They will be doing their two more in-services in June.

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

The presidents want "new faces" at the PTSA meetings next year. Libby noted that if everyone brings one new person to a meeting, that would be great.

The open committee chairs were noted: Art Gallery, Activity Blitz, Audit, 8th Grade Celebration, Grants, Legislative, Membership, Poinsettia Sale, Raffle, School Dances, Winter Carnival.

Kara Spalding has offered to do the Book Fair next year.

The last PTSA dance for the year is on April 27th. Chaperones are still needed.

Golden Acorn nomination forms were distributed and it was noted that the deadline for nominations is April 30th. Outstanding Educator nominations should be included on this form too.

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

Mary Lu reported that as of today, only December data is accessible for eScrip. She will do some research to see how she can get more timely data.

It was noted that people need to make sure to change Albertson's cards over, or the money will continue going to the elementary school.

Mary Lu reported that she is just starting to get information on recycling. It's not clear if anything will happen this year. She hopes to have more information at the next PTSA meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)

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

At the end of March:

Balance in Checking: \$9578.51

Balance in Savings: \$7514.53

Laurie reported that more WASL snacks are needed, as there are more students than the budget planned for. Teresa Appleseth moved to increase the WASL snacks budget \$200. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

It was noted that Staff Appreciation week is coming up. Kara Spalding moved that \$250 be added to the budget for Staff Appreciation. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

Laurie reported that we have more money than we planned and that only \$50 is in the budget for Volunteer Recognition. She proposed that this be increased. After discussion, Teresa Appleseth made the motion to raise the Volunteer Recognition budget \$150 to make it \$200. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Hanging Baskets – Maggie Grate, Becky Miller. Baskets will arrive by Mother's Day. Order forms are available and orders are being taken now. They have sold 180 so far. Notices went out in Fall City Neighbors, at FCES, in the Hawk Talk newsletter, and at the Recognition Ceremonies. If a person orders 10 or more, they'll be delivered to them. May 10th is the delivery date.

Activity Blitz – this is scheduled for May 16th. Contact Kara Spalding if you have groups that should be represented there.

New Business

Snoqualmie Valley PTSA Council Formation – Nancy Hartnell, *Region 2 Director* and Nicolle Scalise.

Nancy Hartnell presented a PowerPoint presentation on what a PTSA Council is, covering the topics of Purpose, Structure, Council Relationships, Developing and Strengthening Leadership, Programs, the Service Delivery Team Role, and Group Activities. Basically, a Council is a "support umbrella" for local units. In Region 2, there are two school districts that are not councils – Riverview and Snoqualmie Valley. The district-wide meeting to vote on this is April 24th at Cascade View Elementary.

Questions were asked about how much it cost to support a council. The startup cost is \$300-\$500. If a council is formed in the Snoqualmie Valley School District, the council will determine what the council "dues" are. In some of the startup costs, Nancy noted that the State PTA might contribute to help out. If the local units vote to form a council, Nancy will make the motion at convention and ask for startup help from the State PTA. Nancy addressed the relationship between a Council, the Superintendent, the School Board, and the Union. At a typical Council meeting, there might be a report from each of those entities, followed by business, and then a program.

Nancy noted that at convention, they will be voting on Bylaw changes. We may need to incorporate some of the changes into our Standing Rules.

If we become a council, the numbers of our local units would change from 2.16 to 2.18. Some costs would be incurred from this.

Liz Piekarczyk made a motion to accept the idea of the formation of a Snoqualmie Valley PTA Council. This was seconded and Nicolle distributed ballots. After counting the ballots, Nicolle reported that the motion was accepted unanimously.

VVFE – Upcoming Bond. In January, we voted as a PTA to endorse the bond. Maggie Grate moved that the CKMS PTSA endorse the May 15th school bond. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Liz Piekarczyk noted that for the upcoming budget, money should be included to send people to Legislative Assembly and that there will be a public vote this next year for the simple majority passage of levies.

Adjournment at 8:25

Next Board Meeting: June 12th (needs to be confirmed with Kirk, Ray) at 6:30 PM

Next General Membership Meeting: May 9th, 6:30 PM, CKMS