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Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.18.28  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 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 May 9, 2007 General Membership meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Approval of Standing Rules**

Paul Sorvik moved that the Standing Rules be approved as written. This was seconded by Kara Spalding and passed unanimously.

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

Libby noted that the PTSA still has a few open positions. Specifically, the open positions are: Hospitality Chair, Parenting Chair, and Winter Carnival Chair.

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

Becky reported that a recycling effort has begun. There was a meeting with King County Green Schools to get suggestions on recycling and reducing items that are used.

Becky also reported that the sweatshirt sale is ongoing until September 21, with the sweatshirts being available October 1st.

**Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)**

The July and August financial reports were distributed and the treasury books were on hand. Mary Lu reviewed and initialed the bank statements.

At the end of July:

Balance in Checking: \$6,611.32                      Balance in Savings: \$7,533.39

At the end of August:

Balance in Checking: \$5,357.13                      Balance in Savings: \$7,538.19

Laurie noted that \$1100 had been spent on School Packs, with a budget of \$700. Connie Majors moved that the budget for School Pack expenses be increased to \$1100. Kara Spalding seconded it. The motion passed unanimously

**Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)**

Kirk thanked the PTSA for a helping with a great startup. There are a record 711 students at CKMS this Fall. Five new staff were welcomed.

Kirk reported on the WASL results and distributed a sheet comparing CKMS with other schools. In comparing 7<sup>th</sup> graders at CKMS with other middle schools in Washington with at least 100 7<sup>th</sup> graders, CKMS ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in Math, 11<sup>th</sup> in Reading, and 6<sup>th</sup> in Writing. Student WASL results will be mailed out on Friday of this week. At curriculum night, September 19th, these numbers will be presented in more depth.

Kirk described a new homework policy that they have started. Every Thursday, teachers will identify students who have not completed their homework. These students will then be notified on Friday that they have been identified, and given the opportunity to complete their homework over the weekend. If they haven't completed it, they are invited on Monday to have a "homework lunch," where they'll work on their homework during lunch. They will continue to do this each day until their homework is complete. The intention is that this is an intervention and provides motivation for students to complete their homework.

Kirk reported that letters would be sent home to 6<sup>th</sup> grade families with information about grades and assignments, including the codes for online access. Grades will be guaranteed up-to-date two times during each trimester. He noted that it is important for the students to be active participants in monitoring the online information.

Kirk reported that Chief Kanim has moved to paperless communication, sending out all information via email, as other schools in the district have been doing.

Staff from CKMS met with SMS and are working on common unit assessments in math and writing. There will be a writing prompt that all grades will have that will be scored like a WASL prompt. Toward the end of the year, there will be another assessment. The WASL is in April, so there will be 3 writing assessments during the year. Math will have common unit assessments.

Ray covered the OLWEUS program, which is a new process with the focus being on the development of friendships, relationships, and getting rid of bullying. Feedback has been positive. It is done in class on Tuesdays.

Ray reported on the athletic programs at CKMS. 80 are turning out for football; 70 for volleyball; 40 for cross-country. This means that about 1/3 of the student population is actively participating in sports.

Ray noted that CKMS's use of Sharepoint is being celebrated. They will be talking with other schools about how it is used at CKMS.

#### **Teacher's Report (Judy Beal)**

Judy reported that during the days allocated for district work, they have had "cohort" meetings where 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers meet in Math, English, Social Studies, and Science to align the curriculum. She leads Social Studies, where they have just aligned with the state and have piloted books, resulting in new Social Studies curriculum.

Judy reported on the existence of TOSAs (Teacher On Special Assignments) within the district. There are Language Arts, Math, and Science TOSAs.

Judy also reported that the kids this year are just "wonderful".

#### **ASB Report (Megan Marson, Erin Blake)**

Megan and Erin reported that the magazine sale started today. There are changes, as it's a new company that we're working with. Their goal is \$75,000. The students' goal is \$100,000. The money that is raised is for the ASB, which will decide what to spend it on. There was an assembly today to kick it off.

#### **Guest - Sarah Lynch, Teen Librarian, King County Library System**

Sarah is the Teen Librarian for King County Libraries in the Snoqualmie Valley. She reported that in August the Snoqualmie Library opened. Currently, books can be put on hold and picked up at the River's Edge in Fall City. She talked about the homework resources that are available to students with a KC Library card: online databases for research, Rosetta Stone (for learning languages), health online, etc. She also talked about tutor.com, where students can log in and get free one on one assistance. It is all accessed through the KCLS website. Students get one hour a day of computer access at the libraries also. They are continuing their "Read 3 get 1 free" program, where kids ages 12 to 18 can read three books and get one free. At the North Bend library on Fridays from 3:00 to 5:00 there are Playstations, Xboxes, video games and board games for middle and senior high school students. There is also a Manga and anime club. She talked about "The Big Read" program that they are doing, featuring the book "Fahrenheit 451." Libraries also provide wireless internet access. She distributed flyers with more information, including information on how to obtain a library card.

#### **Guest – Lisa King, Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation**

Lisa reported that the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation supports the schools in the district. Information is available on: [www.snoqualmievalleyschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.snoqualmievalleyschoolsfoundation.org). They are looking for volunteers, especially from our area. They are also set up to accept donations online. You can also sign up for them to receive 7% of everything you purchase on Amazon.com. The Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation has helped underwrite the Summer Teacher Learning Academy and has a grant program, which is where most of the money is used. They are in the process of developing a grant writing program. Their meetings are the third Wednesday of every month at the district office at 7:00.

### **Committee Reports**

Membership – Connie Majors

As of today, there are 300 members, all of which are entered into the database.

Book Fair – Connie Majors, Kara Spalding

Connie and Kara reported that they talked with other stores to provide a book fair, but have decided to go with Scholastic. The Fall Book Fair is scheduled October 22 to October 26. There will be a continental breakfast for staff to preview the books. There will also be a family event (not yet decided) on Thursday or Friday which they hope to tie into another event like a sports event. All of the proceeds from the book fair go to the Library or classrooms.

Public Policy – Dan Piekarczyk

Dan reported that the legislative goals are: 1) In November, passage of the simple majority initiative, and 2) the bond issue next Spring, which is critically important to reduce overcrowding and update schools. It was noted that PTSA money was set aside in the budget to support the simple majority initiative and that the money should be donated. There will be a voter registration table at Curriculum Night. Legislative Assembly is on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Dan passed out Legislative Issue Surveys, which can also be found on the website and need to be returned by September 30<sup>th</sup>. This gives all members the opportunity to provide input on what the state PTSA focuses on, legislatively. Dan requested that the membership be emailed with a link to the survey.

Poinsettias – Chris Guyer, Maggie Grate

Maggie reported that we have the opportunity to work with Squak Mt. Nursery for our poinsettia sales. The plants are nicer, fuller, stronger plants, which they give more space to in the greenhouse for growing, resulting in a larger plant. They come in decorative foil. CKMS PTSA is allotted 300 to begin with – red, white, and pink. They are \$8 per plant, including delivery and will be delivered the week of November 26<sup>th</sup> or December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Directory – Michelle Hawk-Mahoney

Advertising will be sold for the directory this year, which will result in a nicer, spiral bound directory. It was requested that everyone help get the word out on the new advertising option.

Activity Blitz – Lois Bauer, Melissa Bluher, Libby James

The Activity Blitz will take place during lunch on October 3rd. Libby noted that it was originally designed for at-risk children, providing them with activities during the year.

Grants

The PTSA goal is to grant \$10,000 this year. Letters will be sent shortly to teachers about the grant program.

People were asked to sign up to help on the magazine drive.

### **Other Business**

It was noted that Sno Falls Credit Union is moving to the Hauglie building. The credit union gives money to the school through "Club Mid".

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.