

(Approved December 12, 2007)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.18.28
Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2007

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the CKMS PTSA was called to order in the school library at 6:33 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 June 12, 2007 Board meeting minutes were approved as written.

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

Libby expressed thanks to volunteers who helped out with picture taking day and who helped out with the magazine drive.

Libby noted that the terms of the current executive board will all be expiring and that in January a Nominating Committee will need to be elected.

The Hospitality Committee Chair position is still open.

Upcoming meetings were noted: 1) the bond task force public meetings are on the 15th and the 18th, with the 18th one being at CKMS at 7:00 pm, and 2) there is a "meet the candidates" forum for the school board candidates on Tuesday the 16th at MSHS at 7:00 pm.

Joel Aune will be a guest speaker at our November 7th General Membership meeting.

The Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation is looking for a volunteer from each school community to sit on their grant writing committee. Kirk will send out email.

Birthday wishes were expressed to Kara Popp, complete with cake.

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

Mary Lu reported that next Friday there will be a recycling assembly to kick off the recycling efforts at CKMS. The following Monday there will be bins around the school. Kirk shared that the teachers have been ramping up too.

Mary Lu referenced the "Back to School" eScrip promotion where the purchase of certain items earn 10% for your school. The deadline for signing up for the promotion is October 13th. Signup can be done online.

The raffle was discussed. Kara Popp is negotiating ticket prices. She reported that she likes to obtain about 100 prizes so that there are more winners. If anyone is interested in donating items, they should contact Kara or Sandy Chapman. Tickets will be available for purchase at conferences. We have 10,000 tickets to sell this year as a gambling license was purchased to increase the limit.

Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)

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

At the end of September:

Balance in Checking: \$11,631.19

Balance in Savings: \$7,542.84

We sold cookbooks, water bottles, school packs, hawk shirts, and memberships.

Kirk Dunckel raised a question about the money for OLWEUS that was approved in the budget last year and how they would access the money. Laurie Edwards will work with Kirk and Terri Pratt on how they receive it.

Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)

Kirk reported that they had two different OLWEUS assemblies for the different grades, with the focus on relationships and pressure. They had a kick-off for the program prior to the assembly where the students made hands which they signed to make a pledge to not bully. The hands will be put up around the school.

Kirk also reported on the district-wide common writing assessments. All of the middle school students completed a writing prompt in September for three days. The teachers in each grade level met for a day off site to grade them all. Each paper was graded by 2 different people, using WASL-style grading, which will be shared with parents during conferences. The feedback from all of the teachers was phenomenal – they were very impressed with how it went. A report has been prepared on the scores, including a projection of WASL scores if the WASL were taken right now. They'll do this again in January and then the WASL.

Homework lunches are going amazingly well, with this being week 4. At the end of the week, the fewest failing grades in the last five years are being mailed out, with the success being attributed to this program. Each week starts with over 100 students participating. By Friday, it's down to 18 or 19. Parents whose students are continually there will be contacted. This is an intervention that will help keep kids accountable.

Online grades were updated October 5th.

Kirk reported that they have started Friday emailing, which seems to be going well. Only 75 paper Hawk Talks were mailed out.

The band booster club dance went very well. There is a PTSA dance coming up on the 26th.

Friday is a LID day, with no school for students. Many teachers are going to conferences. The rest of the staff will be meeting at SMS in the morning for "STARS" protocol meetings, which is a peer to peer evaluation process. Teachers can observe other teachers, they can network, etc. In the afternoon, staff will be back in the building to work on an action plan for the school improvement plan.

Committee Reports

Membership – Connie Majors

Connie reported that we have 379 members, which is an increase over past years. The first payment is due to the council at the end of October. Connie went through the old directory and emailed past members who hadn't signed up yet.

Book Fair – Connie Majors, Kara Spalding

Connie reported that the book fair will be Oct 22nd – 26th, with an ice cream social on October 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. They are working with Scholastic to get a better variety of books. Janna Treisman has accumulated a list of titles she would like to see offered. They still need volunteers. Friday the 19th is a continental breakfast preview for the teachers.

Dances – Caroline Mancini

Caroline reported that the first dance will be on October 25th. There are about 20 volunteers signed up. They plan to use the same DJ as last year. Chaperones need to be background checked and members of PTSA. They discussed a theme for the dance, which will be Halloween, with costumes with no masks and no weapons.

HawkWear

Hawkwear was delivered on Monday.

Poinsettias

It was reported that we have sold about 100 out of the 300 poinsettias that had been allocated to CKMS PTSA. The deadline for ordering is November 2nd.

Winter Carnival

Libby noted that the raffle is at the Winter Carnival.

Directory

It was reported that Michelle Hawk-Mahoney is selling advertising space for the directory that will result in a higher-quality directory with advertisements. Kirk will mail the school to offer the opportunity to more people/business for ads.

Grants - Lynn Wooldridge

Mini grant forms will be sent out to teachers immediately. The goal is to vote on grants at the next general membership meeting in November.

Legislative – Dan Piekarczyk

Dan and Liz Piekarczyck summarized the Legislative Assembly that they attended. They reported that it was one of the best ones that Liz had been to. The top five issues for the PTSA are: K-12 education funding (received by far the largest number of votes), math and science education, quality teaching, student support services, and special education funding. There was a lot of debate about some of the lesser issues, including de-linking the WASL from graduation requirements. This received a close vote, but finished in the middle of the pack as compared with the other issues to be considered for support.

There are two pieces of current legislation out there now that Dan reported on: 1) mandating mandatory recess at the elementary schools (currently it can be decided by district), and 2) Senate bill #5627 is to have the Washington state institute for public policy to staff a technical advisory committee to revisit the basic educational funding for the state.

The issue was raised by Dan about whether we have given the contribution that was approved in our budget to support 4204 yet or not. Dan will work with Laurie Edwards to make sure that this happens.

Council meetings and our involvement in them were discussed. No one was sure when the next Council meeting is.

Other Business

Magazine Drive: Kirk reported that the total sales are somewhere around \$43,000, but he wasn't sure if that included online orders or not. It was discussed that orders might be down because of mistakes that were made last year, with a different company.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37.