

(Approved January 16, 2008)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.18.28
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2007

Call to Order

The General Meeting of the CKMS PTSA was called to order in the school library at 6:32 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 September 12, 2007 General Membership meeting minutes were approved as written.

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

Libby noted to everyone that at the January meeting the Nominating Committee will be appointed. Officers will be elected at the March meeting, and all of the terms of the existing officers expire this year.

Libby reported that CKMS PTSA received the Bronze Award from the Washington State PTSA for having 50 percent of last year's membership signed up by Sept 30.

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

Becky reported that she attended the PTSA Council meeting. The PTSA Council is soliciting nominations for Council board positions, as there will be some turnover this year.

It was also reported that the recycling effort at CKMS is going well. Erin Spiess was formally thanked for getting the recycling program launched.

Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)

The October financial reports were distributed and the treasury books were on hand. At the end of October:

Balance in Checking: \$10,628.33

Balance in Savings: \$7,546.04

Laurie reported that the bank statement was not received prior to the meeting so the bank statement will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Laurie reported that we spent \$2800 on supporting the Olweus program. \$1400 of this was approved last year, but not spent. Kari Takacs moved to approve \$2800 for the Olweus program in this year's budget. Kara Spalding seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Laurie reported that \$570 was received for advertising in the directory and that the budget needed to be changed to reflect this. Kara Popp moved that the budget be changed to reflect \$600 income and \$650 expenses. Ray Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)

Kirk reported that we have just passed the eight-week mark and online grades should be accurate. He reported on students who are failing classes. At this time, 83 out of 702 students are failing one or more classes; 21 are failing two or more classes. Of those failing a class, a majority of them already have an intervention in place. 17 are sixth graders, 32 are seventh graders, and 34 are eighth graders. 97.5% of the students are passing all of their classes. This number of students failing classes is lower than in past years, due to assisted learning classes, homework lunches, and homework club. Last Friday, letters were sent home to families of students who are repeatedly in homework lunches. Failing progress reports were mailed home.

Kirk noted that the end of the trimester is at the end of November and that conferences are coming up. Email will be sent out on Friday with information about conferences.

Kirk reported that they had a successful fire drill today.

Kirk also reported that last Friday was a building directed day. They focused on reading, writing, and cultural awareness.

The second sports season started this week. The Spirit Assembly last week was excellent.

Kirk acknowledged that the Harvest PTSA Dance was a great dance!

Kirk also reported that "The Green Team," the recycling program, has started. They have had TV information, students are doing a good job of recycling, and they'll be starting an after-school club to support this program.

Ray thanked the PTSA for the support of the Olweus program. He talked about the handprints, which go along with the Hawk 5 challenge, providing a visual image to demonstrate student buy-in.

Ray also noted that he would like to provide an opportunity for a parent seminar and might bring in a goal-setting assembly with an evening seminar.

Ray reported on other things happening around the school. Next Tuesday is a Veteran's Day assembly. Tuesday is a "mix it up day" where students sit at lunch tables based on their birthday. The first sports season ended with 30% of the students in sports.

Teacher's Report (Judy Beal)

Judy reported that the ASB is going to have a food drive after Thanksgiving in conjunction with MSHS. The food collected will be trucked up to the high school.

Judy also reported that the Talent Show auditions were today, with November 29th being the evening Talent Show.

Judy noted that the Key Club is sponsoring Children's Country Home, which is a pediatric fragile care facility in Woodinville. They will provide holiday entertainment, a meal, and hope to buy them a camcorder from their wish list. They will be collecting quarters and paper money in jars to support this philanthropic activity.

Judy also reported that the Hi-C class teachers in the district met after school to work towards defining placement standards for 6th through 12th grades. Next year there will be more specific guidelines.

Judy commented on the Language Arts writing assignment that was done in conjunction with John Pinster, a "Teacher on Special Assignment" in the district. The writing was analyzed by two people, and will provide a WASL project for 7th and 10th graders.

Committee Reports

Book Fair – Kara Spalding

Kara reported that \$4700 was raised during the Book Fair. The book profit was \$2800. They plan to have another Book Fair in the Spring. There was discussion about book profit versus cash profit. Thanks were given to Kara Spalding and Connie Majors for the excellent job that they did, despite having an unplanned day off of school during the Book Fair, and for not being able to follow through on their teacher breakfast!

Grants – Lynn Wooldridge

Lynn reported that the committee had met and proposed the following Grants, noting that the Grants budget for the year is \$10,000.

TEACHER/GRADE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	granted
Treadwell, 7th grade LA & Humanities	Historical fiction class sets	\$700.00
Laurie Hancock, choir	expansion of choral music library	\$500.00

Erin Speiss, all grades	Green Schools program, purchase of 2 double dollies	\$175.00
M. James/P. Young 6th grade	Purchase of kid friendly dictionaries	\$313.20
Janna Treisman, 8th grade	CKMS - expanding access to reference:eBooks	\$577.00
Sarah Nelson/ band	Subsidizing purchase of band uniform polos, balance covered by other sources	\$350.00
Judy Beal, all HiC classes	English and Grammar reference books	\$110.00
Total Grants		\$2,725.20

There was discussion about the grant for the Library, as the Library had just received funds from the Book Fair. Lynn reported that the Library had actually asked for two grants, but only one was forwarded on by the committee. Dan Piekarczyk moved that these grants be approved. Kari Takacs seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Appreciation – Kari Takacs

Kari reported that the Staff Appreciation Committee was requesting an additional \$250. They have a budget of \$500, but \$750 was spent last year. There was a question about what types of things they are doing this year. They are celebrating each teacher birthday. Kari noted that Fall City Espresso gave them a good deal on drink coupons. They bought biscotti to go with the coffee drinks. They provided cookies and milk for the teachers during the first week of school. On conference days, they will do something special. In addition, Teacher Appreciation week in May was discussed.

Laurie Edwards move that the Staff Appreciation budget be increased by \$250. Kara Popp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kari also noted that they would be happy for any volunteers!

Public Policy – Dan Piekarczyk

Dan reported that 4204 is still on the TBD list, with King County carrying it at 56%. Currently the Against vote is 51%, but absentee ballots in King County may be the determinant.

Dan noted that on November 15th, at Newport High School, from 7:00-9:00 is the evening to meet your legislator.

Dan reported that February 13 is the day that the Washington State PTSA goes to the legislature in Olympia and asks parents to go support legislative action for the state PTSA goals.

Poinsettias – Becky Miller

Becky reported that Poinsettias will be available on November 27th after 2:30. 350 or so were sold.

Becky also noted that there are leftover sweatshirts available for purchase.

Raffle – Kara Popp

Kara reported that the big prize is a Nintendo Wii. Tickets will be available at conferences, and to sign out to sell. If you want to sign out tickets, go to the office to sign them out. Donations are also being accepted – goods, services, etc. Any and all help is appreciated. The money goes directly to Teacher Grants. Tickets are \$1 a piece.

Cookbooks

Inga Rouches will publish about 50 more recipes to update the Fall City cookbook, to help sell the remaining cookbooks. She plans to have them done by Thanksgiving to sell the books and supplements. The profit for these books is split between Fall City Elementary and Chief Kanim. Inga is currently consulting with the board to determine how many to print. She is still accepting recipes for the update.

At 7:26, there was a short break in the meeting, followed by the guest speaker. Joel Aune.

Guest Speaker – Superintendent Joel Aune

After the break, Joel spoke about recent media events, including MRSA. He covered School Improvement Plans (SIP), teacher collaboration, and Middle School #3. He also discussed the bond which will most likely be presented to voters in March 2008. Joel noted that the Facilities Task Force is planning additional public meetings at the end of November. He also thanked parents and PTSA members for their interest and involvement in our schools and children.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm