

(Approved March 19, 2008)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.18.28
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2008

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 November 7, 2007 General Membership meeting minutes were approved as written.

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

Kara reported that we are low on selling raffle tickets. There are about 100 prizes, with a lot of them being very nice, big prizes. Kara encouraged everyone to ask people to buy tickets. Online ordering will be available again this year.

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

Becky reported on the PTSA Council Meeting that she and Maggie Grate attended. At the meeting, they noted that Focus Day in Olympia is February 13th and that transportation to Focus Day is available. Also at the meeting, the Council voted to endorse the upcoming school bond and donated \$100 to Valley Voters for Education.

Becky also reported that Liz Phillips, Maggie Grate, and herself are moving forward on hanging baskets, using Squak Mt. Nursery again. Their goal is to sell 350 to 400 baskets, with them being delivered before Mother's Day.

Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)

The December financial reports were distributed and the treasury books were on hand. Mary Lu reviewed and initialed the bank statement. At the end of December:

Balance in Checking: \$5,821.36 Balance in Savings: \$7,549.25

Laurie reported that the CKMS PTSA received a donation from a family that was to go directly to the teachers. Laurie suggested that we increase the Grant budget item to \$10,500 to allow for this. Kara Popp moved that the Grant line item be raised to \$10,500. Mary Lu Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Laurie noted that we received \$141 from Albertson's. She also noted that Farmhouse Market gave us 2% of the receipts plus a donation, and reminded people to turn their receipts in.

Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)

Kirk and Ray covered activities at the school. Grade level recognition ceremonies happened last week, with hundreds of students being recognized. Weekly information updates are being mailed to families every Friday, and that they are trying to make it easy for families to use (e.g. not a lot of links, etc.)

This Friday is a building-directed day and teachers will be breaking out into four core groups: Math (teachers will be working on assessment and evaluation of students going into each grade so that it isn't just based on one test), Writing (working on "CKMS cardinal rules for writing"), Science (reviewing Foss kits), Exploratories (working on what the options will look like next year with each middle school offering the same exploratories to submit to the district).

Next week there will be a Spirit Assembly and Martin Luther King Assembly, which involves a number of students from different cultures. The Carnival is also coming up. Second season sports ends this week; third season sports starts in two weeks.

Nominating Committee Elections

Nominations were held for the Nominating Committee. Nominees were Chris Guyer, Lois Bauer, Mary Lu Hawes, Liz Piekarczyk, Leann Solene, and Dwight Miller. Dwight withdrew his name from the nominations. Libby distributed and collected ballots.

Committee Reports

Public Policy – Liz and Dan Piekarczyk

Dan reported that the short legislative session has started in Olympia. There is a surplus of \$1.2 Billion and lots of proposals on how to spend that money in terms of education. The top priority is to enhance the rainy day fund. Locally, we have the bond issue. Focus Day is February 13th and people are encouraged to attend. There will be organized transportation for Focus Day. If you can't attend, Dan noted that you should email or call in. On February 13th, the state PTSA website will be set up to send input to legislators. There was a discussion about sending email to the CKMS PTSA membership, including a link to the state PTSA website.

Winter Carnival is Friday the 25th and helpers are still needed – specifically in the kitchen and monitoring in the gym. It was noted that this is a family event and totally appropriate for grade school kids.

Raffle – Kara Popp reiterated the need to sell more tickets.

Dances – The next PTSA dance is February 8th.

Other Business

Laurie Edwards noted that she will be out of town from Feb 6-23 so if anyone needs to turn in money or needs a check during that time, they should contact her.

Nominating Committee Results: Libby reported the results of the Nominating Committee. Lois Bauer, Chris Guyer, and Mary Lu Hawes will be on the Nominating Committee, with alternates being Leann Solene and Liz Piekarczyk. The ballots are attached. There was a tie between Lois and Chris, so the committee will need to determine who the chair is. The slate of officers needs to be posted by March 4th. Libby will get necessary information to the committee.

Guest Speaker – Superintendent Joel Aune

Joel started with introductions of staff and volunteers who had worked on the bond. He then gave an overview of the bond and background. On March 11th, there will be a \$189.6M bond on the ballot. Details of the bond are available on the district website (www.svsd410.org). He noted that the Simple Majority proposition that recently passed only applies to levies, not bonds, so a 60% Super Majority is required. If this bond passes a new high school would open in Fall 2012. There were questions and discussion about issues related to overcrowding and how the bond addresses some of those issues.

Paul Sorvick moved to endorse the bond as it stands. Tom Chittenden seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guest Speaker – Valley Voters for Education – Mary Alice Colvin

Mary Alice noted that only 43 percent of CKMS parents voted in the last bond election. She stressed the importance of voting. February 9th is the last day for voter registration to be able to vote on the bond. Forms are available in the CKMS office, or can be done online at www.vote.wa.gov.

The Valley Voters for Education website is www.vvfe.org. Copies of the slide presentation that she gave are available by contacting info@vvfe.org.

Libby thanked all of the speakers and guests for attending the meeting. After some discussion about the budget, Laurie Edwards made a motion to raise the Donation budget to \$300 and donate \$100 to Valley Voters for Education. Tom Chittenden seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.