

(Approved May 7, 2008)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.18.28
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2008

Call to Order

The General Membership 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 January 16, 2008 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved as written.

Elections

Lois Bauer, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following slate for Executive Officers for the CKMS PTSA for 2008-2009:

Co-Presidents: Tammy Klupar, Lori Hollasch
Co-Vice Presidents: Kaila Russell, Lois Bauer
Treasurer: Pennie Treado
Co-Secretary: Char Yotz, Chris Guyer

Libby James asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Having no nominations from the floor, Libby called for the vote. All of the above people who were nominated were elected for next year.

Grants (Lynn Wooldridge)

Lynn reported that she, Kirk Dunckel, and Ray Wilson reviewed the grant applications. They decided to not do third trimester grants, and instead to do more this time, doubling up. Below are the grants that were presented to the membership.

TEACHER/GRADE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	GRANTED	TYPE
Tawney, Brian, life skills	SENSE-ational garden	\$2,500.00	teaching
Marson, Megan & Jan Treisman	Diversity and Acceptance (add on to Olweus)	\$700.00	teaching
Beal, Judy	CD of Poetry	\$35.97	teaching
Nelson, Sarah	2 Portable Music Stand Racks	\$438.00	teaching
Treisman, Janna	PLAYAWAY - Digital Audiobooks	\$434.00	teaching
Fowler, Mickey	Accelerated Math program, 6th grade	\$462.83	teaching
Ullman, Jim	Set of Classroom Calculators - 7th grade	\$60.00	teaching
James, Meghan & Paula Young	Student Friendly dictionaries - 6th grade	\$400.20	teaching
Kjorsvik, Joyce	Heart monitors for P.E.	\$462.00	teaching
Yen, Heather	Flags of CKMS: Celebrating Diversity	\$331.06	teaching
DePorter, Julie	Book Binder	\$300.00	teaching
Total Teaching Grants		\$6,124.06	
Total Technology Grants		\$0.00	
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Mary Lu Hawes moved that the grants as presented be granted. Laurie Edwards seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Libby invited the newly-elected officers to the PTSA convention the first weekend in May. She noted that anyone interested in going should contact her, and that there was money in the budget to cover it.

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

Mary Lu reported that they are looking for someone to run a PTSA Recycling Committee next year. Kirk Dunckel and Mary Lu met with a representative from King County. They are going to try to get a "no idling" sign out in front of the school in the pick-up area. In addition, they are looking into getting white recycled paper. Currently the school only uses colored recycled paper. Mary Lu also reported that they

are trying to have someone from Puget Sound Energy come do an audit, reviewing waste reduction in addition to recycling. The goal for next year is to have an after school club. The PTSA representative should be able to attend the meetings. This year, PTSA helped jumpstart the recycling program. At the beginning of the year, CKMS got a report card indicating that we got 1 star out of 4 (4 being good, 1 being bad) in this area.

Mary Lu also reported on no effort fundraising (escrip). She reported that we need to get more people signed up. This year, we only had 30 participants, but the school earned \$680 from this program.

Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)

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

Balance in Checking: \$13,373.94

Balance in Savings: \$7558.56

Laurie reported that we received a donation in January for \$365.28. Laurie moved that we put the donation into the Grants budget item. Maggie Grate seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Laurie also brought up the issue of supporting the new middle school's PTSA. There was a discussion that the PTSA Council may be making a recommendation for other PTSA donations. It was decided that we will wait for a recommendation from the PTSA Council.

Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)

Kirk reported that the second trimester has finished and that the grades are currently unavailable on the website as they are being entered into the system. Friday afternoon they will be available online. Kirk presented some statistics for the trimester and noted that the Recognition Ceremonies would be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the first week of April. He also reported that the new trimester had started smoothly.

WASL is coming up right after Spring Break, with April 15th being the first day of testing. Kirk reported that testing would be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Wednesday and Fridays as makeup days. Reading will be done the first week, Writing the second week, and Math the third week. We discussed the need for snacks and that this year more would be needed as enrollment is higher. The budget was reviewed and had already been increased to account for the increase in students.

On April 1st, Spring pictures will be taken. Everyone gets their pictures taken and then families have the option to purchase them. ASB does make money on the pictures. Kirk reminded people to return the pictures if you don't want to purchase them.

Kirk had been approached by a woman who would provide supply packets for students, with a percentage going to the PTSA. She pre-sells them and then delivers them. There was a discussion about how many supply packets we still have left, noting that we need to sell those first.

Kirk and Ray have been visiting classes reinforcing respect talks. Next week a group will be coming in to do an anti-bullying play. Kirk stated that they would like to partner with PTSA to do an internet safety evening, using a different presenter than last year.

It was reported that there is currently a coin drive for Leukemia taking place. Last year they raised around \$3600, and they plan to surpass that this year.

There was a discussion about the flags in The Commons – 64 different flags with connections to the students at the school. The Martin Luther King assembly went well. There will be a diversity assembly which will have humor and music and tells a great story about Native American culture.

Kirk and Ray reported that there were several concerts in the last few weeks and that they were very proud of how well the students performed. They also reported that over 250 students are currently in extracurricular activities, between sports and the musical.

Kirk noted that there had been an incident at the school where some boys had gotten in during off hours and the security cameras helped them determine who had done it. Nothing had been vandalized. Kirk expressed appreciation for the cameras which the PTSA helped fund.

Ray reported that they have stopped doing Olweus in the classroom, as Kirk reported in his email to parents. They will be having related assemblies. At the end of the year, they will survey the students and staff to determine plans for next year.

Ray reported that Tony Schlotfeldt was named "Wrestling Coach of the Year" in the Kingco conference.

Libby noted that we have not yet received our magazine drive money.

Kirk reported that the sound system at the school is in need of upgrading. It has been very frustrating to work with, as it fails. He had done research, and to upgrade it would cost \$551.86. Paul Sorvick move to use \$551.86 from the Grants budget to upgrade the sound system. Lois Bauer seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Ray reminded everyone of the upcoming Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation breakfast on March 28th, and a CKMS table was discussed. In addition, it was discussed that last year the CKMS PTSA donated \$250 to the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation. Laurie Edwards noted that we have already spent our Donation budget (\$300) for the year. Mary Lu Hawes moved that \$250 be reallocated to be donated to Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation. Laurie Edwards seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher Report (Judy Beal)

The Key Club raised money to buy a Nintendo wii for the Mt. Si Senior Complex, and then visited them to deliver it. Judy reported that it was a big hit!

Judy also reported that the recycling program at the school is fabulous. It is being done in the classroom and has increased consciousness of recycling.

Judy reported that the coin drive challenge for leukemia has been very popular and appears to be very successful.

Judy noted that next Spring, all 8th graders in the school district are invited to participate in a trip to Italy. There will be an informational meeting on April 16th.

Judy also expressed appreciation to the district and the administration for making the staff changes with the addition of the new school go so smoothly. She reported that generally the staff was very happy with the way assignments worked out.

Committee Reports

Hanging Baskets (Maggie Grate)

Maggie reported that sales are down from last year so far and that we need to commit on April 1st to how many baskets we want. To date, 74 have been sold. 200 were included in the budget. We can reserve up to 350, but we have to commit to that number on April 1st. The PTSA makes about \$10 a basket. May 8th is pickup day. Mail will be sent out telling people about the April 1st date.

Other Business

It was discussed that budgeting for next year will take place next month. It was also discussed that mail could be sent out to start looking for people for PTSA committee positions for next year.

Laurie Edwards reported that in the next month, nominations would be solicited for the Golden Acorn award and for the Excellent Educator award. They will both be awarded at the May General Membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.