

(Approved June 10, 2008)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.18.28
Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2008

Call to Order

The Board 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 February 13, 2008 Board Meeting minutes were approved as written.

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

Libby reported that the June Board meeting needs to be changed, because it is the same night as a band and choir concert. June 10th was proposed as a possibility. Libby will follow up on that date.

It was noted that there is a dance scheduled for Friday, May 23rd, which is the day before Memorial Day weekend. May 16th was suggested as possible alternative.

Libby reported that the magazine company has still not paid the PTSA. Ray Wilson will follow up.

Kirk reported that the 8th Grade Celebration will be on the Monday of the last week of school.

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

Becky reported on the SVSD PTSA Council Meeting that was Monday of this week. Ron Ellis, Business Mgr. for the district was there. He covered how PTSA grants work within the district. When PTSAs provide grants to schools, the school board needs to approve it, and anything granted becomes property of the district.

Becky reported for Maggie Grate that as of today, 200 hanging baskets have been sold.

Becky also reported that we received \$51 for ink cartridges and cell phones.

Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)

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

Balance in Checking: \$14,979.70

Balance in Savings: \$7,561.77

Laurie reported that we received \$100 more for the raffle.

Laurie also reported that there will be a budget meeting for next year's budget at 3:45 in the small office at CKMS.

Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)

Kirk Reported on which teachers would be at CKMS next year. Decisions on IAs will be made in mid-May. They will still have Life skills at CKMS. This year, there are 31 staff. Next year there will be 17.

Kirk has been talking with Liz Piekarczyk about the possibility of offering Spanish as a before-school club next year. Liz is doing research on options in this area and will provide information to Kirk on what she learns. She has ordered a starter kit from www.seattlelanguages.com. Kirk will send a survey out in the weekly email to get an idea of what the interest is. He will communicate with Dan Schlotfeldt to make sure that fifth grade families have an opportunity for input. Lois Bauer talked about what was done in the past at Fall City Elementary School and will provide more detailed information and materials to Liz.

Kirk reported that he has been contacted again about school supply boxes. There was discussion about the different options. Libby James said that she will facilitate a decision. Kirk noted that it would be nice to have handouts in mid-May when he visits with the fifth graders from FCES.

Kirk talked about the Olweus program. The staff met about it and had a lengthy meeting. Generally, it was agreed that it had good things in it and that it had made a difference. However, they decided to move from having it in the classroom to having it once a month as an assembly, with dialog after the assembly. In May there will be an assembly on relationships; in June there will be one on cyber bullying. The recommendation for next year is that it be a themed once-a-month program (possibly more often at the beginning of the year), stretching it out as the year goes on. They want it to include a wider variety of topics, including character education. This will put more time back into the classroom also. Kirk also

noted that there may be district-mandated programs in the future, based on feedback from the Healthy Youth surveys.

The WASL started yesterday. This week is Reading. Kirk expressed appreciation for the WASL snacks and noted that they probably need a second run to pick up more snacks. He reported that he appreciated the kids' efforts also.

Kirk reported that there will be two more building-directed days this year. They will be used to work with the staffs from next year.

Kirk reported that there will be 390 students at CKMS next year.

Committee Reports

Book Fair

Libby James reported that the teacher preview will be May 16. Book Fair starts on the May 19th.

Activity Blitz (Lois Bauer)

Lois reported that the Activity Blitz is on May 28th and that they have sent information to the local papers to advertise for local youth agencies. Kirk Dunckel will include this same information in his Friday email.

Staff Appreciation

Lois Bauer reported that Kari Takacs had sent a note on what they plan to do during Staff Appreciation Week, which starts May 5th: Cinco de Mayo lunch, chair massage, "You take the cake" (cake in staff lounge), "For all you do, this Bud's for you" (a rose for each staff member to take), "Hugs and Kisses" (Hershey's style). She also asked for volunteers to bring cakes on the "You take the cake" day.

Other Business

Libby closed the meeting by stating that it would be great for everyone to come to the next meeting on May 7th. We will be voting on next year's budget, changing standing rules, handing out volunteer recognition, and having great refreshments!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.