

(Draft for approval)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.18.28  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2008

**Call to Order**

The General Membership 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 March 19, 2008 General Membership Meeting minutes were amended, removing the comma in "Lori , Hollasch" in the Elections section of the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

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

Libby noted that everything that they had to report would be covered in other parts of the meeting.

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

Becky reported that baskets are being delivered tomorrow between noon and 6:00.

Mary Lu discussed escrip and the need to sign up more people. Lois Bauer and Kaila Russell, Co-VP-elects, will take it over next year.

Mary Lu reported on the "Green Schools" involvement that she has had and suggested that someone on the PTSA take it over next year. There will be a club next year. It was agreed that the PTSA should be involved, but left to the Executive Board for next year to resolve how it will be involved.

**Treasurer's Report (Laurie Edwards)**

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

Balance in Checking: \$10,918.16

Balance in Savings: \$7,563.32

Laurie noted that during April the PTSA made money on dances, baskets, and Albertson's.

Laurie presented the 2008-2009 budget. She reported that generally they lowered the numbers by about a third. There was discussion about school packs, money for the Valley Voters for Education, donations, and money for the new Twin Falls PTSA.

Lois Bauer moved that the CKMS PTSA give \$500 to help the Twin Falls PTSA as they are starting up. Mary Lu Hawes seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Laurie noted that the distributed budget does not include balance on hand, so the numbers will change at the end of the year with that. It was also noted that there is no escrip line item but that it is under miscellaneous donations. It was also noted that the magazine money did come in, but was deposited into the school account.

Mary Lu Hawes moved that the budget be approved as presented. Libby James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel, Ray Wilson)**

Kirk reported that the WASL testing was completed. He thanked the PTSA for the snacks and Laurie and Dan Edwards for picking up and delivering the snacks. He reported that all but four students completed all of the tests. He also reported that when the WASL results come in, they will have the numbers broken out by students staying at CKMS. Next year there will be 390 students at CKMS.

Kirk reported that the staff was really enjoying the well-deserved gifts, snacks, and fun during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Kirk also reported that they are hard at work on schedules for the three middle schools for next year and are having to make tough decisions. He will be mailing all of the details out in the Friday newsletter. He reported that for exploratories they will be looking at adding Advanced Art and/or Advanced Tech., as there will be no foreign language within the day. As the schedules are being built, they are using data (grades, WASL scores, assessments) to place students appropriately. It was noted that Twin Falls is looking at having Hi-C Science next year.

Kirk reported that they are working on transitions also. They are visiting the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to talk about CKMS, followed by a parent meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will visit CKMS. Jazz Band will perform, and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Kirk also reported on upcoming year-end events, which will take place during the last four days of school. This includes field day, barbeque, yearbooks, 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration, and a trip to "Wild Waves". He reported that the last day of school would be over at 10:45 and that there are 29 days of school left.

Kirk gave an update on technology. CKMS got four more active boards this week; next year, all teachers will have active boards. They are also purchasing novels, science tables, conference chairs, and cameras. Kirk would like inside cameras to help reduce/eliminate minor vandalism.

Ray reported on working on transitions for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to MSHS. They are already working with students who have been identified as being at risk. They are having meetings with them to go over skills with them and working with high school students. In addition, Special Education students have met at the high school to look at schedules and meet with teachers. There will be an assembly for the entire school with MSHS students participating. Ray noted that any parents who want or need additional help should contact them.

Kirk was asked about the homework philosophy that was reported on at previous meetings. He reported that it has been added to the student handbook for next year and clarifies the student, parent and teacher responsibilities. The guideline they have used is approximately ten minutes of homework per night per grade level.

Libby James made a motion to purchase two cameras for the school with a limit of \$1500. Mary Lu Hawes amended the motion, noting that the funds be donated out of reserves. Kara Popp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Activity Blitz (Lois Bauer, Melissa Bluher)**

Lois reported that the Activity Blitz is scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>. The following groups have expressed interest in attending: Snoqualmie Valley Soccer, Center for Dance, The Pacific NW Junior Golf Association (Carnation Golf Course), Marymoor Velodrome Association Track Cycling, Boy Scout Pack 425, Sammamish YMCA, Si View Parks Department, Girl Scout Camps, Seattle Youth Symphony, Bellevue Youth Symphony, MusicWorks, and King County Libraries. In addition to being there on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Lois and Melissa will put together information that can be sent to parents about the groups and summer opportunities. Lois also noted that she and Melissa would like a date for next year's Activity Blitzes so that they can plan ahead.

#### **Art Gallery**

Libby James reported that on May 15th there will be a combined 8<sup>th</sup> art show with CKMS and SMS. Julie Lagace is looking for volunteers (three to four vehicles) on the afternoon of the 15th to take artwork to SMS.

#### **Book Fair (Kara Spalding, Connie Majors)**

Kara reported that the Spring book fair is May 19 to 23. On Friday there will be a teacher lunch. Family night is Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, which is a concert night. Music Boosters will be having a bake sale. Kara noted that volunteers are still needed for mornings and lunches. Ray Wilson said that ASB students will volunteer.

#### **Dances**

It was noted that the last dance was changed from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration**

It was reported that a letter has gone out to parents (attached). They are asking for \$5 from 8th grade parents.

### **New Business**

There was discussion about the need for a PTSA Newsletter. Dan Piekarczyk recommended that we have a separate one so that when issues like the bond come up, we have a method for communicating information and endorsements.

### **Awards (Laurie Edwards)**

Flowers were given to committee chairs by Kara Popp and Libby James. Service pins were given to the Executive Officers. The following awards were presented:

Shooting Star: Jim Ullman, Lindsay Seubert, Erin Spiess  
Outstanding educator: Megan Marson  
Golden Acorn: Libby James  
Shining Star: Connie Majors, Mary Lu Hawes

It was recommended that the PTSA have representatives go to the teachers' classrooms to present the awards since none of the teachers were present to accept them

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Next board meeting: Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 at Mary Lu Hawes' house.