

(Draft for approval)

Chief Kanim Middle School PTSA 2.18.28
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009

Call to Order

The General Membership Meeting of the CKMS PTSA was called to order in the school library at 6:35 by Lori Hollasch. All members received proper notice of the meeting. A quorum was present. A sign-in sheet is attached.

Approval of Minutes

The May 13, 2009 General Membership Meeting minutes were approved.

Standing Rules

The revisions to the standing rules were voted upon and approved. Copies of the rules were on hand.

Co-President's Report (Lori Hollasch & Miranda Thorpe)

Lori and Miranda explained that the primary objective of the CKMS PTSA is to enhance the student academics and overall experience at CKMS. One of the ways we will accomplish this objective is through fundraising, which will allow us to provide teacher grants and other academic enrichment projects. In addition, it is the objective of this organization to provide a connection between the school, the students and the families. A great way for families to connect is by joining the CKMS PTSA and volunteering.

Co-Vice President's Report (Lois Bauer & Jennifer Curd)

Jennifer and Lois explained how parents can help the CKMS PTSA through various "no effort" fundraising Options: Link their retail shopping cards to the CKMS PTSA, use the *escrip* on-line shopping mall and *autoearn*, advertise on the Snoqualmieridge.org website (100% goes to the PTSA), donate their used printer cartridges and old cell phones to the school, and using *School Pax* (more info to follow).

Treasurer's Report (Pennie Treado)

The June, July and August financial reports were available and the treasury books were on hand. Pat Martin, a non-signatory to the bank account, reviewed and initialed copies of the July and August bank statements. At the end of August:

Balance in Checking: \$11,389.95

Balance in Savings: \$7,587.05

Principal's Report (Kirk Dunckel)

Kirk thanked the PTSA for one of the best kick-off BBQ and fee payment events ever, and for their assistance during picture day procedures. He then explained that there is a new schedule, due to a lower enrollment (332 students) and staff reductions. With the district budget cuts, we no longer have a librarian on staff, so the library is now maintained by rotating teacher staff. There is a need for volunteers to perform the librarian functions in the early mornings for 20 minutes and during lunches from 11:09am to 12:39pm. The Student of the Week recommendations began this week and it has yet to be determined how many award ceremonies will be planned for this year. Kirk gave a brief overview of the SharePoint and on-line grade system which is available through the SVSD website and encourage parent to make use of these regularly. He explained how the Homework Lunch system works, including parent notification. Next Thursday is curriculum night at CKMS from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Tomorrow will be the first of the school's monthly fire drills. Facilities update: The roof was completed during the summer and the track is nearly finished. The ventilation system should be completed in the next few months and then the carpet will be replaced after that.

Teacher Report (Catherine Fredenburg)

The school year is off to a good start, with after school activities and clubs starting up soon. Some after school sports have already begun.

ASB Report (Catherine Fredenburg)

The ASB's magazine drive fund raising has begun, with the first turn-in due on Friday. The first ASB dance is September 25th. ASB officer election packets are available in the office for next Wednesday's election.

SVSD PTSA Council (Cathy Renner & Ahn Lee Horn)

They explained that a major function of the council is to offer support and training to the local PTSA groups. There is a training session available at CKMS on October 24th entitled PTA and The Law. This is a very important informational session for officers of the organization to attend. In addition, the council is sponsoring a voter's forum for the school board candidates on September 30th at 6:30pm at Mt. Si HS. There are four general meetings of the council every year, for which each school has four voting delegates. The delegates for CKMS PTSA this year are Lori Hollasch, Pat Martin, Kim Hagan, and Susan Esteb. Alternates are Laura Nordby and Fran Ellul. Everyone is encouraged to visit the SVPTSACouncil.org website for additional information.

Superintendent's Report (Joel Aune)

Joel announced that this year was one of the best starts to a school year he has ever experienced, especially in light of all the state budget cuts. He explained that the focus of SVSD is Student Learning and he encouraged by the overall good WASL results our district experienced this year. There is emphasis on school improvements and developing programs targeting the "at risk" and the "high C" students in the district. He plans to continue to support the ongoing teacher collaboration in our schools. Communication will also be a focus this year, through the district website and electronic newsletters. There will be a long-term facilities plan presented to the community for feed back. Facilities: The 12 additional modular classrooms for Mt. Si have been procured, but the re-building of the tennis courts has been delayed. This year's district budget was reduced by 3.5 million dollars, which has increased the class sizes, but not dramatically. He explained that this year is a levy year, with a vote coming up on the February 9th ballot for two replacement levies one for maintenance and operations and the other for technology. There will not be a transportation levy presented this time. Joel introduced Cliff Brown who will be chairing the Valley Voters for Education. Cliff advised that there is very little information at this time, but more will be coming soon.

Committee Reports

Activity Blitz (Jennifer Curd)

Community organizations who offer activities for young people will be setting up tables with information for our students. They will be available at lunch time and again during curriculum night.

Welcome BBQ (Connie Rosenberger)

We had a very successful event and came in under budget, due to the generous donation from Talking Rain. The staff participation was a wonderful addition to the event.

Directory/Membership (Lori Cobb & Lori Hollasch)

There are already 201 paid memberships, which equals 60%. The directory is included in your membership and advertising space is available. The space purchased by advertises is published in both the CKMS and the FCES directories.

Hawk wear

Order forms are available in the school office.

Magazine Drive (Sandy Chapman)

Volunteers are needed now for counting and tallying, a sign-up sheet was passed around. 1% of the sales go to the PTSA.

Public Policy (Cathy Renner)

Legislative assemble is October 2nd and 3rd. The WSPTA opposes I-1033.

Dances

PTSA dances will be October 30th, February 5th, March 12th and April 16th. SMS will host an all school dance on December 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next general meeting: Tuesday November 10th in the CKMS library