

MINUTES

Kenmore Middle School PTA

Escuela de Kenmore Asociación de Padres y Profesores

April 10 2018 at 1908 | Meeting called to order by VP Colleen Coyne

In Attendance

Quorum present and translator; President and Secretary absent

Approval of Minutes

PTA member, Lora Strine, recommended last meeting's minutes be approved, motion seconded by Treasurer Tim Watson. Minutes accepted.

Ice Breaker

Jeff Politzer to give a presentation so Ice Breaker skipped, everyone present gave their first and last names.

Treasurer's Report

Tim Watson submitted his report. Silent Auction brought in more than anticipated; 11,000+ instead of 8,000. There are still some bills due but Watson is unsure of who they are. Coyne said one of the participants, Gabriella needed a check for the Science Festival.

Lora Strine asked if the additional funds could be allocated to those who were not given full amounts in the grant process this year. Watson said that could not be done without a vote from the current body or the grant committee re-establishing itself. He said in past years monies were simply carried over to the next year.

Principal's Report

Principal David McBride Reviewed the Twitter Feed

- Visitors from Thailand – some were students and some were teachers; pictured in the library with the traditional cloth that could be worn as a skirt or head covering; also pictured with the dance teacher showing a traditional Thai dance and in the lab as the students built cigar box guitars
- Earth Force Activities – Students received 2nd place and other recognition, some are participating in VJAS at George Mason; some pictures are of 6th graders at Bluemont assessing pet waste on water quality
- TAB oratory competition – four students are going on to county level
- Space of our own – Mr Cupples program building activities with girls
- Science Fair Field Trip
- Wednesday Moms Group – Hosted immigration lawyer
- Successful test of Emergency Alert System
- Former KMS students, now in the WL Color Guard, came to KMS to practice as they prepare for the next level of competition

- Coming Up
 - o SOLs coming up next week
 - o School Advisory committee Meeting

Committee Reports

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- **CEC**
Ryoko Reed – Announced the topic for their upcoming meeting (below); requirement for a new chair; and involvement in planning for 7th Grade Activity Day
- **Teacher Appreciation**
Amy Eckrote – Discussed plans for expanding appreciation from single luncheon on Friday to a full week of activities; this means garnering more support from the community; signup genius for water, juice, paper products, and even cash; in addition they thought they might expand activities to include candygrams or notes students can send to their teachers (perhaps 5 pre-scripted choices); or a massage from NoVA
- **School Planning**
Lisa Blackwell – New Draft of 6 year Plan of Goals and Vision focused on ALL
Mission: We work together to ensure all students learn, grow, and thrive in safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments
Vision: An inclusive community empowering all students to foster their dreams, explore their possibilities, and create their futures.
Lisa encouraged us to look at the presentation, review the material, fill out the [questionnaire](#) and do so before the deadline; currently retirees without children are influencing process greatly; there have been rumors about vastly larger class sizes but Mr McBride said even with a projected increase of 16% in transfers KMS will be under its maximum capacity of 1,100, some classes may be larger but core classes will remain under 30 students only PE classes might be larger
- **Slate/Nominating**
Heather Weir – Discussed which positions remained open and announced positions would be voted upon at next the next meeting; she said the most critical of these positions was Secretary; she also said while they had names for a number of the other positions it was hoped to have more than one name for each position so the burden could be shared; various people volunteered to reach out to their previous elementary school to look for volunteers in parents of rising 6th graders
- **Wednesday Moms**
Janeth Venezuela – Ms Close is going to speak tomorrow at the Wednesday Mom’s meeting about special education topics and Officer Det. Pagan is going to speak at the Saturday session on cellphone, internet safety and cyber bullying.

Announcements

Friday, April 13th – Submission deadline for April Issue of Newsletter

Thursday, April 19th – Deadline for Comment period for APS Strategic Plan

Monday, April 23rd – Kenmore Dines Out! Lost Dog, Columbia Pike

Monday, April 23rd – Friday, April 27th – Spirit Week

Saturday, Apr 24th – Officer Det. Pagan Cyber Safety at Saturday PTA

Tuesday, May 1st – CEC Meeting – Guest Speaker Tonya Tolento to speak about Ramadan traditions

Friday, May 4th – Town Hall Drug Prevention Meeting by Ms. Section

Monday, May 7th – Friday, May 11th – Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 8th – Teacher Appreciation Buffet

Next Meeting – Last PTA meeting of the Year

Official duties were completed at 8:00 p.m. and Jeff Politzer began his presentation.

Next meeting May 8th at 7:00 p.m. at KMS Library