

MINUTES

Kenmore Middle School PTA

Escuela de Kenmore Asociación de Padres y Profesores

April 10 2018 at 1908 | Meeting called to order by President Fran Cloe

In Attendance

Quorum present and translator; Secretary absent

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Tim Watson, submitted his report. PTA is required to have an independent 3-person audit team review accounting from 2017-18. Parent Volunteers are needed!! The task is not time consuming and there is no need to have a CPA or financial background. The audit must be completed before the start of the new school year. Please reach out to any member of the PTA board to volunteer.

Watson requested receipts for 8th grade end of year trip to be submitted as soon as possible.

The PTA is considering changing banks for the 2018-19 school year. Treasurer nominee, Kelly Krug, suggested Arlington Federal Credit Union, noting the benefits of the change including AFCU's hand-on interest in supporting the school, specifically their model of giving back, financially and educationally. Additionally, their terms and conditions are more agreeable than a traditional bank (eg: no fees for many standard banking activities).

Hospitality Chair, Amy Eckrote, asked how she could increase the budget allotment for hospitality next year. Two options were suggested: send in a note to the board requesting and increase; or join the Budget committee to have more direct influence on budget decisions. All members are welcome and encouraged to join the Budget committee.

Principal's Report

Mr. McBride was unable to join the meeting this week so there was no Principal's Report provided.

Committee Reports

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- **CEC**
Ryoko Reed – Reviewed last meetings topic, Ramadhan traditions, and noted Tonya Tolento attended as a guest speaker. Ramadhan report was created to educate the community about the event and how to be supportive of students who are fasting during the month-long holiday, which begins May 15. The report was distributed to staff and will be included the May "Cougar News". Volunteer is being sought to chair the CEC committee next year as Ryoko will be "graduating" from Kenmore. Please reach out to any Board member if you are interested in supporting this important committee, focused on community engagement.

- **Silent Auction**

Thanks were given to volunteers Kelly Alexis and Kelly Krug for their outstanding effort and success in running the KMS Silent Auction this year. Alexis and Krug will chair the committee again next year; committee will be created to assist with this large undertaking; volunteers to join the committee should reach out to the Board; more help is needed getting donations; next year's auction distribution should tie in with school event to improve expediency of getting items to winning bidders.

- **Teacher Appreciation**

Amy Eckrote – Teacher Appreciation Week is currently underway and being well received within the school; plans were expanded from single luncheon to a full week of activities; thanks to the community for providing donations toward luncheon held on 5/9; Thursday kids/parents can send notes of thanks to all staff; Friday is “Fruit Friday” – kids should bring in and distribute fruit to whomever they choose (note: kids should not bring in to office for central distribution); would like to form a Hospitality Committee next year; volunteers interested in joining the committee should reach out to the Board or directly to Amy Eckrote.

- **School Planning**

Lisa Blackwell – APS’ new budget may include cuts to the language department, specifically Japanese and German languages; High School students interested in taking Japanese and German should consider signing up for them with the upcoming school year; Responsible Usage Policy is out; APS Survey, “Your Voice Matters,” has been sent out to all via email or USPS – deadline to reply is May 25. Coyne noted that KMS property is out of the running as the site for a new HS but may host new turf-surfaced athletic fields to meet county demands

- **Wednesday Moms**

Janeth Venezuela – Student Volunteer Recognition ceremony, sponsored by Wednesday Moms, will take place May 24 at 7pm (location TBD); all types of volunteer activities will be recognized; committee would like to encourage volunteerism among all students. Suggestion was made to additionally recognize student service volunteers during the 8th grade promotional ceremony.

Election

2018-19 PTA Officer Election took place with 12 voting members in attendance. Nominee for Treasurer (2-year term), Kelly Krug, was voted in unanimously. Nominee for Secretary (2-year term), Julie Halferty, was voted in unanimously. PTA President Cloe and Vice President Coyne will remain in their positions next year, the second of their 2-year term.

President's Wrap Up

Cloe remarked on what a great year we had at Kenmore, achievements and successes, most notably of which was the gratitude of the community for opportunities provided thanks to the PTA membership. Special thanks were given to those volunteer members in attendance that would be “graduating” out of Kenmore at the end of this school year. New for next year: the PTA now has a closet in the main office. All are looking forward to continued camaraderie and support of Kenmore in the new school year.

Announcements

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

Wednesday, May 9th – Teacher Appreciation Buffet

Thursday, May 10th - Students/parents send in thank you notes to any staff at Kenmore they'd like to thank

Friday, May 11th: Fruit Friday. *to clarify* STUDENTS are encouraged to bring fresh fruit to pass out to the teachers and staff of their choosing

Friday, May 11th: Deadline for submissions to final 2017-18 *Cougar News*

Tuesday, May 15th: Ramadhan begins

Thursday, May 24th – Student Volunteer Recognition ceremony, 7pm, location TBD

Saturday, May 26th – Hispanic Parents Committee Meeting, 10am in the Library

Next Meeting – Last PTA meeting of the Year

Official duties were completed at 7:58 p.m., followed by a reception for PTA volunteers