



Kenmore Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes

Escuela de Kenmore Asociación de Padres y Profesores

November 5, 2017

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Fran Cloe, President
Colleen Coyne, Vice President
Tim Watson, Treasurer
Lisa Coll, Grants Chair
Veronika Folz, Secretary

Grants –

- The Grants committee asked if more funds are available in the Kenmore PTA budget to be put towards grants this year.
 - The Grants Chair explained that there are a lot of requests this year and they will not be able to fund some grants to the amounts requested and/or received in previous years.
 - Discussed the Chorus/Orchestra/Band annual trip to the Hershey Park competition and need to inform the teachers as soon as possible if this will not be fully funded.
 - Discussed the large cost of APS buses for the STEAM Conference.
 - The Treasurer explained that the national and State PTAs provide guidance for how much, percentage wise, we should spend of our overall PTA budget and how much we should keep in reserve.
 - Our current budget and grants amount just meets this reserve percentage.
 - We could potentially increase the grants amount for the Spring.
 - Keep in mind the Principal has a discretionary fund of \$1500 (however, some of this may already be promised to the PE teachers).
- The Grants Chair said they would increase the grants for the Fall by \$1-2K and, if necessary, will come back in the spring for maybe \$2K more.

Hispanic Standing Committee Vote –

- The Executive Board unanimously approved making the lead of the Hispanic Parents Committee a Kenmore PTA Standing Committee Position/Chair.

Directory –

- The Board discussed whether to make the PTA directory available only to PTA members or to allow all Kenmore parents and teachers to have access to the directory.
 - Ensuring security of the private information was discussed.
 - The directory must be password protected.
 - Do we need permission from the families or need to inform them that their information will be included?
 - Can we add a statement saying that the directory is under the US Personal Privacy Information Act and cannot be shared or sold to third parties?

- Using the directory as an incentive to encourage families to join the PTA was discussed.
 - Can we take a poll and see how many families are aware/use the directory?
 - Can we poll current PTA members and see how many joined for the access to the directory?
- It was decided the directory discussion will be included at the next PTA meeting for the membership to discuss.

Reduced PTA Dues for Some Members –

- The Board discussed that some families contribute a lot of volunteer hours to Kenmore but cannot afford the \$20 dues to join the PTA.
 - How do we offer a reduced dues amount to these families while ensuring members who pay the full dues and also volunteer do not feel slighted?
 - Can we offer reduced dues to those families on the reduced lunch list?
 - We cannot reduce the dues amount below \$4 as that is how much we pay to cover the State PTA per member fee.
- The Board members agreed to investigate and think of more options.