

## **Kenmore PTA Meeting Minutes November 12, 2013**

Official Meeting Started at 7:05pm

**Review and Approve - PTA Meeting Minutes From October** – Motion made to approval; all in favor.

Conversation about the Special Education PTA – Arlington Chapter. There needs to be an effort made to make sure the Special Education PTA and school PTAs communicate. PTA President request to add a Special Education Chair to the PTA – Jane Winant has agreed to chair. Jane mentioned there are Special Education PTA mini grants and will send additional information to the PTA President.

### **Principal's Report – Dr Word**

- School Plan Advisory Committee has had their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on the School Management Plan. The plan is due to be submitted by Friday, Nov 15 – those plan details will be shared.
- Friday, November 8 was Hispanic Heritage Festival. The event was very well attended approximately 250 participants; largest crowd ever. There was traditional dancing groups, DJ and potluck meal. They honored “Teacher of the Year” and “Instructional Assistant of the Year” both of hispanic heritage. Dr Word thank all who make the event a huge success. There will be an article on the event in the local Spanish news paper – article will be shared.
- Report cards will go home November 14
- Honors celebration (straight A's and A/B students) will be in the next week or two
- Odyssey of the Minds meeting is November 14 at 6:30 in the Library
- Black parent Meeting - “What Every Black Parent Should Know”
- FBLA is gearing up for canned food drive.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade excel teacher wants to raise \$880 for the Typhoon victims – this is \$1 per student and teacher - more information out soon.
- Band students had a chance to play with the HS bands (Wakefield and Wash & Lee).
- School Administration coordinated a “Mix it Up Day” where students were encouraged to sit with students they normally would not sit with in an effort to meet and connect the students.

### **Treasurer Report – Cathy Constantine**

- Needed to amend the 2013-2014 PTA budget due to a \$5000 grant

approved last year but not paid. There was a motion to approve 2013-2014 budget – all in favor. The 2012-2013 audit was completed on the PTA budget. Audit report was shared and a motion was made to approve and submit to the National PTA to obtain the schools Tax Exemption Certificate– all approved.

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### **Activities for the Year**

- Reflections Program – Karen Sosnoski – Winner submissions when to the CCPTA for judging. Kenmore winners will be announced in the next two-weeks as well.
- Grants Committee – Alissa Karton –15K in grants were submitted; PTA sponsorship was 12K. Alissa was able to carve down to meet the PTA sponsorship of 12K. Teachers who were granted the money, need to contact PTA President and PTA Treasury for money. All receipts are due within 60-days of pay out.
- Hispanic Committee – Janeth Valenzuela – Janeth thanked all who helped with the Hispanic Heritage Festival. She was very please by the turnout. The Hispanic PTA will debrief and discuss what went well and what can be handled differently for next year.
- November 15 there will be a workshop for Hispanic parents on ParentVue – how to get in and the benefits of the program – another way for the Hispanic community to stay connected to school. Two sessions – 9-10am and 6-8pm.
- Newsletter- First draft is out for review and comments. Goal is have first newsletter out electronically by November 30. Draft will feature all the new teachers and administrators hired this year.
- Directory - continued problems with pulling the details. PartentVue is compounding the issues. Several are involved to work through the issue and hoping a directory will be out early December. The directory will be hard-copy.
- CCPTA – Chris Ditta -
- Sally Baird attended last meeting - she discussed all the areas APS is looking at 1) Transportation; 2) Capacity at HS level; 3) Safety and Congestion
- Student Portal – within ParentVue there is a StudentVue. StudentVue has not been fully rolled out due to security concerns specifically around passwords. Working through the issue.
- Kenmore is in a Tech Pilot (all APS are participating in a pilot - each school is different). Kenmore's pilot targets 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math to increase SOL scores. Pilot involves mini iPads. The pilot is expected to be fully implemented shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday
- Another iniative of the Technology Group within the CCPTA is “one-

to-one” where every child in APS will have an electronic device in school to use. APS is looking into how to implement and the risks associated with the initiative.

- There is a “Loaner Program” in place where a student can ask for and receive a laptop or desk top computer for their home. To request, you need to speak with the principal.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities - Dr Word has meet with a group of students to brainstorm on fundraising ideas as well as FUN raising ideas. Would like 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities chair to continue those conversations – sooner the better.

**Fundraising –**

- Kenmore Night at the Silver Dinner - looking for a volunteer to organize these dinner nights
- Silent Auction-Spring 2014 - Nina Austin – looking for volunteers to assist with auction. The planning is underway – looking into auction theme and entertainment.
- Kenmore vs. Gunston Faculty Basketball Game – looking for a volunteer to coordinate and execute.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Next PTA meeting December 10, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.