

Kenmore PTA Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2013

Official Meeting Started at 7:17pm (potluck dinner starting at 6:30pm)

Review and Approve the March 2013 PTA Meeting Minutes – Motion made to approval; all in favor.

2013-2014 PTA Executive Board Introductions by PTA President Guia Ramos Wallace

President – Guia Ramos Wallace

Janeth Valenzuela - VP

Cathy Constantine – Treasurer

Connie Sherman-Pollard – Secretary

Principal's Report – Dr Word

Asked parents to get involved and mobilize those you know to get involved to support our school

Dr Word has been the principal at Kenmore since 1998

This year Dr Word hired 20 new teachers and 5 new staff. This is due to 8 teachers retiring, 1 promotion, 6 new positions due to school growth and 4 transfers out. School is currently at 818 students. Approximately 30% are students out of boundary

Dr Word introduced the two assistant principals:

Dr Betty Spencer-Chapman (17 yrs w/Kenmore) - 7th Grade Administrator

David McBride - 6th Grade Administrator

(Dr Word is the 8th Grade Administrator)

- Dr Word said the 6th grade transition is going well

Dr Word introduced the “Check-In Program” Coordinate Milagros Martinez. Mrs Martinez emphasized that the “Check-in Program” is an extension of Kenmore. They focus on community service and they share their successes with the school as a whole. They want to make sure students are aware of their surroundings and environment and to be aware of the struggles that some may have. They want the students to feel proud that they are helping others in need. Activities from last year:

Sent letters to our troops overseas

The students work with ASPAN (Arlington Street Peoples Assistance Network) and feed over 2,500 people over a 2-yr period

They give students real-life work experiences by working with Hilton Hotels

Lemonade Stand – raised \$600 in 2-weeks to help victims of the Oklahoma tornado

PTA Liaison – Ms Freeman.

She asked that we, parents, consider volunteering to get to know the students and what they are doing in the school - the school loves parent involvement and so do the students. One immediate need is math tutoring. If you are interested in being a tutor, please contact Ms Freeman

Activities for the Year

Reflections Program – Karen Sosnoski

Nation-wide arts contest. The theme this year is “Believe, Dream and Inspire”. Strongly encourage all students to participate. A flyer will be sent home with the various options on how to participate (video entry, visual art, essay etc).

Odyssey of the Mind – Gerri Ratliff

Problem solving competition. Information will be sent home in the PTA packet

Listserve – Rick Orli

Please sign up to receive on-time information on Kenmore. Information on how to sign up on all the various listserve will be in PTA packet

ACI – Sarah Baker – Kenmore Representative

Advisory Council on Instruction. The purpose of ACI is to provide the School Board community input and feedback for instructional planning of the school system. ACI assists in the continuous review of various aspects of the instructional program and in the development of recommendations for instructional improvement, including recommendations for the introduction of new programs. There is one representative from every HS, middle school and elementary school. You are encouraged to read all the details on this council which is posted on the APS website under the “Instruction” tab.

CCPTA – Chris Ditta

The CCPTA is comprised of local PTA participants from the elementary schools, middle schools and high schools. Its goal is to provide leadership, to serve, to assist and to act as a resource for local PTAs. It supports local PTAs by helping them to work more effectively in their schools and communities.

Directory – Ali Neal, Toby Davis, Dennis Price

The goal is to have the school directory out by Thanksgiving. You can advertise your business in the directory for a minimal cost. Contact Guia Wallace for the price points.

Grants Committee – Alissa Karton

Looking for volunteers for the Grants committee. The budget this year is \$12,000 to allocate for a worthy cause. Some of last years allocations went to – planting trees, costumes, dance troop, yearbook and more. All the money is spent on the students. If you are interested please contact Alissa.

Volunteers are still need for 8th Grade Activities Committee and Legislative Chair. If you are interested in volunteering contact Guia Wallace

Hispanic Committee – Janeth Valenzuela

Hispanic families were present during the meeting. The families were inform and explain in Spanish. Explain to the parents about the role of the PTA, parent Involvement, inform about the meeting on Wednesday mornings with the moms to help in various task, also the Hispanic committee meet one Saturday of the month with the home families, Mrs Yerovi (Hispanic resource) arrange important guests visits with different topic that will help the families. First meeting will be Saturday October 5 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon.

Fundraising – Nina Austin

Events this year are:

Kenmore Night at the Silver Dinner (need a coordinator);

Escrips/Grocery stores (card linkage program – information sent home in the PTA packet);

Silent Auction-Spring 2014 (looking for volunteers to the committee – contact Nina Austin);
Kenmore vs. Gunston Faculty Basketball game (need a coordinator).

Treasurer Report – Cathy Constantine

Review of the 2013-2014 budget. Motion made to approve; all in favor.

Other School Business

Back to School Night – Sept. 18 – 6:30 p.m.

ParentVue – has been rolled out; you should have received a letter for APS with instructions on how to sign up. Be patient, very large roll out and it will take time to get the system fully up and running.

APS 101 seminar at Wakefield HS. Information will go out on Listserves and posted on APS website.

Dr Word thanked the PTA for the breakfast that was given to the teachers and staff on their first day back to school. It was well received by the teachers and staff.

Next PTA meeting is October 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm