

Kenmore PTA Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2017

Official Meeting started at 7:15 p.m.

Principal's Report – Mr. McBride

- Mr. McBride welcomed the families, new PTA board and attending KMS staff to a new school year and emphasized the school's commitment of one school, one roof, one aspiration for all children regardless of their backgrounds, ethnicity, gender, race, status.
- APS Boundaries Meeting being held tonight elsewhere in the county.
- The 2017-18 school year bring 329 6th graders, 306 7th graders and 281 8th graders to Kenmore. (916 students in total.) Next year it is expected that Kenmore will exceed 1000 students. The [Superintendent's Action Plan](#) is available on the APS website.
- Changes to the Kenmore facility include: Fitness room expansion; new STEAM fabrication lab; enlarged Science lab, Special Education Rooms, Community Groups room and Storage for PE & fitness classes.
- Kenmore is fully accredited with very good scores across the board. To improve scores for Federal benchmarks, an area of focus for the coming year is reading literacy.
- [School Board Draft Priorities](#) were presented. They will focus on Policy Revisions, Operational Planning, Preparation for New Schools and Program Moves and Capital Initiative.
- [Engage with APS!](#) Is a new communications approach from APS. Families are encouraged to get involved with the year's initiatives including Boundary Changes, Strategic Plans, Instructional vision and Capital Improvements. There will be an APS Open House, Saturday, September 23 at Kenmore Middle School in the cafeteria to discuss these initiatives. Drop by anytime from 10am to 2pm
- [Back to School Night](#) is September 28 from 6:30-9:10pm

Welcome to the PTA – Fran Cloe, PTA President

- Executive board introduced. Fran Cloe, President; Colleen Coyne, Vice President; Veronika Folz, Secretary; Tim Watson, Treasurer
- Our PTA is now actively using social media to communicate. In addition to our [two listservs](#), we have updated the [PTA website](#), and have [Twitter](#) and Facebook pages (one for [PTA business](#), one for [Parent discussion](#)) for parents to connect through.
- Goals for the PTA this year: Communicate; Community Building; Fundraising
- Ryoko Reed is leading a new committee, the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) to improve our outreach efforts.
- On our website we have a one-pager that lists out the [events for the year at a glance](#).
- Every PTA meeting this year will begin with an icebreaker to encourage more folks to attend, make new friends and develop camaraderie in our organization.

- Many [open committee positions](#) for the 2017-18 school year need to be filled, including Membership, Hospitality, Odyssey of the Mind and Kenmore Dines Out. Please consider volunteering for one or more of these committees!
- Grocery Store and Amazon fundraising is easy and costs the membership nothing. Last year Harris Teeter donated over \$4000 to the KMS PTA thanks to families connecting their shopping cards to the school. Please go onto the PTA website and get information on [linking your Harris Teeter and Giant grocery cards to KMS](#). Support Kenmore by shopping at [Amazon](#) with this link - there is no cost to you.
- Translation services (both English → Spanish and Spanish → English) will be provided at all PTA and PTA committee meetings going forward.
- Standing PTA meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Library (English → Spanish translation provided).
- Standing Hispanic Parents committee meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of every month at 10am in the Library (Spanish → English translation provided).
- The Tuesday PTA meetings typically will have speakers that will discuss items of interest internal to the school. Saturday Hispanic Parent meetings typically will have speakers that will discuss items of interest external to the school. Agenda details will be communicated as they become available.
- “Wednesday Moms” will continue to meet this year in the community room every Wednesday morning. Spanish to English translation will be provided by Janeth Valenzuela. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS!

Upcoming Events

- D.C. United vs. San Jose Earthquakes SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7 PM//RFK STADIUM. Kenmore kids will help carry the USA flag on to the field ahead of the game. Deadline for tickets is 9/15.

Committee Updates

Community Engagment Committee (CEC) – Ryoko Reed

- Ryoko presented information and statistics on diversity and inclusion.
- Self awareness checklists have been created to help folks become more cognitive of insuring diverse attendance to activities and events. These will be shared in future PTA meetings. Others are encouraged to become engaged with this inclusive committee.

Grants – Lisa Coll

- One application for teacher grants submitted today.

PTA Reflections Contest – Kate Kerr :

- Overview of program provided. Theme this year is “Within Reach”. Deadline for submissions is Oct 19. Volunteer judge needed: if you are interested in judging the Literature entries, please see Kate Kerr.

Kenmore 5K FUNraiser – Michelle Gillespie and Sylvie Mortimer

- Theme this year is “Faster Than My Teacher!” Race will take place on November 4. \$10 for kids to enter. Free for teachers.

Kenmore Store - Cinnamon Melchior

- The Kenmore Store allows teachers to post small needs they have for their classrooms and students. If you see something that you can fulfill (eg: batteries, recycled materials etc), you simply [sign up for it](#) and deliver to the front office of the school at your earliest convenience.

School Supplies - Cinnamon Melchior

- Most, but not all, supplies from SchoolKidz have been delivered to the school. Many of the supplies were collected by driving from Staples to Staples collecting missing items. Staples is working to provide remaining supplies to KMS, hopefully within the next week. Many thanks to the folks who volunteered to help and who helped cart supplies into the school and get them delivered to the right desks.

Audit – Katie Boone

- The audit was presented today after review. The Audit Committee finds the records to be in order. Motion made to approve; all in favor to approve

Budget – Tim Watson, PTA Treasurer

- The 2017-18 budget was presented. Motion made to approve; all in favor to approve.

New Business – Fran Cloe, PTA President:

- Recommendation was made to change PTA dues for teachers from \$20 to \$10. Motion made to approve; all in favor to approve.
- Spirit Wear: Kenmore PTA will raise funds by selling Tie Dyed and Solid KMS t-shirts for \$15 each. Order forms were provided.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21pm