



Kenmore Middle School PTA

Escuela de Kenmore Asociación de Padres y Profesores

January 9, 2018

January Meeting Minutes

- 7:05pm - PTA President, Fran Cloe, called the meeting to order and praised the large attendance.
- Old Business
 - Veronika Folz made a motion to accept the minutes and Colleen Coyne seconded. November minutes approved.
- New Business:
 - Science Fair Luncheon: Amy Eckrote
 - The hospitality committee with help from the greater PTA provides lunch for the science fair judges.
 - PTA paying for protein/meat from Café Rio
 - Need parents/volunteers to bring side dishes and help set and clean up
 - Fran will send out the sign up genius via email
 - Facebook Live: Colleen Coyne
 - Testing airing the meetings on Facebook Live via the Kenmore Middle PTA FB account
 - Will plan to air all future meetings via Facebook Live
 - Parent/Teacher Social: Fran Cloe
 - We are planning a parent/teacher social for February
 - If you know a Kenmore family that owns or is affiliated with a local restaurant/bar please let us know – we would like to have the social at a Kenmore affiliated location
 - All are invited and initially we are estimating around 40-50 people
 - Silent Auction:

- Kelly Alexis has kindly volunteered to lead the important fundraiser.
 - This is our biggest fundraiser of the year – we typically raise \$8-9K.
 - Our teacher grants are highly dependent upon the success of the silent auction
 - We need people to help make this a success
 - Look for more information on how to help coming out very soon
- Nominating Committee: Tricia Tyskowski & Heather Weir
 - Heather & Tricia are taking nominations to fill PTA positions next year
 - Next year we will need a new Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, 8th Grade Activities, 5K, and several other positions
 - The PTA Handbook on the PTA Website has descriptions of all the positions
 - Look for an email coming out soon but if you are interested in any position feel free to send Tricia or Heather a message now.
- Middle School Transfers:
 - Kenmore will accept a limited number of transfer students next year.
 - Applications are due by Jan 26th.
 - HB Woodlawn applications are still due Jan 19th
- Tannia Talento Visit:
 - We are in the process of scheduling Arlington School Board member Tannia Talento to speak at one of our PTA meetings.
- Bubble Soccer/Basketball:
 - This year's Bubble Soccer/Basketball FUN raiser is scheduled for Mar 16th.
 - More information to follow including which school we will be playing.
- Spirit Wear:
 - The long sleeve and green spirit wear t-shirts are still available for sale.
- Open House:
 - It was suggested that we have a PTA table at the open house next week to register new members.
- Grocery Card Links:
 - Please link you grocery card loyalty programs to Kenmore.
 - We already received a \$265 check from Harris Teeter and are trying to get to \$4000 like last year.
- Reflections:
 - The county Reflections awards are tonight.

- Congratulations to our four Kenmore students who won county level awards
 - Thank you very much to Kate Kerr for leading our Kenmore Reflections program again this year.
 - Wednesday Moms:
 - The Wednesday Moms meet every Wed from 8-11am in room 90-91 with the goal of helping the teachers
 - They do a tremendous amount to help the school
 - Everyone is welcome to join!
- Treasurer Report:
 - Current balance is a little under \$36K.
 - The latest line item budget was provided to the membership.
- Principal's Report: David McBride
 - The School Improvement Committee just held a great meeting and is making good progress towards the school improvement plan
 - Our Act II school musical, Pirates of Penzance, is at 7pm Thu and Friday this week. It promises to be a fantastic show.
 - The school is getting back to its regular schedule after the winter break and inclement weather.
 - Congratulations to Kenmore's Employees of the Year. Letters of support are due by Thu, Jan 11th.
 - Eurith Bowen, T-scale
 - Michael Goodman, E-scale
 - Robert Maghan, A-scale
 - Sue Nuhn, G-scale
 - Anthony Ngyuen, M-scale
 - Diane Silva, C-scale
- Special Presentation:
 - Dr. Brad Rankin and Ms. Deborah Seidenstein discussed the Kenmore math program.
 - Their presentation will be posted on the website and sent out via email.
 - They discussed how they are assessing and making changes to the math program to make it more effective.
 - They also discussed what parents can do to help their student.
 - Dr. Rankin is creating a blended learning model as well as helping the teachers create their plans and specific lessons

- The ultimate goal is to foster more than just learning math as procedure and skills – Math is best learned as structures and language
 - In class time is spent creating the structure
 - Students need to practice the language of math regularly outside of the classroom
 - The push for Algebra and the merits/drawbacks of “intensified” math classes was discussed.
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- 8:40 – meeting adjourned.