Kenmore Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022

**Meeting commenced at 7:12 pm.**

**In attendance:** The meeting was held via Zoom.

**Welcome and Call for Approval of Minutes** – Marianne Talbot (President) welcomed everyone and called for approval of the November 3, 2021, meeting minutes. The minutes were approved. Marianne reminded everyone that all minutes are posted for review on the Kenmore PTA website.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Kathy Evans did a quick budget review of the past couple of months. In November we gained 5 new members (we now have 82 total members) and dispersed 20 grants to teachers totaling $7,713 ($15,000 is budgeted for Teacher Grants). In December, no new members joined. Kathy reported she processed reimbursements and the PTA supported the Staff Luncheon by providing side dishes. For the first half of January, she reported that some grant checks were cashed, and PTA support was given to Principal Appreciation Week. Kathy concluded that the PTA is in good financial standing with over $48,000 in the account.

**Principal’s Report** – Mr. McBride began by thanking the PTA for supporting Kenmore. He reported that APS is seeing COVID infection rates increasing coming off the winter break and APS will, therefore, continue with the masking requirement. The administration is currently planning for 5th grade visits and Kenmore will be accepting transfers for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. McBride stated that transfer students must provide their own transportation to/from school. February is Black History Month and the PTA might be called to assist with possible celebrations. APS is currently searching for staff to fill crucial roles in the classroom. Long-term substitutes have been hired and Central Office Staff has been called in to assist where gaps exist. Mr. McBride reminded parents that cell phones should be put away in lockers for the day. He reported that the staff is monitoring the hallways to ensure students return to class promptly after bathroom breaks. Mr. McBride concluded by thanking the tremendous Kenmore staff for making the school a great place to learn.

**Other Business** – Counselors from the three (3) comprehensive high schools will visit Kenmore on February 4. Concerns were raised about the smoke store that opened across the street from Kenmore, next to the 7-11.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.**Submitted by:Jamie Pilot
Kenmore PTA Secretary
on February 24, 2022