



KMS PTO Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019

Attendees

KMS PTO Board Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L. Ullman-Koenig	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Lechak	<input type="checkbox"/> M. Rees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N. Thompson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K. Phillips	<input type="checkbox"/> M. Martino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Riscili	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Laishes - Olsen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K. Jacobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Meine	<input type="checkbox"/> C. Rosneck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Voudris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/> M. Noah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Adante
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Hirt	<input type="checkbox"/> K. Flynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Spellacy	<input type="checkbox"/> K. Flynn

Other Attendees:

A. Vilics, H. Grunwald, Dana Kachurchak, L. Hamilton, R. Ramsey, P. Brockway

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by KMS PTO President, Laryn Ullman-Koenig.

Welcome led by L. Ullman-Koenig and P. Brockway.

- I. Putting the "T" back in PTO- Abra Schweickert, Special Education Teacher: Peer Buddies Room 222.
 - a. Mrs. Schweikert presented the Skittles Analogy and how it pertains to Room 222:
 - i. Everyone has red Skittles in their brain.
 - ii. Some have green Skittles in their brain.
 - iii. Some of us learn differently and the students in Room 222 have red, green and many others colors in their brain.
 - iv. Down's Syndrome students have yellow/blue Skittles.
 - v. ADHD students have orange Skittles.
 - vi. Autistic students have a rainbow of Skittles.
 - vii. Most of the activities in this room are hands on vs. pencil/paper.
 - viii. We do lots of cooking/baking and we even have a Bake Off.
 - ix. We have job skills during 2nd period every day and the students earn money for doing these specific jobs at school.
 - b. Below are the many details of Room 222 and how we operate daily:
 - i. We started a lost and found about a year ago and the students are responsible for the inventory.
 - ii. There are pink slips available in the office if a student is missing an item.
 - iii. Social Skills-integration with other students coming into the classroom.
 - iv. Middle School social events -Bowling, swimming, a New Year's Eve party.
 - v. Room 222 runs the concession stand for all home games at KMS.
 - vi. School Tool Shop-we are now selling the books needed for ELA class.

- vii. The books are being sold for \$5 and when you are finished you can sell the book back to the tool shop for half price.
- viii. We will be trying new items once a month to get new students into the tool shop.
- ix. In the fall, we have a dinner with the concept of the very first Thanksgiving Dinner and the students invite their families.
- x. The students serve their families dinner and tell what they are thankful for in their life.
- xi. The students learn how to vote, do mathematics through calories with cooking, perimeter through measuring and they do a survival unit as well.
- xii. The students take part in a Flat Stanley project where they learn geography.
- xiii. The students participate in a pen-pal program with Crestwood students and every other month we take turns writing to them and vice versa.

II. Principal's Report- Pat Brockway

- a. So far, students and teachers are following all policies.
- b. The Winter Semi-Formal is tomorrow from 6:30-8:30 PM
- c. Tonight, Mrs. Brockway will be attending the Spelling Bee and Jack Beclay will be the student representative from KMS.
- d. 7th Grade Update:
 - i. Every 6 weeks, we will be looking at curriculum/technology.
 - ii. The 7th graders took a virtual field trip to Antarctica with Ms. Fagerholm.
- e. Virtual field trips will be happening more often for science class in every grade.
- f. No School on 2/15 and 2/18
- g. Mrs. Fuller will have her baby in about 2 ½ weeks.
- h. Second meeting with Naviance
 - i. Career Project for 8th graders
 - ii. 2 weeks start to finish
 - iii. The students will do an interview in a career field of interest.
- i. Important Dates
 - i. 2/8 Semi-Formal Dance 6:30-8:30 PM
 - ii. 2/15 and 2/18 No School
 - iii. 2/19 Parent Engagement Series 7:00 PM
 - iv. 2/21 Conferences
 - v. 3/7 End of 3rd Grade Period
 - vi. 3/7 Next PTO Meeting 9:30 AM

III. President's Report- L.Ullman-Koenig

- a. Fundraiser Request for DC Scholarships- Vote on the need for the 8th graders
 - i. Mr. Fromwiller originally requested \$3,000 for the DC scholarships, however this year there was only a need of \$1,000.
 - ii. The request was based upon 5 students at \$200 per student.
 - iii. Total funding request is \$1,000

- iv. Stacey Jones proposed a motion to discuss this and Maureen Hirt seconded this motion.
- v. All members- 11 present members voted YES for approval of this funding request of \$1,000.

b. Next Year's Board

- i. We have the following positions open for next year's board:
 - 1. President, Treasurer, Membership, Beautification, Dance Concessions, Un-Fundraiser, Hospitality, Directory Representative, E-Communications and Staff Appreciation.
- vi. A. Vilics and H. Grunwald volunteered to do Staff Appreciation.
- vii. There are also many open positions at the HS:
 - 1. Care Blue, Blue Committee (ice cream at the end of the quarter, Un-Raiser-new event, Silver Bells, Web/E-Comm and Staff Appreciation.
 - 2. Stacey Jones volunteered to do Care Blue.

c. 2019-2020 PTO Dates

- i. Please email Laryn by the next PTO meeting if you know your specific dates.

d. 2019-2020 Budget

- i. Start considering these items today.

e. Parent Engagement: 2-19-19

- i. This year's third event will be focused on technology.
- ii. Kenston technology will be presented by the tech team
 - 1. Google, Naviance and other applications.
- iii. This will take place in the Auburn-Bainbridge room at the HS.
- iv. There will be Chrome Books on hand and this is sponsored by PTO Council.
- v. There will be an E-blast with a link for the PTO Engagement.
 - 1. Parents can click on the link and suggest questions ahead of time so the presenters can address this immediately at the engagement.

f. Skate Night

- i. There have been many concerns about this event being off site and the liability associated with this event.
- ii. This event has been withdrawn as a PTO sponsored event til further notice and more discussion is had.

g. Funding request-Kari Krill

- i. This request will be presented at the next PTO meeting.

- IV. Council Report-Kim Phillips
 - i. See Kim's Report

- V. Treasurer's Report-Kristin Jacobs
 - a. There has only been one deposit for membership of \$100.00 since our last meeting.
 - b. Not much activity.

- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Dance Concessions- J. Voudris
 - i. Winter Semi-Formal Dance 2/8 from 6:30-8:30 PM
 - ii. No parents are allowed in the gym during the dance.
 - iii. This year we chose to do a selfie station vs. taking pictures and charging a fee.
 - iv. There will be an announcement on the PA and an explanation that there is not cost for the selfie station.
 - v. The last dance was move to 4/12
 - b. CARE- J. Smith
 - i. There have been birthday cards send out to KMS staff.
 - ii. New baby arriving soon by Mrs. Fuller.
 - c. Hospitality- Julie Meine/Michele Martino
 - i. Next event is 2/21 for final conferences.
 - ii. Same format-sign up for conferences via Sign Up Genius.
 - iii. We will need help with clean up and set up and there will be a Sign Up Genius for volunteers to sign up.
 - iv. Julie and Michelle will be transitioning out of hospitality after this school year and M. Adante would like to stay on in hospitality.
 - d. Bomber Hangar- Christine Riscili
 - i. There was an increase in sales for the month of January because of Bomber Bucks that were issued in December with purchases.
 - ii. Sales were great!
 - iii. We are looking to order for spring and we currently have a good supply of inventory.
 - e. E-Communication
 - i. Meg will continue to update the website in the future.
 - ii. The page will be easier to maneuver in the future as well with the new hosting from the district.
 - f. Weekly Update- Kim Phillips
 - i. Kim will add the skate night update as being withdrawn as a PTO sponsored event.
 - ii. Please get your updates to Kim immediately for the weekly update.
 - g. Volunteers/Membership- Maureen Hirt- no update
 - h. Beautification- Stacey Jones-no update
 - i. Book Fair- Missy Spellacy/Nicol Thompson are staying with this committee for 2019-2020

- j. Fundraising- Maureen Hirt/Stacey Jones
 - i. We will be trying something new for the fundraiser.
 - ii. We did well but we are looking for a new change.
 - iii. It's hard to do all the work for the fundraiser and give away ½ of the proceeds.
 - iv. S. Jones will stay on fundraising in the future.
- k. Skate Night-
 - i. Withdrawn from PTO as a sponsored event.
- l. Staff Appreciation- Plan "B"
 - i. There will be a committee for Staff Appreciation consisting of:
 - 1. Christine, Alicia, Hanna, Dana, Rod and Marcie
- m. 8th Grade Party- Stacey Jones, Maureen Hirt
 - i. We had our first meeting with J. Domonkos and K. Hinkle and we received the details regarding last year's party.
 - ii. We have a committee of 6 members for the 8th grade party.
 - iii. We will meet with all 6 members today after the PTO meeting to get started on our planning.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: There was a question about who is running the shoe donation and where to drop these items at the school- this is coordinated by Student Council and the shoes can be brought into school with your student.

<https://kenstonlocal.org/kms/2019/02/08/soles4soles-shoe-drive/>

There was a question about whether or not PTO board member's emails are shared on the Kenston School websites- the answer is yes, your email is shared on the websites if you are a board member. If you do not want your personal email shared, there was suggestion to start an email address specifically for PTO purposes only. The school cannot provide a Kenston email address to PTO members.

We will approve the KMS January PTO minutes at our March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

The meeting minutes were taken by Stacey Jones, Secretary.