



## **KMS PTO Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2018.**

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Christine Riscili 2. Krissie Knapik 3. Michele Martino 4. Julie Smith 5. Maureen Hirt 6. Julie Voudris  
7. Shelly McDonough 8. Kim Phillips 9. Laryn Ullman 10. Coleen Krueger 11. Julie Meine  
10. Jane Laishes-Ohlsen 11. Pat Brockway 12. Stacey Jones

Meeting was called to order by KMS PTO President, Laryn Ullman-Koenig, at 11:57 am.

There was a motion called by Maureen Hirt to approve the March minutes and this was seconded by Julie Smith.

### **PRINCIPAL, PAT BROCKWAY'S REPORT:**

- We have some exciting news: Chrome books will be issued to every middle schools student in the fall.
- These Chrome books will be in a case with a charger to stay at home.
- Students will keep these through their years at KMS
- There will be a technology fee associated with the Chrome books.
- There will be an extra charger in the library/classrooms for back up reasons.
- Teachers will have Chrome books and desktop computers as well.
- We may need help from the PTO when this rolls out in the fall.
- We will most likely distribute these the first day of schools vs. student orientation.
- The students will still have technology class.
- The calendar dates for next year are due at the end of the month
- Talent show is next Wednesday night. This was moved from Thursday due to a track meet.
- Science Olympiad qualified for the State Tournament on 4-27-2018 in Columbus.
- End of year assessments begin April 19-20th for 8th grade with ELA. Students will use Chrome books for the test.

- May 8-11<sup>th</sup>: 8th grade DC Trip. They are leaving from KMS, and the police dogs will be there to check all bags.
- May 14-18<sup>th</sup>: 7th grade camp.
- This was changed this year because the HS changed mentorship dates. These students help with camp. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade camps usually take place during the same week.
- College and Career Night is April 26<sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM for all KMS/KHS parents at KHS.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> is Washington, DC Parent Night
- A PTO member brought up a great app, My Homework App, this is great in helping students organize their work.

## **PRESIDENT, LARYN ULLMAN-KOENIG'S REPORT:.**

### **A. 2018-2019 ROSTER ELECTIONS-VOTE:**

- Today we voted on the KMS PTO Executive Board and the following is the Roster:
  - Laryn Ullman-Koenig~ PRESIDENT
  - Kim Phillips~ VICE PRESIDENT
  - Kristin Jacobs~ TREASURER
  - Stacey Jones~ SECRETARY
- The HS PTO meeting will be changed from 9:45 AM to 12:45 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The KHS roster is:
  - Megan Roche~ PRESIDENT
  - Lynn Hamilton~ VICE PRESIDENT
  - Shelly McDonough~ SECRETARY
- The HS is looking for a number of open positions:
  - Hospitality
  - Directory
  - Staff Appreciation

### **B. Jesse Weinberger Recap:**

- The night went really well.
- There were many of her books sold and the parents seemed to be surprised by some of the results from Jesse's meeting with the students.
- We are still awaiting the results from Jesse for our website.

### **C. KMS OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:**

- Fundraising~ Maureen Hirt is a Chairperson but she will need a Co-Chair.

- Hospitality – has been filled by Katie Flynn
- E-Communications
- We will try to get incoming 6th grade parents to participate on the KMS Board

### **Volunteer Form**

- We've had 3 canceled council meetings due to the weather and calamity days, so we have not discussed the Volunteer Form
- At PTO Council, we will re-visit having fewer check-the-box opportunities on the Volunteer Form which allows General Volunteers to receive all Sign Up Genius invitations

### **D. 2018-2019 CALENDAR:**

- We will re-visit the following events:

-Skate Night

-Book Fair

-Staff Appreciation

-New to District Breakfast

### **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EVENTS:**

- We will also re-visit the dance schedule. Discussion was held regarding the first dance to 8-24-2018.
- Suggestion: first PTO meeting on August 23rd
- Suggestion: new to district breakfast September 12th

### **OCTOBER EVENTS:**

- Regular PTO Meeting
- Suggestion: fundraising towards the end of October
- Are we still doing cookie dough? This seemed to be easy for everyone.
- Send possible dates for fundraising
- We need to pick a date for Book Fair

### **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:**

- Regular PTO Meeting
- Dance? We need to pick date. Either November 30th or December 7th

- No PTO meeting in December

**JANUARY:**

- Regular PTO Meeting

**FEBRUARY:**

- Regular PTO Meeting
- Semi-formal /February 8th dance

**MARCH:**

- Regular PTO Meeting
- Skate night: possibly March 12th/14th
- This year skate night worked out well on Tuesday/Wednesday due to some students having events on Tuesday/Thursday and Monday/Wednesday.
- We will check the Tuesday/Wednesday dates for this year.

**APRIL:**

- PTO Luncheon at 11:00 AM/Meeting at 12:00 PM
- April 26th or May 3rd for the last dance

**MAY:**

- Last PTO meeting
- Staff Appreciation May 6th/kickoff the week!

**VICE PRESIDENT, KIM PHILLIPS:**

**PTO Council Report**

I. Superintendent's Report

a. Safety and Security

- i. Safety Committee has been re-convened
- ii. When we have a concern, we investigate
- iii. We are looking at communication with parents and community via text
  1. Make certain your contact information is correct via Infinite Campus
- iv. District has updated a number of items:
  1. Cameras
  2. Exterior doors
  3. Buses are equipped with: video camera, audio recorder, button for emergency dispatch, & GPS

4. Raptor system for sign in at office as well as for maintenance areas
- v. Things you can do:
  1. Do not prop doors open/ close doors if they are propped open
  2. Let building principal know if a door is open or unlocked
  3. On weekends, if people are able access classrooms, etc. please let building principal know
  4. Remember: this is your school! It's your community.
- b. Testing
  - i. State tests are coming up
  - ii. Kenston is aligned with state learning standards; focus is on student engagement
- c. Staffing
  - i. Adjustments are being made based upon enrollment. Class sizes will not be impacted.
- d. Community Forum on State Education Policy hosted by Sarah Fowler, State Board of Education, District 7. Topics include:
  - i. HB512: Learn how pending legislation could remove your voice from state education policy decisions, place day to day operating standards under a mega-agency controlled by one appointee of the governor, and what you can do about it.
  - ii. State Report Cards: Share your thoughts for making the state report card more useful and user-friendly.
  - iii. State Board of Education's Strategic Plan: Learn about Ohio's new education direction and share your thoughts with locally elected State Board of Education members.
  - iv. Wednesday, April 11, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Gardiner Center

## II. President's Report

- a. Parent Speaker Series – a committee was formed in order to develop a regularly occurring series in which guest speakers are brought to Kenston to address relevant topics for parents. For example, Jesse Weinberger presented the topic of Internet Safety to Kenston parents last month. Kenston PTO is aiming to continue this concept using various speakers and topics throughout the school year.
- b. Bomber Hangar Update
  - i. Kenston's spirit wear store has NEW items for spring!
  - ii. If you're not able to visit The Bomber Hangar's retail store, you can still shop through our SPRING ORDER FORM, featuring brand new items and a few great basics.
    1. Order forms and payment are due to the main office of your child's building by Wednesday, April 18th.
    2. Merchandise deliveries will be made by Friday, May 4th.

## III. District Events

- a. S'mores event: dinner and a show, The Addams Family Musical
- b. The Adamms Family Musical, April 13 – 15, at KHS
- c. Fashion Show (fundraiser for After Prom), Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM
- d. Third Annual Fine Arts Showcase will take place on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

- i. PLEASE help the PTO by volunteering to bake 2 dozen cookies (drop off at your building on Friday, 4/27, between 8:30 – 3:00 PM). To sign up, look for the Sign Up Genius sent by your building president.
- ii. Volunteers are also needed to serve cookies during the event, 4/29. You may sign up for this via the Sign Up Genius sent by your building president.
- e. Community Preview for After Prom is Saturday, May 5, from 8:00 – 10:00 PM

#### IV.PTO Events

- a. Kenston Night at a Cleveland Indians game
  - i. Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:10 PM
  - ii. Tickets are \$26 and may be purchased on-line
  - iii. T-shirt giveaway courtesy of CLE Clothing
  - iv. DEADLINE IS APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>
- b. Kenston Family Getaway at Kalahari
  - i. May 28<sup>th</sup> and/or May 29<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$104.00 per night which includes room and waterpark passes.

#### **F. 2018-2019 Budget- Preliminary Thoughts:**

##### **TREASURER, KRISTIN JACOBS' REPORT:**

- The only outstanding income is \$500.
- Next year's fundraiser discussion. Approximately \$7,000 is needed to break even!
- Let's look at the funds and discuss openly before we vote.
- The cookie fundraiser was fairly easy to pull off and we want to fundraise to then spend\_the funds are necessary items. We don't need to raise funds in excess and then not spend the money on the students/teachers.
- We would like to increase the budget for Staff Appreciation to \$2,000 from \$1,750.
- On April 25th we would like to send the administrative office staff out to lunch from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM for Administrative Professional Day. We will need at least two volunteers for this day.
- Office Volunteers for this date: Julie Voudris, Maureen Hirt, Christine Riscili
- The volunteers will cover the office while the administrative staff is out to lunch.
- We will send the administrative staff to M Italian and the PTO will pay for lunch.
- Kim Phillips will coordinate the reservation/handle the payment through Mrs. Brockway.
- In our Student Programs discussion, the district would like to move to a parent series. It is very difficult to do a large student program every year.

##### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **A . DANCE CONCESSIONS: Julie Voudris/Denise Lechak**

- We just need to decide if we're having a final dance. The previously canceled dance was due to a calamity day.

**B. CARE BLUE: Julie Smith**

- No update.

**C. HOSPITALITY: Julie Meine/Michele Martino/Krissie Knapik**

- No update.

**D. Bomber Hangar: Shelly McDonough**

- A new order form has been distributed.
- We will include a link to the website and hours with the weekly newsletter.
- There will be a spring sale the first week of May.
- A general volunteer list may help with volunteers at the Bomber Hanger.

**E. E-Communications: Valerie Wood**

- The approved minutes from March have been sent to Valerie to upload on the website. Valerie will also upload the previous month's approved minutes.

**F. Newsletter: Kim Phillips**

- Any updates need to be sent to Kim today in order to make the deadline for the newsletter.

**G. VOLUNTEERS/MEMBERSHIP: Maureen Hirt**

No update.

**H. BEAUTIFICATION: Ali Patell**

- Stacey Jones and Krissie Knapik will update the pots for spring since Ali Patell is not available at this time.

**I. BOOK FAIR: Jane Laishes-Olsen/Maria Witmer-Rich**

- No updates.

**J. FUNDRAISING : Shelly McDonough/Julie Voudris /Maureen Hirt:**

- No update.

**K: SKATE NIGHT: Krissie Knapik**

- There was discussion about who is responsible at this event when something happens with behavior.
- There was student that was nearly asked to leave the event due to behavior and eating on the skating rink.
- The skating rink said they would handle this but Mrs. Brockway said she really needs to know this information as well.

**L. STAFF APPRECIATION: Coleen Krueger/Meg Noah/Laura Calabrese**

- No update.

**M. 8th GRADE PARTY- Krissie Knapik**

- There were questions about whether the volunteers could decorate the night before. Mrs. Brockway is checking on the events taking place on Wednesday, which is the night before the 8th grade party.
- There will be an autograph book provided for students who didn't order a yearbook.
- This way all students have a book to get their friends' signatures.
- The PTO decided that if there is time for students to capture signatures then we should provide an autograph book. Shelly McDonough said she could come up with something.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a question about the Diversity Center of NE Ohio. Where is this located as they are sponsoring some type of run in the area? There is a \$35 charge to run and the funds are being donated to the Diversity Center of NE Ohio. The PEAK program is a supporter on the flyer and the website is [www.crowdrise.com/kenstonkms](http://www.crowdrise.com/kenstonkms)  
Mrs. Brockway wasn't aware of this.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:56 PM

Minutes taken by Stacey Jones