



John F. Kennedy Middle School PTO

Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2018

Location: Kennedy Middle School Library

Attendees: Michele Haussler, Karen Jamison, Sabrina Adler, Debbi Jansen, Cathy Ammenti

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 pm

Approved Agenda (Michele Haussler): Debbi Jansen made a motion to approve the agenda. Karen Jamison second. All in favor.

Approval of December Minutes (Michele Haussler): No minutes to approve from December.

Financial Update (Karen Jamison): There will not be an auction this year. PTO will send a flyer home with students asking for donations of \$20 minimum in lieu of the auction. Need to ask for donations at STEAM fair, Open House, Chrome Book Check-out, and other events.

Checks will be cut for Grand Canyon Foundation, Yearbook, and Sports teams. Music program raised net \$3,090 which will be available for the 2017/18 year.

Principle Update (Sabrina Adler): Kennedy received \$1.2 million grant from Chan Zuckerberg Initiative to purchase Chromebooks for every student – each student will receive a Chromebook to take home and use until graduation (turn back in during summer for refresh). On-site tech person will be available for two years. 35 new access points for wireless will be added. Filtering of wifi use will be in place. Parents will need to come to sign out Chrome books the first week of March (potentially March 6, 7, and 8th). Next year tech training will be available to parents one time per month. MIT saw literacy jump 20% from a similar Chromebook program.

Elevate Math program can be offered at Kennedy over the summer however 90 students are needed to hold the program. Principal Alder needs to let the district know if Kennedy is interested.

Robotics club is starting on 2/12. Pride club is planned to start 2/5 (final date tbd). Anger management counseling group will be started in February. Dungeons and Dragons club is now offered on Wednesdays. Yearbook club will be meeting twice a month. “Where Everyone Belongs” program will be in place for the upcoming school year where 8th grade leaders are paired with 6th graders to help get them acclimated to Kennedy (August 14th orientation scheduled). Summer Bridge is tentatively scheduled for June 18 – 22nd.

Parent Volunteer Update (Michele Haussler): Graduation committee is looking for volunteers (Great America, Dance, etc.). Signup genius is included on PTO website.

Spring Dance (Michele Haussler): Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 23rd from 6-8 pm. \$5 ticket price. Luau theme, pizza and games available. Next year may be a co-event with MIT, other schools are being considered.

School Production Update (Michele Haussler): Cast list went out over the weekend to all participating families. Production will be moved to earlier in the year next year (potentially November) to help students better manage end of year activities.

STEAM Fair Update (Michele Haussler): No update - still in progress.



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2017-2018 Events

- **Dine Outs (Michele Haussler):** There are two dine-out events taking place in February, The Habit and Galeotti's.
- **Spring Concert (Michele Haussler):** Spring concert is taking place on April 26th at 7 pm.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (Michele Haussler):** Taking place on May 7 – 11th - \$1,500 is left for this event. Michele will talk to Zulma about finding a parent to head up the PTO-sponsored Teacher Appreciation event. Outside of the PTO, a Sunshine Committee has been established to support regular teacher appreciation events, Principal Adler would like to ask parents to bring donated items.
- **Graduation Committee (Michele Haussler):** Graduation committee met just before this meeting. Karen will add sponsorship option for graduation payment.

Other Items

- **Teacher/Parent Conference:** March 12 – 16th – minimum days
- **Honor Roll Breakfast:** Monday, March 26th
- **STEAM Fair & Open House, Food truck:** Thursday, April 5th (super minimum day on Friday, April 6th)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 pm