

John F. Kennedy Middle School PTO

Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2018

**Location:** Kennedy Library

**Attendees:** Roy Dorling, Cathy Ammenti, Pierre Reynaud-Richard, Kate Stevenson, Merrily Robinson, Debbie Moore, Vaughn Fueling, Inez Jackson, Evro Ktores, Christine Castro, Sabrina Adler, Kathryn Marinos, Anne Duenas

**Meeting called to order:** 7:08 PM

**Review and Approve October 2018 meeting minutes:** Meeting minutes were reviewed. It was moved by Merrily Robinson to approve the minutes, it was seconded and approved.

**Financial Update:** Roy is still working on getting financial reports due to Square reports, PE reconciliation. Direct Donations – Giving Tuesday >\$2000 on Kate's Facebook Page so with this we have >\$13,000 in direct donations so far. PE clothes sales has slowed down.

**Program Updates:**

**Music:** Concert was a success! 17 baskets were put together and food was sold and together we raised \$2800.

**Staff Appreciation:** Conference week – Thanksgiving food was brought in on Monday, pizza and salad on Tuesday (tab to be picked up by PTO).

**Graduation:** 1<sup>st</sup> meeting earlier tonight. Theme was decided on. Parents volunteered for sub-committees.

**Drama:** Director has had family emergency to deal with. Adelante play is finished so Debbi can get started on the play. She is ordering scripts and royalties for Shrek Jr. We are inviting MIT students to audition and join our production. Set pieces from Adelante will be repurposed for our play. Julia Frederico Young will possibly be music director. North Star has already done this play so we will try to repurpose some of their sets. Ear-microphones may need to be fixed. We will likely use \$5,000 from Measure U to assist with production. Fee for production will be \$75 per student.

**Dine Outs:** January 29<sup>th</sup> Pizza My Heart, February 6<sup>th</sup> Galleotti's. Open House – food trucks.

**PE Clothes:** still being sold

**Katheryn Marinos,** Technology Coach for teachers: Maker's Space video presentation. Need supplies to support Maker's Space and a list was handed out. Old desktop computer is needed for a take apart/put together project. Looking to possibly get a laser cutter, which she would like PTO to fund. She can get a Dremmel brand laser cutter for under \$7,000 with a discount. Amazon Wish-Lists handed out. PE teachers would like to get Fit-Bits for their classes to. Donors choose for Ms. Jorgensen for VR goggles.

**Anne Duenas.** Bussing funds costs for 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trips – 2 dates to Asian Arts Museum in March. She is setting up a “Donors Choose” to raise \$3000 for transportation.

**“Planning for Our Future”** District reorganization – Orion, Adelante, Hawes, Fair Oaks will all be closed with Orion, Adelante and Fair Oaks programs getting moved to other school sites. Selby Lane will be K-5. Sabrina will be going to Selby Lane tomorrow to present Kennedy school. Other feeder schools will be coming to Kennedy December 19<sup>th</sup> for 2 concerts and possible Maker project to recruit families (Advanced band, Advanced Orchestra and Choir). Tomorrow is our first school tour for prospective families. Shadow dates start on Friday. Goal is to add 100 students for next year.

**Executive Board vote on Auction proposal (update).** Further clarification was asked for and it was decided that we will not be able to hold this event this year due to lack of leadership for the fundraising component. There can be an online auction but there needs to be a committee to head this up, organize and promote the event. Katheryn Marinos has offered to assist a parent volunteer/chairperson for fundraising.

### **Upcoming Events**

Dec 6: Principal Coffee

Dec 13: Movie “Screenagers”, Kennedy Gym (partnering with PTO from Adelante)

Dec 10-14: Yosemite trip for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Dec 21-Jan 8: Winter Break

Jan 29: Dine Out

Graduation Committee Meeting 6:00

PTO meeting 7:00

### **Other notices, topics for discussion, questions...**

Need someone to coordinate pancake breakfast fundraiser for Grand Canyon. 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent?

**Meeting Adjourned 8:18 PM**