

John F. Kennedy Middle School PTO

Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2018

**Location:** Kennedy Library

**Attendees:** Roy Dorling, Cathy Ammenti, Eva Wepner, Merrily Robinson, Vaughn Fueling, Tashina Fueling, Inez Jackson, Andre Bobo, Casey Teague, Claudia Aguilar, Lupe Robles, Christine Castro, Bret Baird, Sabrina Adler, Isila Oliver, Mercedes Northen, Madgalena Dorywalske

**Meeting called to order:** 7:06 PM

**Meeting Organization and Expectations:** Last month's meeting included a trial discussion about organization. Today's meeting includes a detailed agenda with approximate times for each item. Contact Roy about putting items on the Agenda. White board to be used as a "parking lot" for future agenda topics. Keep side conversations to a minimum during the meeting.

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

**Financial Update:** Felipe (our Treasurer) is learning the software. Next month, there should be a more detailed update. Bill for \$5,600 from District that PTO is expected to pay for. Ms. Adler will research a detailed description of what this represents.

**Bret Baird, Information on Hall of Fame Event:** Former Kennedy graduate Hall of Fame established 2000. 2012 this was "shut down" and now our current Superintendent and Principal want to bring this back. Mr. Baird wants to name our gym after the Hall of Fame in lieu of one specific athlete. Jim Bickhart was supposed to be inducted in 2012. March 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Hall of Fame Reunion/presentation to our middle-schoolers. That evening there will be a function in the Gym. PTO can make money by selling food during the event. Guest speaker will be a former Russian Ambassador. Could use a couple of volunteers to help vet potential Hall of Famers. Plaque for each "inductee" will cost approximately \$100.

**Scholastic Book Faire Review:** Made about \$100 less than last year. \$2,701 was raised - \$2483 after taxes. We get 40% of sales with \$993 in Scholastic "dollars". Friday before Thanksgiving (11/16) will be the "Tricycle relay". We are still looking for someone to take over for next year. Chris Castro- has offered to co-chair this event next year.

**Program Updates:**

**Music:** Still do not have an official organizer (Roy is doing this for now). Ms. Frederico is spending extensive time after school and during lunch to make sure all students are able to get involved. She also helps 2 mornings per week in the library. Great America music trips in May – may require additional fundraising.

**Graduation:** Evro and Kamal could not make it tonight. Thought of renting out movie theater for the day but kids opted for Great America (as is tradition). Last Friday in May (31<sup>st</sup>?). Design has been forwarded to Ms. Adler for the sweatshirts. Need additional volunteers. Cathy Ammenti and Inez Jackson have offered to help.

**Drama:** Hoping to get update next month.

**“Planning our Future”, update and discussion:** Budget problems right now due to expected low enrollment. About \$10 million shortfall is expected (\$4 million next year, \$6 million the following year). Advisory Committee has been brainstorming to come up with a resolution. Ideas presented last week were “broad” and non-specific. There were several sub-committees: Budget, Program Demand, Academic Rigor, Geographic Dispersement. Ideas included shutting down school-sites (Clifford, consolidating Bay Side schools). No specific site recommendations were made for Kennedy, though there may be some changes in enrollment (increase). Additional staff will be required. Proposal to move the Charter Schools onto one campus so Rocket Ship may be removed from Kennedy site. 80% of the budget is Salaries and Benefits. Additional meetings will be held since decisions have not been finalized and additional community involvement will be sought. November 1<sup>st</sup> Hoover in AM, Kennedy in PM. New “pro’s and con’s” list associated with costs will be provided. Board meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> will be the presentation of “Recommended Implementation Plan”, open to public for feedback. November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board will vote.

### **Upcoming Events**

School Dance: Friday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> : 6-8PM Need chaperones. Tickets go on sale tomorrow. Halloween grams are also on sale tomorrow \$1 for gram and cookies. \$\$ raised will benefit student council activities. School-appropriate costume at the Dance and on Halloween.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Principal Coffee: Updates on STAR scores, Benchmarks.

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: The Habit, Dine Out (4-9) text messages to go out to help publicize.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>:

Newcomer ELD potluck: 6:00 Videos of 6<sup>th</sup> graders “hopes and dreams”  
Kennedy is 20% ELD. We have 12 ELD classes this year.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Grand Canyon night – 6:30 PM

Electives & Club Showcase 7-8:30PM – flier to go out next week.

November 29<sup>th</sup> Winter Concert, Kennedy MUB: 7-9 PM. Last year PTO raised ~3,000 with raffle sales and food sales. Sign-up Genius will go out for food.

Next PTO meeting December 4, 2018

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

Auction – Andre Bobo – Auction Event Proposal

San Carlos Aviation Museum at \$13/pp w/ \$1,000 deposit.

Proposed \$35 per ticket, early bird price \$35, after December \$40.

Peninsula Catering

Motion is made for having Executive Board members consider the September 28<sup>th</sup> date to secure space for next year.

Teacher appreciation day – November 19<sup>th</sup> Peninsula Catering will be donating food. Donation of deserts and drinks (Sign-up Genius). No cookies.

Jamba Juice card sales ends in 2 weeks.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:27 PM**