

John F. Kennedy Middle School PTO

Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2019

Location: Kennedy Library

Attendees: Roy Dorling, Cathy Ammenti, Pierre Reynaud-Richard, Philippe Jamotte, Merrily Robinson, Vaughn Fueling, Inez Jackson, Evro King, Yvonne DiSalvo, Gloria Comfort, Sofia Yglesias, Liz Calderon-Garcia.

Meeting called to order: 7:12 PM

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

Financial Update: Statement of Activity August – October 2018 was dispersed. \$14,000 in expenses reflects a change in the accounting practice. Graduation -\$693 is a “credit” due to money returned from Great America refunded money from last year. Donation of \$8000 included in the Direct Drive category.

Program Updates

Music: Instruments will be purchased with money. Jazz festival coming up for the Jazz band.

Staff Appreciation: No update.

Graduation: Meeting this evening. Question about having ALL volunteers getting fingerprinting/background check and if it is needed for chaperoning Great America (yes). The Graduation dance needs to be clarified with Sabrina. The theme is set, decorations and food were discussed. Next Grad Committee meeting will be held at 6:00 prior to the next PTO meeting.

Drama: 29 kids are involved in the play.

Dine Outs: Pizza My Heart was tonight. Next dine out is Galeotti’s next WEDNESDAY, January 6th from 4 – 9 PM.

PE Clothes: Inventory was taken. The plan is to sell PE clothes during the Summer Bridge program as well as at Maze Day. We are expecting at least 100 more new kids next year so we will need to plan for this when ordering more inventory.

Additional Speakers:

Cris Adair – Healthy Cities Tutoring. Started 22 years ago in San Carlos through a grant to the City of San Carlos. Volunteers came for 1 hour 1 time per week and over time this spread throughout the schools of San Carlos. 2008 the program was cut. They continued on as a non-profit in 2011, which allowed them to expand into Redwood City (starting at Clifford School). The program has continued to expand throughout RCSD. Healthy Cities Tutoring is now at Kennedy with a small program. Teachers will be identifying students at risk and will refer to the program with the permission of their parents. Tutors

range in age from 14 to 95 years of age. HCT is now looking for additional tutors to work at Kennedy Middle School. Commitment is 1 hour, 1 time per week. Each tutor is paired with one student and continues on to work with this child each year whenever possible. Trainings are held throughout the year and is open to anyone. The next workshop is Tuesday, February 12th 7-8:30 PM Central Middle School Library in San Carlos. Application to volunteer can be filled out online at healthycitiestutoring.org.

Brett Baird – John F. Kennedy Middle School Hall of Fame (Thursday, March 21st): History of HOF reviewed. PTO utilizes this event for a fundraiser (paid for rock wall in gym but it would be ideal for us to have a specific item to donate for. Currently there are 2 inductees: Steve Bicter (KCBS sports talk radio), Carter Brandon (World Bank, Gates Foundation). This event is a “reunion” of sorts for Kennedy. Develops a sense of community and pride for Kennedy Middle School. This year will be more interactive in lieu of just having speakers for 2 hours. HOF “bingo” game, dance, games. Promotions will occur through different media outlets as well as Kennedy Cougar Connects. Mr. Baird is open to suggestions.

Anne Duenas. Bussing funds costs for 6th grade field trips – 2 dates to Asian Arts Museum and San Francisco City Hall in March and April. She needs to raise \$2,725 for transportation and has had generous donations. \$1525 is the remaining balance. PTO board will put this up for a vote to fill this gap.

Upcoming Events: This Thursday Social Media Safety presentation. 7:00 PM in the MUB. The presentation will be given to the kids during the day.

NEXT PTO Meeting – Tuesday February 19th.

Meeting Adjourned 8:08 PM