John F. Kennedy Middle School PTO

Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2019

**Location:** Kennedy Library

**Attendees:** Roy Dorling, Cathy Ammenti, Merrily Robinson, Sabrina Adler, Debbie Moore, Evro Ktores Kate Stevenson, Christine Castro, Lupe Robles, Magdalena Dorywalsha

**Meeting called to order:** 7:02 PM

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

**Financial Update**: Review of Profit & Loss Statement. PE Clothes $17,000 (we net 50%), Color Run $12,000, $7,000 music (winter and spring concerts and T-shirts), Drama $11,000. Proposed budget for next year reviewed. Forecasting $60,000 revenue. Drama $6,000, Family Center $6,000, Fine Arts 2,500, Athletic Booster $1,000, Outdoor Education $3,000, Music program field trips $1,500, Principal’s Fund $6,000, STEAM (including Project Lead the Way) $15,000, Teacher & Staff Appreciation $3,000.

Lupe Robles moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget, it was seconded and approved.

**Program Updates**

**Music:** Beginning orchestra performed in a joint concert with other schools today. Julia will work on getting some new instruments for the program. Debbie Moore and Lupe Robles will volunteer next year to be music parents.

**Direct Drive/Fundraising:** $33,000 raised through Direct Drive, which exceeds last year’s numbers.

**Staff Appreciation:** Staff was very happy with Staff Appreciation week this year. Lupe and Claudia will lead the cause next year as well. Discussion of having snacks/food for the first staff meeting next year (Thursday, August 15th).

**Graduation**: Everything is on track. Decoration this Saturday and Sunday 10-2 and next Tuesday and Thursday 5:30. Great America – looking for additional parent volunteers for chaperones. There are about 200 kids eligible to attend – expecting 190. Gowns have been cleaned and the names will be taped to each gown on Saturday. The kids will get their gowns next week. June 8th clean up gym.

**Drama:**  Aladdin Jr. is scheduled to be the play next year. A new theater teacher will possibly be hired soon (Ms. Federico-Young will be the back-up if this falls through). Waiting for the dates next year (trying to get January 31st and February 1st).

**Dine Outs**: Done for the year. Have not received a check from Galleoti’s. Sabrina from Adelante will possibly step up to help with this.

**PE Clothes:**  Clothes are in. Summer Bridge – good opportunity to sell PE clothes. Merrily will be in charge of this but would like some help on the morning of June 21st. Maze Days 8/13-14th volunteers will be needed for this as well.

**Positions for next year:**  Roy Dorling President, Magdalena Dorywalsha Vice President, Philippe Treasurer, Merrily Robinson PE clothes and Dine Outs, Kate Stevenson for Communications, Christine Castro for Book Fair, Debbie Moore for Drama, Lupe Robles and Debbie Moore Music.

The following positions are still open: Secretary, Fundraising, Auditor and Graduation

**Principal Update:** Will get another AP for next year. We are fully staffed for next year. New 6th grade math teacher will start next year. There may be 4 portable buildings set out for next year if construction is not finished. Plans for Office will be reviewed with Principal this weekend. A large, private donor will be bringing a pilot program to the KFC. Details to follow. Testing for the next 3 weeks.

**Other topics:** Concern was raised regarding the field trips and whether all kids are really getting the opportunity to attend (regardless of parental income). The trips are very expensive for a large percentage of our families. Discussion was had with the suggestions of additional fundraising or changing the location of the GC trip to make it more cost-effective and inclusive.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:39 PM**