

Meeting Minutes

Kromrey PTO

Date: January 18th, 2022

Location: Kromrey Middle School

Meeting Called to Order by: Cristina Carvajal

Time: 9:31am

Attendance: number of attendees: 8

Members present: Cristina Carvajal, Trisha Samuelson, Marianne Kenny, Kathryn McLeod, Krissy Mayer, Lyndsey Bataglia, Carol Mottram, Jennifer Maron

Members absent: Alix Thomas, Yelena Golanek, Cate Goeddel

No principals meeting this date: neither Mr. Engel nor Mr. Ricks was able to enter the virtual meeting.

President Danielle Boorstein began our meeting with the Land Acknowledgement. The reason for doing this is to inspire ourselves and others to take action to support all racial, religious, and identity groups. This is a starting point for our PTO to publicly state that we realize that there is work to be done, and we are committed to helping all students in our schools & community.

I want to begin by acknowledging that we are on ancestral Ho-Chunk land, a place their nation has called Teejop (day-JOPE) since time immemorial. We recognize the community, their elders both past & present, as well as future generations.

In an 1832 treaty, the Ho-Chunk were forced to cede this territory.

Decades of ethnic cleansing followed when both the federal and state government repeatedly, but unsuccessfully, sought to forcibly remove the Ho-Chunk from Wisconsin.

This history of colonization informs our shared future of collaboration and innovation. This acknowledgment reaffirms our commitment and responsibility in improving

relationships among members of our community who are of different races, religions, ethnicities & gender identities.

Welcome to our Board members

- Cristina welcomed each member to today's meeting.

Land Recognition

- Read by Carol Mottram, secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Cristina motioned to approve the meeting minutes from our 11/16/21 meeting, Kathryn McLeod seconded the motioned, and Cristina Carvajal approved the meeting minutes from our 11/16/21 meeting.

Board Member Reports

President: Cristina Carvajal

- Teacher Funding Requests:
 - Sunshine Fund.
 - Sara Winter requested funds for snacks for underprivileged students.
 - Sunshine provided snacks using donated gift cards.
 - Theresa Pabst requested \$23.99 for hershey kisses for special needs students.
 - Cristina asked that we approve these requests
 - Amanda Shipley (6th grade teacher) requested \$259.95 for owl pellets to be used in a dissection lab.
 - Mrs. Shipley's request was approved
 - Carol DeYoung requested \$1200.00, for the American Players Theatre (APT) Greek Play Unit.
 - David Daniel from APT would spend the week here at KMS to help the sixth graders prepare to perform the play of a Greek Myth. Mr. Ricks will cover the additional \$1000.00 required for this unit.
 - Discussion ensued regarding whether we have the funds to cover this request.
 - Motion was made to approve this request.
 - Motion passed with all members present in favor.
 - Kathryn McLeod suggested that Carol DeYoung explore additional grant options to fund this request in the future.
 - Kathryn McLeod informed us that some teachers are spending money out of their pockets for low-income students. Our social worker, Nichole Carlisle is helping to spread the word about the Sunshine Fund.

Treasurer: Marianne Kenny

- Budget:
 - Projected Expenses:
 - After projected expenses, we have a balance of \$4339.00.

Fundraising: Alix Thomas (not present this date)

- Noodles and Company Restaurant Night:
 - Approximately \$500.00 was made from this event.
- Merchandise:
 - It might not be possible to order merchandise for this year, as shipping will take a long time. It will be more prudent to wait until next year to pursue this potential fundraising option.

Communications: Lyndsey Bataggia

- Newsletter-Web Page-Facebook:
 - Lyndsey will continue working with WIX to keep the website running smoothly.

Sunshine Fund: Trisha Samuelson and Kathryn McLeod

- Middleton Outreach Ministry:
 - Kathryn picked up the personal hygiene items from Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) that were ordered by Nichole Carlisle.
 - These items are paid for by the Education Foundation and MOM.
 - This will be a monthly task of transporting the items and the Sunshine Fund may need assistance from volunteers with the monthly transport.
- Amazon Smile:
 - This program is going well thus far: Sunshine fund has purchased \$800.00 worth of items from the Amazon wish list.
 - Nichole Carlisle will get some more Woodmans gift cards for them as well.
- Caring Closet:
 - Cardinal Nest is a program at MHS in which they provide a space for students in need to pick up winter gear and other needed supplies. So far, this program has been very successful.
 - Kathryn has been telling our Kromrey social worker, Nichole Carlisle about MHS Cardinal Nest so that they might consider doing something similar at Kromrey Middle School.

Events:

- Fun Run:
 - A committee has been formed for the Fun Run:
 - Cristina Carvajal, Kellie Kalberer, Krissy Mayer, Rachel Dupont, Jessica Smutek, Meghan McCombs
 - This event will be held in May, and could be our main fundraising event for the year.

- We would like to work with “Fun Run 101” for this event
 - Fun Run 101 program works with many schools.
 - They would set up our web page to collect donations and pledges.
 - They charge 15% of donations made through the website.
- Event would be held during the school hours.
- Cost will be approximately \$6000.00.
- Discussion regarding purchasing t-shirts for all to wear during this event.
- Jennifer Maron suggested that we indeed recruit sponsors prior to this event, as this will bring in more money for our school.
- Lyndsey Battaglia suggested a virtual raffle during this event as an additional method to make more money from this event.
- Arts and Culture Night:
 - Cristina received an email from a teacher inquiring about an arts and culture night at Kromrey.
 - At present, we do not have a committee for this event.
 - Lyndsey offered to add a message in our Kromrey newsletter to help recruit a committee for this event.
 - It might be logistically challenging to host this event due to covid.
- Speaker’s Series: (Yelena Golanek not present this date)
 - Yelena is organizing a guest speaker from Galin Education to discuss college preparation for the 8th graders.
 - This event will be held in the evening on February 24th, and is for parents.

Committee Reports:

- Scholastic Book Fair (Jennifer Maron and Krissy Mayer)
 - Jennifer Maron is hoping that the spring Book Fair will be in-person this spring, even if it is held outside.
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation: (Alix Thomas and Cate Goeddel not present)
 - “Treats for Teachers” was successful
 - They are planning a snack bar event for the week of Valentines Day.
 - They might request donations for this event.
 - Carrie Rancourt may join this committee

Next meeting is on February 15th, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:27am

Minutes Compiled by: Carol Mottram, Secretary