

Meeting Minutes

Kromrey PTO

Date: May 18th, 2021

Location: Zoom

Meeting Called to Order by: Danielle Boorstein

Time: 9:33am

Attendance: number of attendees: 5

Members present: Danielle Boorstein, Carol Mottram, Cristina Carvajal, Lyndsey Battaglia, Kathryn McLeod

Members absent: Samantha Garlock, Melissa Dale, Trisha Samuelson, Marianne Kenny

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.

Board Member Reports

President: Danielle Boorstein

- Board & Committee Positions:
 - Cristina reported that the President Elect position is open.
 - Filled positions include: Treasurer: Marianne Kenny; Sunshine Fund: Kathryn McLeod and Trisha Samuelson; Communications Lead: Lyndsey Battaglia.
 - We have open positions for Fundraising Lead, and for all committee chairs.
 - Book Fair and Staff Appreciation positions are filled.
 - It is Cristina's goal to recruit committee chairs over the summer months.
 - Danielle will advertise for these open positions in our next newsletter, which will be released next week.
 - Kathryn McLeod suggested that we send our newsletter to our 4th grade families at Northside and Glacier Creek in order to recruit potential volunteers from our incoming 5th grade parents.
 - Danielle will schedule a transition meeting with Lyndsey Battaglia.
- "Preparing for MHS" for 8th Grade Students & Families:
 - Danielle shared a google document with Glacier Creek and Kromrey 8th grade families that allowed the families to ask any questions they have about Middleton High School (MHS). Danielle received 35 questions from families.
 - Danielle spoke with the counselors at MHS and the counselors will take the questions and create a video to answer the questions.
 - For the more personal questions, MHS will personally reach out to the families.
- Spirit Wear Update:
 - Danielle informed us that families purchased 117 t-shirts, 31 donated t-shirts, and \$62.00 in \$1 donations.
 - We will order 100 t-shirts for in-person sales at Information Day.
- Background Checks:
 - Danielle confirmed with [Jane Hinrichs](#), Administrative Assistant of Operations that background checks are good for 5 years.
 - If the PTO hosts an event with parent volunteers such as an 8th-grade Celebration, PTO submits a list of volunteers with the date of the event. The Kromrey Office will check to make sure the volunteers have background checks on file.
 - [Start the application process here](#)
 - Evelyn Paulsen will send a sign-up genius link for volunteers for the 8th grade celebration. All volunteers will undergo background checks.

Treasurer: Sam Garlock (not present)

- No formal report this date

Communications: Lyndsey Battaglia

- No formal report this date

Events Committee: Cristina Carvajal

- 8th Grade Celebration:
 - Evelyn Paulsen will send a sign-up genius link for volunteers for the 8th grade celebration. All volunteers will undergo background checks.

Sunshine Fund: Kathryn McLeod (Trisha Samuelson not present)

- Kathryn will check with the Education Foundation to determine if they will continue to provide financial assistance to Kromrey next year.
- Kathryn is focusing on preparing for our August Information Day.
- Nichole Carlisle gave Kathryn a list of the items that she will need for next year. This will help Kathryn to determine our Sunshine Fund budget.
- Kathryn is also considering asking stores for donations.
- Nichole Carlisle received a \$1000.00 grant from the Education Foundation for period products to be placed in the bathrooms at Kromrey Middle School.
- Kathryn will discuss previous budget with Samantha Garlock to assist her in planning for next year's Sunshine Fund budget.
- Kathryn will also work with Shannon Ash at Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) to determine what donations MOM might contribute to Kromrey Middle School next year.

Next meeting is on August 17th, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:01am

Minutes Compiled by: Carol Mottram, Secretary