

Meeting Minutes

Kromrey PTO

Date: 16 May 2023

Location: Kromrey

Meeting Called to Order by: Marianne Kenny **Time:** 9:35 am

Attendance:

Members present: Claire Bitner, Sarah Cords, Kristen Eidson, Eric Engel, Melissa Hunt, Marianne Kenny, Jenny Maron, Carrie Rancourt, Dom Ricks, Alix Thomas

Members absent: Lisa Froelich, Krissy Mayer, Amy Parins, Tami Shaw

The meeting began 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 and Introductions

- MK welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The new PTO Communications coordinator, Claire Bitner, introduced herself.

Land Recognition

- SC read the land recognition.

Approval of Minutes

18 April 2023 minutes. **MK motion to approve, AT seconded motion, vote unanimous to approve.**

Board Member Reports

- **President's Report: Marianne Kenny**
 - MK noted this is her last meeting as president and thanked everyone for a great year. She is particularly pleased that the PTO had a successful fundraising year and is well-situated for the 2023-24 school year.
- **Treasurer's Report: Melissa Hunt**
 - Shared current budget. Bank balance as of 5/16/23 is \$20,042.90; checkbook balance as of 5/16/23 is \$14,880.30.
 - JM and MH will coordinate on ensuring that last payment to Scholastic is paid and recorded.
 - Requests through end of school year? DR requests 4 gifts for retiring staff. **MH motioned for \$200 (\$50 gift certs from Middleton Chamber of Commerce), AT seconded, vote passed unanimously.**
Action item: MH will purchase Chamber gift certs.
 - DR also requests prize for Advisory class that collects most food for MOM during May 13-19 food drive. 25 Cougar beanies approved; AT has enough hats to cover this request.
 - The PTO has also approved up to \$300 for 7th grade end of year picnic party; this is still outstanding.
- **Secretary/Communications Report: Sarah Cords**
 - Introduced Claire Bitner, who will be Communications/Website coordinator for 2023-24 school year. Welcome, Claire!

Committee Member Reports

- **8th Grade Celebration: Carrie Rancourt and Alix Thomas**
 - Two banners with the names of all graduating 8th graders have been printed and paid for (AT arranged printing).

- KMS is planning a field trip for 8th graders to Mt. Olympus in Wisconsin Dells on the last day of school. An email has gone out to families that the cost will be \$38. The PTO requests that in future, the PTO is apprised of such trips and costs in order to be better able to offer sufficient financial support. **Up to \$2000 has already been allocated to cover cost of 8th grade celebration; MH made a motion for up to \$1500 additional to help costs of both events, AT seconded, motion passed unanimously.**
- There will also be a pizza party on June 8 from 5:30 to 7:30. Action items: CR will get napkins, plates, pizza. A SignUp Genius will be needed for 6-15 volunteers to help staff (2 people in kitchen, SRO, other staff). Party will include DJ in vintage gym, board games and photo booth in cafeteria; pizza and pop.
Action item: AT asked re: timing of SignUp Genius to solicit party volunteers. Item will go out in Campus Messenger week of May 21. MH will coordinate photo booth.
- **Book Fair: Jenny Moran**
 - No report.
- **Student Resources Team: Kristen Eidson**
 - The Sunshine Fund has been renamed to the Student Resources Team. KE will partner with AP. KE and AP plan to meet with Nichole and other case managers in beginning of 2023-24 school year to plan needs. Kristin Canniff in the KMS office will also need to be included in this planning.
 - The SRT is continuing to work with social worker and student to buy glasses (cost of which were approved at prior meeting).
- **Teacher Appreciation: Carrie Rancourt**
 - The May 10 Brat cookout was a huge success! Next year in addition to brats, we may want to purchase pasta salad made at district kitchen. DR and EE offer to cover drinks at future cookout event.
- **Fundraising report–Alix Thomas**
 - **Restaurant Night at Trio Ramen.** The May 9 Restaurant Night at Trio Ramen was a huge success. The PTO made \$816 (15% of the restaurant's gross for the night). **Action item: AT will write a thank-you note to Trio Ramen.**
 - **Spirit Wear.** The PTO sold ~29 items at the Cougar Dash and AT will collect order forms and make another order next week She will order sufficient items to be sold at events during the 2023-24 school year.
 - Spirit Wear will be available for sale at Picture Day and Back to School Night. Picture day is currently scheduled for August 16, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (We will need to staff a sale/info table that day.) Back to school night is tentatively scheduled for August 31, but we will confirm these dates with Eric.

- It was noted that the KMS logo on the youth hoodies was smaller than that on the adult sizes, which was not anticipated. AT will check with 4imprint if larger logo on youth hoodies is possible.
- **MH made a motion to approve up to \$2000 for purchase; JM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Cougar Dash.**
Was a great success and was able to be run on May 12 despite a few raindrops. The total amount collected from donors was \$5505. AT requests that KMS set the dates for next year's Dash as soon as possible. **Action item: The PTO will send thank-you letters to all business and personal sponsors.**

Votes Taken Over Email after 16 May 2023

- It was noted that every grade but the 6th grade was getting an "end of year" treat. MK worked with Carol Pincombe (5th grade teacher who had been granted \$750 to schedule the Kona Ice Truck for the 5th grade) to include the 6th grade in that as well. Sixth grade has 333 students; additional \$832.50 approved for 6th grade treat (at cost of \$2.50 per cup).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 10 a.m. to noon. In person at Kromrey. MH notes she would like to discuss different days/times for meetings.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:35 a.m.

Minutes compiled by: Sarah Cords