

Meeting Minutes

Kromrey PTO

Date: January 19th, 2021

Location: Zoom

Meeting Called to Order by: Danielle Boorstein

Time: 9:30am

Attendance: number of attendees: 3

Members present: Danielle Boorstein, Cristina Carvajal, Carol Mottram

Members absent: Samantha Garlock, Melissa Dale

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.

Approval of Minutes

Danielle approved the meeting minutes from our 12/15/20 meeting.

Board Member Reports

President: Danielle Boorstein

- Elections and filling open PTO Board positions:
 - Danielle will welcome everyone to apply for Board positions. We need to reach out to everyone, as many members in our school community can bring tremendous value to the Kromrey PTO. Our goals are to have better representation of our Kromrey families and to make everyone feel welcome. For example, we plan to host a virtual coffee chat in both Spanish and English, so that non-English speaking community members can participate.
- Organization of roles and responsibilities:
 - If someone is unable to fully participate in their current board position, please step down and give someone else an opportunity to fill the position.
 - Newly-elected Communications lead should have the skills to post our news on social media.
 - Danielle is happy to help with our website during the transition of roles.
 - Coffee chat will be a great opportunity to invite others to join the Kromrey PTO Board.
- Preparing for return of students:
 - Ideas were discussed to make the school more inviting for the return of students. Ideas included banners, signs, and chalk messages on the sidewalk.
- Restaurant night update:
 - Once per week, the PTO will highlight a restaurant and encourage others to support the restaurant. This will be considered a "Dine local campaign"
- Surveys:
 - Chrstina and Danielle have been working on the surveys to be sent to families and teachers. Surveys will ask what types of events the families would like for next year.

Treasurer: Sam Garlock (not present this date; report from Danielle Boorstein)

- Funding requests:
 - All funding requests must be conducted by filling out a formal funding request form so that we have a record for tax purposes.

Communications Committee: no committee lead at present (Report from Danielle Boorstein)

- Newsletter update:
 - Danielle will submit a newsletter tomorrow. Danielle asked that we review and make changes to the newsletter prior to her submission.

Events Committee: Cristina Carvajal

- Staff Appreciation:
 - A virtual staff appreciation event will be conducted for Valentines day. Individual bottles of juices or individual coffees will be provided. Parents may be asked to make donations for this event.
- Poetry Slam:
 - Poetry slam was canceled last year. If we do another poetry slam this year, it will be conducted via Zoom.
 - We will need teachers to help promote this event. We may reach out to a student-run club to assist with recruiting students for this event.
- Virtual Coffee Chat:
 - Virtual coffee chat invite will be in a separate email than the Newsletter.

Sunshine Fund: Melissa Dale not present (Report from Danielle Boorstein)

- Mask Drive:
 - Kromrey student council is hosting a mask drive. Please donate new and unused masks to Kromrey.
- Other fundraising drives:
 - Suggestion for Melissa to host a fundraiser to raise money for the teachers, such as a bleach wipe drive.
 - We can ask parents and others to help with the fundraiser for the teachers.

Next meeting is on January 19th, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:00

Minutes Compiled by: Carol Mottram, Secretary