

Meeting Minutes

Kromrey PTO

Date: December 15th, 2020

Location: Zoom

Meeting Called to Order by: Danielle Boorstein

Time: 9:34am

Attendance: number of attendees: 4

Members present: Danielle Boorstein, Samantha Garlock, Cristina Carvajal, Carol Mottram

Members absent: 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. Clearly, this is not enough, but perhaps it's 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

Christina called to approve the meeting minutes from our 10/20/20 meeting, and Sam Garlock seconded the motion. Meeting minutes from the 10/20/20 meeting were approved by Danielle Boorstein.

Board Member Reports

President: Danielle Boorstein

- Trot-a-thon Recap:
 - Danielle reported that the trot-a-thon was successful: participants submitted over 20,000 minutes. The total confirmed minutes will be posted on the marquee at Kromrey Middle School. Both Kromrey and Glacier Creek Middle Schools participated in this event.
- How to create community:
 - Danielle asked whether we continue to focus on creating community events, or do we shift our focus elsewhere?
 - Christina suggested a winter virtual coffee during the second week of January for the purpose of meeting and creating community.
 - Danielle reported her goal of focusing on longevity for the next generation of PTO members by creating community so that all feel welcome when considering joining the PTO.

Treasurer: Sam Garlock

- No report this date

Communications Committee: no committee lead at present

- No report this date.

Events Committee: Cristina Carvajal

- Staff Appreciation:
 - Cristina reported that we need to talk with Mr. Engel regarding staff appreciation.
- Book Fair Recap:
 - Total amount of money brought in was \$1025.42. Rewards were \$256.32. This money will go to the library for book credits.
- Book Author Invite:
 - Christina would like to invite a book author to speak with students during the school day. Mr. Engel requested that this be conducted outside of the synchronous teaching time. Library specialist Mrs. Marshall gave Christina suggestions for authors. Number 1 author choice is between \$400-500. Other

author choices are approximately \$300.00. Discussion ensued regarding finding an author who would be less expensive or no cost.

- Communicating community events:
 - We need to partner with teachers and ask the teachers how we can support them in the best manner possible. Teachers can help us to communicate with the community.

Sunshine Fund: Melissa Dale

- No report this date

Next meeting is on January 19th, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:01

Minutes Compiled by: Carol Mottram, Secretary