

**Kamiak PTA
Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
November 9th, 2020**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by President Andrea Butcherite.

Welcome/Introductions

Andrea Butcherite (President), Evan Hecker (Principal), Colleen McColl (VP), Cheryl Stout (Secretary), Brandy Wisner (Treasurer), Meg Gollnick, Kelcie Peterson, Jay Harris, Stephanie Wysup, Annissa Terres, Amanda Stahl, Aaron Tomasch (non Member), Amy Hood, Macarena Sanz, Shelley Opgenorth, Meghan McKeirnan, Deena Bayoumi (Non Member) Destiny Barker

Approval of October Member Meeting Minutes

Motion to pass member meeting minutes for the month of October by Colleen McColl

Motion seconded by Brandy Wisner

Motion passed to approve October Member Meeting Minutes

Principal's Report – Evan Hecker

- Thank you all for your patience and feedback. Feels like the community is torn with wanting students back in school and to continue online.
- We continue to serve students - teachers are working tirelessly to accommodate and serve our families. Regardless of what the school board decides, we are continuing to look at how we can open our building to more families, students, kids absent, or those completely disengaged students struggling on a social emotional level. Wanting to get creative and do some outdoor learning experiences - Have challenged our admin group to reinvent ourselves. We need to think about how we can serve kids and do so in a safe manner.
- We've been doing some virtual High 5 Fridays.
- Teachers are trying to keep open live sessions for kids to check in and connect with each other

Question/Answer Session

- Do you feel like the reopening date may change?
 - A: We have a date set of January 4th. Do not know if anything will change between now and then. There may be another special meeting in the future. (updates will be given when available).
- Discussion on upcoming board meetings. Parents, teachers, students, community members etc. are all encouraged to share feedback with the board.
- Are board meetings sent to everyone or just PTA members? You can go to the school district's website to find more information about school board meetings found here: https://www.pullmanschools.org/school_board. You can also subscribe to "Pullman Public Schools" Youtube page where meetings are broadcasted live. If you want to be a part of the discussion or make a comment you can request to do so through the district as well.
 - Those with questions about the schools reopening plan were recommended to watch the past couple of board meetings/special meetings held by the school district to get more context on what is currently being discussed.

- Discussion on protocols being followed when school reopens. The reopening plan with K thru 1st starting school 2 days per week January 4th. At this time the plan will be for 2nd/3rd graders to start two weeks later then 4th/5th graders two weeks after that.

Presidents Report – Andrea Butcherite

We've had a lot of teacher appreciation recently, specifically during conference week.

Treasurer's Report – Brandy Wisner

Not much going on. One check from last fiscal year came through. Payment for the system we use for finances came through and a Member Planet charge The PTA Board plans to reevaluate the budget due to the lower amount of fundraising money received.

Teacher appreciation, custodial appreciation, mini grants and giving back to the students are high on our priority list.

Fundraiser Report – Meg Gollnick

- \$5,795 raised plus a grant for \$2,500.
- The top 5 classrooms were: Blehm, Lee, McKeirnan, Pollestad, and Opgenorth.
- Top students: Etta, Evander, Sawyer
- 16 students will get signs in their yard.
- 6 students will get donuts delivered to their house.
- There was 32% student participation (slightly lower than normal). With COVID and it all being online we are happy with that kind of participation.
- A huge thank you to everyone who participated.

Scholastic Book Fair - Andrea President

- Will be held completely online and all remote.
- Advertising will be going out soon.
- Julie has set it up for November 16th thru 29th. It will be an all Elementary school combined book fair. Earnings will go back to all PSD Elementary's with 25% proceeds being split evenly between all of the schools.

Are wish lists able to be set up for teachers? Will look into it and follow up with Julie.

Additional Thoughts/Concerns/Questions

Recommended better communication by a teacher. Possibly have a PTA rep go to a staff meeting (they are held weekly on Wednesdays) to give a plug for anything going on. Teachers prepare their emails at least a week in advance to be scheduled, so earlier communication is helpful.

Next Meeting Monday December 14th, 2020

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm