

**Kamiak PTA
Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
March 8, 2021**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order 6: pm by Andrea Butchrite, PTA President.

Welcome/Introductions

Andrea Butchrite (President), Colleen McColl (VP), Alex Merritt,, Brandy (Treasurer) and Jesse Wiser, Cheryl Stout (Secretary), Evan Hecker (Principal), Meg Gollnick, Marwa Aly (Non-Member), Stephanie Wysup, Tipiziwin and T Rich Tolman, Amy Hood, Katie and Nathan Bridges

Approval of February Member Meeting Minutes

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

Motion seconded by Stephanie Wysup

Motion passed to approve February Member Meeting Minutes

Principal's report

- Student conferences occurred last week. Students may not be where we want them to be but they are learning, they are proving to be resilient and open minded.
- Students want to be heard, they have a lot of stories. Teachers are being encouraged to meet each student where they are at. They are being asked to remain within their cohorts all day. We are going to continue with that making sure kids feel belonged.
- Activities and clubs are still not happening a lot. Everyone is exhausted from the virtual platforms. Next step is how do we get everyone back including those who are at a distance? Working on some ideas, would welcome everyone else's ideas on how to make that happen in a safe manner.

Questions:

Q: What is the district's plan for next year when all the kids are staggered with their learning?

A: Plan will always be to differentiate in instruction. Currently kids are all over the place. Normally they are all over the place. Teachers are trained and will continue to work with each student. Unfortunately, it's a nationwide thing we will all have to look at.

Q: Are teachers being provided masks and hand sanitizer?

A: We have masks. We prefer handwashing first but we do have hand sanitizer stations available for kids. It is low to the ground. We also have clear masks for the hearing impaired. Stephanie Wysup confirmed anything they have asked for they have been able to get.

Q: When can us as PTA start gearing back up for activities (knowing it will be different during COVID)? What can we as PTA do to help our kids and the Kamiak Community?

In terms of in person that's a hard answer. We're getting closer. I feel our PTA has gone above and beyond in supporting teachers and students. My hope is as more and more of us are being vaccinated that will

change. We are not seeing it spreading in schools yet. My hope is sooner rather than later. We can't do 5th grade camp. What can we do special?

Teachers are reminded to reach out if they need anything at all.

Q: Are teachers now allowed to be vaccinated?

A: Not sure if the whole district has been offered the 2nd dose, but many have. A lot of teachers have been going to Moscow to be vaccinated as they've had extra doses. Everyone who wants one should have had one as of this weekend. (The Governor extended the proclamation to now include teachers)

Q: When will school photos be rescheduled?

A: We have a goal of March 31st (Wednesday before spring break) Waiting to hear back from Leo's. Those who have already paid online will go toward this round.

President's Report

- PTA elections are coming up for next year. Would like to get them completed at the next meeting, April 12th. Need to have a nomination committee established to get the transition going. It's a 3 person team that prepares a list and report of who will be nominated for the PTA roles. Roles are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. First, we need to make this nomination committee, willing to make the time and prepare the list to be complete by March 28th.
- Floor open to volunteers to join the committee. Committee members include:
 - Nathan Bridges
 - Katie Bridges
 - Colleen McCol
- Committee will formulate who will be the chair to get communication going. Have a meeting between now and before March 28th and talk about nominations.
- Is there any current interest in any of the positions or questions on the roles and responsibilities.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly banking fee assessed and \$180 check cleared for Red Card teacher appreciation meal. Info sent to sadie Boon. for teacher mini grants so that will start clearing once those start getting turned in.

Open Floor and Questions

Fundraiser Update: We have the design for the shirts and ink for the shirts have been ordered. Once the ink has arrived we can do the shirts in a day. Estimating they should be complete in about 2 weeks. Yard signs are ready to be ordered. Some doughnuts have been delivered to parents who have reached out and asked. The rest will be delivered with the yard signs when they arrive. Discussion on if we are going to do any other fundraising this year in the spring. There are lots of grants out there as well if there is anything someone thinks we might qualify for, just let us know.

Q: If someone is not a member, how many days do you need to be a member before being voted into a position.

A: a minimum of 15 days. If you want to be nominated but are not a member yet, there is still time here: <https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/kamiakelementarypta/membership>

PTA convention coming up May 18th-May 23rd

Next Meeting

April 12th

Meeting adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.