

**Kamiak PTA
Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
January 11, 2021**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by President Andrea Butcherite.

Welcome/Introductions

Attending (Members)- Andrea Butcherite (President), Evan Hecker (Principal), Brandy Wisner (Treasurer), Colleen McColl (VP), Cheryl Stout (Secretary), Meg Gollnick, Crystal Gayles, Stephanie Wysup, Oluwasola Oni, Tosin Adeaja, Amanda Stahl, Fatima Jallow, Katie and Nathan Bridges, Andreas Vasdekis

Approval of November Member Meeting Minutes

Motion to pass member meeting minutes for the month of December with correction of Alex's last name to Merrill by Meg Gollnick

Motion seconded by Colleen McColl

Motion passed to approve December Member Meeting Minutes

Principal's Report – Evan Hecker

Jan 4th, we started a hybrid K-1st grade re-opening. Anticipating 2nd/3rd grade to re-open Tues Jan 19th and tentatively 4th/5th graders February 1st. Last week was a great week. We spent a lot of time on wellness screening and expectations and how to manage COHERTS so we can contact trace if it becomes necessary. We are continually evaluating the re-opening process to ensure safety and prevent shutting down the school.

Cannot thank parents and families enough. Students are kind, resilient and understanding of new expectations. There is a newfound appreciation for teachers going above and beyond. We are continuing to make home visits, providing resources for families (delivering hot spots). We are grateful for our Kamiak Community. Thank you for patience!!!

Questions/Comments:

Everyone is doing fantastic job with communication considering the circumstances. Really impressed with all the planning

Q: Will the school be allowing parents to volunteer and come into the school?

A: Evan recently asked that questions. They have been identifying a need for parent volunteers especially around the lunch hour. Kids are eating in classrooms to keep with their cohorts. Evan asked if we could have parents volunteer if they pass wellness screening and background check around lunch hour. Don't have an answer at this time.

Specialists and distance learners having asynchronous meetings - potentially having face to face on Wednesdays. Trying to leave Wed open so specialist teachers can work with distance learning teachers. Stay tuned.

Q: Regarding STEAM/ART/PE, what about putting a camera up, so students are live and online distance learning folks can log in and see them live with another classroom?

A: They do that in Moscow. This is something Evan will look into and bring up at their specialist meeting tomorrow.

Q: What is the rationale behind having online only students come into the district office for MAPS testing vs testing online like last time around?

A: No answer at this time. Evan advised if he was a family who chose online learning, he too would have reservations sending student to an in-person experience. Recommendation is to communicate with your teacher about this further and they should be able to have an online option.

Presidents Report – Andrea Butcherite

Pullman Elementary Schools did a book fair in December. Kamiak received \$75 for Julie to order books with. We are working to get fundraiser items out including yard signs, donuts, and t-shirts.

Treasurer's Report – Brandy Wisner

- Fundraiser money came in and went into our account.
- A Kamiak family reached out and donated a \$500 check to do with what we need.
- There were a few reimbursements for the Kestrel Closet, teacher reimbursements, last year's yearbook balance, and AIM insurance.

Additional Thoughts/Concerns/Questions

Q: Will we be doing school photos and yearbooks this year?

A: We are going to try for a picture day with Leo's. Evan is going to take as many photos of students and encourage teachers to do the same.

There is an option to download the schools background and parents can put their child's photo on it as well

Q: Can we order Kamiak Masks?

A: They can be ordered through Custom Threads. If gators are used it is recommended that students double up and use a mask underneath.

Q: Can we get an update on the School Districts new site and the creation of space for the PTA Website?

A: Evan sent an email during the meeting inquiring about this.

Meg and Anissa would like to sponsor teacher appreciation for the month of March.

Next Meeting Monday February 8, 2021

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM