



2021-2022

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PTO Meeting Minutes

9/3/21, 7:45am | *Meeting called to order by* Susan Fishman

In Attendance

In Person: Jessie Wicks, Paul Beakley, Susan Fishman, Shannon Winer, Cara Meaker, Cora Hildreth, Caitlin Sabato, Heather Nakagawa, Ashley Boca, Misty Pavlovic, Becky Ashworth, Kelli Christakis, Stacey Clarcken, Jen Giannetto, Marcie Romero, Kim Reitz, Tim O'Donnel, Brittany Westfall, Ruth Rooney, Jamie Pate; Zoom: Jessica Chuang, Ben Minter, Megan Bell, Anthony Blackman, Nicole Miller, Meghann Powell, Ryan Edmiston, Marie Navarro

Welcome & Intro: Susah Fishman

Guest: Scott Maxwell, Principal of Kyrene Middle School

- Scott's Background: 3 years as Principal at KMS, previously Director of Effectiveness at Kyrene, social studies teacher, principal at a charter school, background in school improvement & change management
- KMS is an International Baccalaureate school, with students taking 7 classes as opposed to 6. World language is required, and options include Mandarin, Spanish (3 levels), and ASL. They are a Dual language school.
- KMS offers a variety of electives and requires 1 in design (STEM, visual design, etc.), 1 in P.E. (can get credit from sports), and 1 in fine arts (mariachi, theater, orchestra, choir, band, etc.)
- Prep program – advanced learner program, grades 6-8, including advanced math & gifted. New structure breaks out students by grade, includes interactive field trips, trips to ASU/Barret Honors College, GCU, U of A
- Making capital improvements in "bright spots", including courtyard, murals, new scoreboard, and banners
- Contact Scott for any questions on KMS or to schedule a tour, as you consider middle school options

Principal's Report: Mrs. Romero

- Thank you from the teachers for the Curriculum Lunch!
- K-2 playground shade structure has been removed for safety and the kids can now use the playground
- Student of the Month will begin towards the end of September, and will be held outside under blue ramada.
- Student Council for grades 3-5 coming up – info will come home
- Step it up Assembly scheduled for Monday 9/13
 - With current Safety Mitigation Level, can have 2 grade levels in the cafeteria at a time

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- Kyrene COVID Mitigation Strategies & Policy Clarification: – Main Differences:
 - Any positive test – class will receive exposure letter, plus any small groups where they interact with others
 - We are getting spare masks through the Kyrene warehouse, but any donations would be accepted and used
 - Mitigation Strategy – Main Differences between levels:
 - Level 1 – Substantial Transmission (County)
 - Level 2 – (CURRENT STATE) High Transmission (County) – reconfigured assemblies in person
 - Level 3 – High Transmission (County) plus 2% or higher case count, of total # of students, for 2 weeks. This translates to 9-10 active cases for 2 weeks in a row. It means we will get further direction on going to Level 4, no volunteers, virtual assemblies, and kids go straight inside instead of lining up to start the day. Limited Exposure Schedule means we will keep our 2 entrances, might separate classes for dismissal, and classes would stay together in zones at recess. Can still do compact math & reading intervention groups. Cafeteria would be 2 classes at a time in the room... 3rd class would go in another room and rotate. Only go to Level 4 if this holds for >2 weeks.
 - Level 4 would mean student groups need to be addressed... if the impact is mostly to specific grades, classes, or the whole school, those groups would need to go online for a period of time
 - Level 5 – all school online, mandated by the state or county

Treasurer Report: Kim Reitz

- July-Aug statement of activity reviewed. Most revenue was from T-shirt sales, and a company matching donation. Amazon & Fry's deposit from EZ Money
- Costs: T-shirts, Staff T-shirt donations
- Kelli Christakis & Brittany Westfall volunteered to be on the audit committee

Review & Approve August Meeting Minutes

- Minutes stand as approved with no corrections

Committee Reports

Parent Superintendent Council- Cara Meaker & Susan Fishman

- This council is meeting regularly again, after no meetings during the prior school year
- Federal government funding (ESSER 3) is coming in. Money is disbursed based on criteria that is still being determined. Last 2 rounds were given out based on number of title 1 students in the district. Round 3 usage to be based on community feedback, possibly for out of school programs, such as an after-school class offering.
- This council allows parents to discuss ideas & thoughts with the superintendent. If anyone has questions or comments to share with superintendent, let Cara & Susan know and they can advocate. Councils include:
 - Student Superintendent Council
 - Teacher Superintendent Council
 - Parent Superintendent Council
 - Community Superintendent Council
- Looking for input on the next 5 year plan

Parent Affiliated Organization Training - Susan Fishman

- Susan attended the Annual meeting with the district. Covered removal of potential for fraud & best practices

What's for Dinner & Waggoner Night Out – Shannon Winer

- Culver's (Ray & 101) – September 13-19. Eat all week!
- Skateland September 29 4:30-7, \$10 per person includes skate rental. Open to friends.

Spirit Store - Shannon Winer

- Working with Squad Locker to sharpen images. We have the option to add new logos.
- Water bottles will be rolled out next week. Flyers will come home.

Kinder Volunteers - Cait Sabato & Ashley Boca

- Rather than volunteering in the classrooms, supply bags with are taken home for cutting assembling, etc.

First Responder's Day - Sept 27 - Stacey Clarcken

- Monday, September 27, 7:40am
 - Fire Department will be sending a fire truck
 - Trying to bring in a K9 companion
 - KMS Band Teacher may come play music or send students to play music
 - Mrs. Erasquin finding a way to involve students, like creating a banner, writing letters, or making a video

Teacher's Lounge Table (still not identified)

Trunk or Treat

- Friday 10/29, 5:30-7:30pm – Free event
- Mrs. Weissburg will teach Thriller dance to students and they will perform together
- Food Trucks, Trunks with candy, Photo Booth Backdrop, Sun State Rentals donated lights
- Pumpkin carving contest outside (category options will be regular pumpkin, craft, or paper)
- Need volunteers for check-in

Teacher Appreciation – Jamie Pate

- Curriculum Lunch was catered by Pita Jungle – great feedback from teachers
- Treat bar was provided to the teachers with donations from parents via signup genius
- Next event 9/30 – Custodian Day. Asking if the kids can make something for Freddie
- 10/11 – Staff Breakfast (no school) – need volunteers
- 10/20-21 – Conference Lunch – need volunteers

Step It Up – Cara Meaker

- Kickoff day is 9/13 and runs through 9/27
- Funds so many PTO projects, especially providing teacher reimbursement funds, add to science closets, and keep our fun events alive. We are behind from last year because we had to cancel events that normally raise money.
- Day of Awesomeness will be planned & a date will be set. Likely October 19

Website – Paul Beakley

- Paul has a 4th grader and needs a volunteer to shadow him for the next year, to take over the PTO website

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- September 6th - No School Labor Day
- September 13-27th - Step it Up
- September 13-19 - WFD Culver's
- September 20th - Picture Day
- September 24th - Student of the Month
- September 27th - First Responder's Day
- September 29th - WNO Skateland
- September 30th – Custodians' Day

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15

Minutes submitted by:
Jessie Wicks, Secretary