

Feb. 12, 2019 KHS PTO Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Megan Roche, Albert Tien, Shelly McDonough, Laura Selent, Julie Voudris, Christine Riscili, Lynette Leahu, Tom Gabram

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by KHS PTO President, Megan Roche.

- I. **Approve Minutes** — Shelly McDonough motioned to approve the January 2019 meeting minutes. Megan Roche seconded. Minutes approved.

II. Principal's Report

- A. Pep rally was held 2/8/19 - recognized sports teams/academic successes; introduced new Bomber Mascot (Bomber pilot); naming contest to occur with students; considering tryout for students to be the mascot; jacket he wears will become a letterman-like jacket with patches; K and Kenston Bombers will be on back
- B. Short week this week w/professional development day for teachers on Friday; AP teachers will collaborate with other districts re: content, instruction and learn from each other; Scott Allen (head of the business dept. at John Carroll) speaking about Teacher Leadership (has spoken to a business class re: basics of business, accounting, digital technology in business)
- C. Guest Speaker -- Next Friday, Feb. 22, Chris Mllo, a KMS parent will present (next Friday, Feb. 22): 13 Blocks of Success -- a positive message to students; Student Council sponsoring; Leads into "Say Something" message the following week -- ties into Sandy Hook promise. Student Council will lead other activities that week. Parents will receive a communication re: the speaker/content.
 1. Megan asked how or if we measure success with these types of efforts. Mr. Gabram noted it's difficult to identify "what" to measure. Goal is to expose the kids to positive messages, knowing each one brings their personal background to it, as well as helping them identify opportunities to help those around them.
 2. Mr. Gabram could see us comparing what we do at KHS compared to other districts. Are we more of a model school in certain areas? He'd say yes.
- D. Blood Drive for Juniors/Seniors is on Feb. 28. Mr. Marchesi runs it; will meet with juniors/seniors beforehand re: procedures
- E. Variety Show on Feb. 28
- F. March -- SAT test Wed., March 6 for Juniors (½ day for them); paper/pencil; in the gym; with transition to Chromebooks next year. Most likely SAT will be online next year; Sophomores cannot take the test (at the school) as it's a state mandate for Juniors; Seniors could still take it (somewhere else) although it's a little late for them

- G. Scheduling for grades 9-11 started (counselors met with students in first block; what's new/changing); self registration deadline is this week; 8th grade paper forms coming over (not able to do them online); Mr. Gabram to investigate why this is the case for just the 8th graders. If parents want their child to meet with their counselor, he encourages parents to ask the counselor to call the student down to their office. Parents can refer to the course description book online for explanations of classes. Feel free to reach out to the teacher if more questions. Questions re: Calculus. Mr. Gabram described Calc A/B and C/D vs Calc 1 (AP/CCP). Students have not routinely done well on AP tests if they only took Calc in first half of year. Julie Voudris noted that your grade in high school follows you to your GPA your freshman year. Mr. Gabram noted that Khan Academy is a great resource in providing an intervention plan for each student.
- H. Retirements at end of school year: Mrs. Ziegler and Mr. Hoffman
- I. The Hub (library space)-- new media space for students to use; presented to Kenston Inc. with goal of approaching corporations with foundations that partner with schools for financial support. Some foundations will only sponsor those with 501c3, which is why they're going through Kenston Inc. Participants noted that they have to distribute a certain amount of money each year. Mr. Gabram will reach out to to 10-15 organizations with ties to the district. Oftentimes, making pitches to other companies and sharing the amount being considered will push the other company to promise more money so they get the "bid." Likely, a letter will be sent to parents via Constant Contact. They met with Buckeye Educational Supply re: organization of space and discussing what they want in it. Looking at spending \$100,000 - \$125,000, which includes collaborative furniture, large screens and other technology into the space. Mr. Novak may be teaching his multimedia class in there and Mr. Malkus could potentially utilize it as well. Mrs. Buettner will remain in the space. Mr. Gabram asked for a potential funding request for this space from PTO. There are a lot of opportunities moving forward for the students. The Kenston Foundation is looking at sponsoring different "efforts" at Kenston through their funding. Example: sponsor The Hub project at KHS for one year; maybe another project at another building.

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. \$1000 check given to Mr. Gabram for each grade level (\$250 per class) from Bomber Bash
- B. \$150 to Mr. C for the website
- C. Current Bank Balance is \$18,099.30
- D. AfterProm - \$32,808.30 once integrated into KHS PTO
- E. Estimated cash available for funding requests - \$1,783.44
- F. Money in the budget can be put back in (directory, insurance) since these categories didn't spend as much as what was budgeted
- G. Treasurer - this is Albert's last year; Kristin Jacobs taking over next year

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Bomber Hangar -- Jan/Feb pretty slow, but use of Bomber Bucks increased sales in January; boost sales in Feb with 10% discount on certain items; adding evening and weekend hours/month; meeting with building BH chairs this week; discussion on whether to invest in selling championship gear since the timeframe to purchase through Bomber Elite has passed; Mr. Gabram noted that the window of opportunity has closed. Also discussion re: moving merchandise building to building for events/sales; not able to fulfill some without volunteers.
- B. Care Blue -- sent a couple of cards (Mr. Trippi, Kathleen Werner, Mr. Grubich; Vivian (athletic trainer)'s sub already taking over her class due to delivery date approaching; New Care Blue Rep is Stacey Jones for next year
- C. Celebrate Blue - March 7 is next ice cream date
- D. E-Comm/Website/Membership/Volunteers - no discussion
- E. Senior Breakfast -- Mr. Gabram indicated that Parkside just needs to know the timing of the day; He also suggests a conversation with chairpersons to clarify expectations before talking to Parkside (breakfast first (breakfast sandwich?); Regarding graduation -- reach out to friends/family if senior families need more tickets (6 per family); streamed online and there's an overflow room at Parkside that shows the graduation on screen
- F. Staff Appreciation -- Discussions have begun; AB room should be reserved (check with Connie, Mr. Gabram's admin asst.); describe the set-up for maintenance
- G. AfterProm -- Fashion Show is March 15; 3 senior groups, 3 junior groups, 1 jr/sr group all girls; music due this week; Becky Timmons is leading the Sparklettes performance; approved ticket w/artwork through Docmann Printing; 100 tickets will be sold through Sparklettes; decor/set being worked on. Rebecca has done a great job in reinvigorating this event by getting commitments from American Commodore and Dicks to donate use of their clothing.
 - 1. AfterProm will test ticketing through TicketRoar (like Flash seats) - purchase online or at door; tracks information on how tickets are sold (This is something the Boosters is considering for events)
- H. Hospitality -- dinner catered by Qdoba for conferences last week; well received by staff.
- I. Bomber Bash -- Per Mr. Gabram, there are possibly a few parents that may step up to oversee the event; likely the tradition will continue; some staff members would be a part of it, but not able to own it like previous chairs; Mr. Gabram ok with moving away from it being a PTO fundraiser.

Discussion re: a new PTO fundraiser:

Laryn Ullman described that KMS PTO will likely do an un-fundraiser in 2019-2020 as it's easier to find a chairperson and could possibly tie into family's initial donation to PTO (when they send in membership form); Laura Selent noted that membership has been down this year. Laryn noted that we could come up

with a way for payments to be done online; membership drives where people sit at a table and present at key events; Albert Tien noted that the point of Bomber Bash is for the kids to work towards raising the money. It was noted that the lead crew absolutely did this; not the general group of kids that attended. If kids were not able to attend, parents didn't contribute.

Discussion continued re: PTO Membership and how it could be tied to specific benefits (what do you get for paying your membership fee?). Perhaps Inside scoop on things ... social media, social event, tiers of membership? Receive PTO meeting minutes via email with a link as a "perk" to being a member.

Mr. Gabram described that with Bomber Elite (football program), there's no membership per se with the main fundraiser being the Reverse Raffle held every February.

- J. Directory -- small hiccups on distributions, but everything worked out
- K. Beautification -- Marcy Gurd will work on Spring decorations in a few weeks

V. President's Report

- A. Bomber Bash/Fundraiser -- Motion by Laryn to discuss removing the Bomber Bash as PTO fundraiser for 2019-2020; Albert seconded the motion; 6 approve; 1 dissent, Motion approved
- B. Vote on After Prom officially part of PTO -- Suggestion regarding allocating money for building project each year as a separate line item
Motion by Megan to add After Prom as a committee of PTO, seconded by Laryn, 5 in favor; pending w/Christine Riscili's vote. (Christine was at the meeting during the discussion, but had to leave for a family emergency prior to the end of the meeting. She was contacted afterwards and voted yes.)
- C. Board Openings: Fundraiser, Celebrate Blue Co-Chair, Web/E-Communication, Staff Appreciation, Silver Bells

PTO Council Meeting
Talking Points for Building Presidents
January 2019

- 1. Community Relations Report
 - 1. Ohio State Board of Education issues an overall A grade to 28 schools and Kenston was one of them
 - 2. Kenston Website
 - 1. KCAC survey results show that a majority of parents want a more user-friendly website, including mobile-friendly
 - 2. Changes will be coming
 - 3. Goal is soft roll-out in Spring and complete by Fall

3. As a reminder, when a student has an unexcused absence, parents will be contacted within 2 hours
4. Kenston Student/ Parent Directories have been distributed to the youngest student in each family
 1. Each building has additional copies on hand, if needed
2. Upcoming Events
 1. Women in Sports Night at Kenston is Wednesday, February 6 at KIS
 2. Parent Engagement Series: Technology at Kenston hosted by Kenston PTO
 1. When: Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.
 2. Where: Kenston High School – Auburn Bainbridge Room
 3. Topics for this event include:
 1. Kenston Vision for Technology
 2. 1:1 devices for students
 3. Infinite Campus
 4. Google Classroom
 5. Tech Resources: digital textbooks, Naviance, Classroom Apps
 6. District Communications: AlertNOW, kenstonlocal.org, social media
 7. Interactive demonstrations
 4. Submit questions to: pto.engagement@kenstonapps.org

VI. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am by Megan Roche.