

January 8, 2019 KHS PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Megan Roche, Lynne Hamilton, Marcy Gurd, Julie Voudris, Laura Selent, Marcie Adante, Tom Gabram, Rebecca Lawes, Darlene Walker, Christine Riscili, Lynette Laehu

9:50 am Meeting Called to Order

Marcy motioned to approve November Minutes, Julie seconded. Minutes approved.

Principal's Report – Tom Gabram

Students liked the longer winter break.

Guidance counselors are busy with schedule changes.

Starting to look at scheduling for 2019-2020.

Bringing in 8th grade parents to talk about block scheduling. They will meet as one large group than break into smaller groups by guidance counselor. It will be the same night as open house, January 17th.

CCP annual info meeting is coming up on February 7th. Parent and child should attend the meeting.

PSAT data is back. Student and parents were sent an email to get results online. We will also provide a hard copy. During homeroom we will make sure students are linked to college board account as well as Khan Academy. Khan Academy is an intervention program and a good tool to help students with bringing up their test scores.

Winter sports are underway. The 2-day wrestling tournament had 40 schools participate. This was the 54th time that Kenston has ran the KIT, which is the 2nd longest in the state of Ohio. Positive experience for the wrestlers.

Geauga Growth Partnership is an opportunity for junior and seniors to lock in an internship in a certain career pathway. There is an application process. Information was sent out on the last constant contact. Students are able to network with local businesses. There will be a meeting January 16th with a presentation.

Report Cards will be out Friday. Parents will be able to access the digital report card through Infinite Campus. We will not be sending them out in the mail.

Treasurer's Report – Megan Roche

Albert is ill. We had a deposit of \$50, which was for memberships. We paid the insurance, paid \$300 for Janus and paid \$450 for Spirit Bus.

Bomber Hangar – Christine Riscili

Bomber Hangar is busy going into the holiday. A lot of confusion with the championship gear. Everyone thought the championship gear was coming from the Bomber Hangar even though it wasn't. We have been inundated with phone calls and people are still calling asking for their orders. Hoping for better communication next year.

Request for evening and weekend hours. We will try to do 2 evenings a month and 1 weekend.

We talked about how much the merchandise is being moved from place to place. We need to train people to come to our location at the Betty Patton Room in the middle school or at the football stadium.

Hoping sales will be up in January because we offered Bomber Bucks last year that are redeemable in January. Over 200 to be redeemed in January.

We still have a few Christmas orders that are outstanding.

We will see how sales go over the next 2 months to see if we do a Spring order.

Sales at Silver Bells was higher this year – we purchased more inventory.

Bomber Hangar funds two \$1000 scholarships.

A Championship Towel was raffled off during the meeting and the winner was Rebecca Lawes.

CareBlue – Megan Roche

Layrn is ill. Nothing to report.

Celebrate Blue – Laura Selent

December 15th we passed out ice cream sandwiches. The ice cream was purchased through Giant Eagle this time, which reduced the cost by 1/3.

E-Comm – Darlene Walker

Staff membership is up to 56 for \$660; family membership is up to 146 for \$1754. Total membership is \$2414.

Senior Breakfast

Nothing to report.

Staff Appreciation

Nothing to report.

Directory – Lynne Hamilton

Information for the directory was received 2 months later than normal from the board office. Census data being on-line caused issue with gathering of the info. Not everyone filled it out so the board office took the time to call over 200 families to make sure the info was accurate and/or to make sure they didn't want to be in the directory. We sent to the printer and received the proof back. The directory is at the printer's now, delayed because of the holiday. Should be printed and ready for pickup in the next week and a half.

We are not mailing the directories this year. They will be distributed to the youngest during their homeroom. E-blast will be sent when they go out. This will cut the mailing cost of \$400 and cut the cost of envelopes of approx.. \$100.

Invoice from the printer was \$4450, less than last year because the book is smaller-less people wanted to be in it. Ad money coming in is \$4300. The directory is only costing us \$150.

It was suggested by PTO Council that we put "Compliments of PTO" on the front cover so families know who is supplying the directory.

After Prom – Rebecca Lawes

After Prom Fashion Show. Working with Mr. C, Mr. Novak and Mr. Kennan on putting together a student driven video to show past fashion shows and the latest one. We would like to bring back some of the enthusiasm of past events. We are hoping to have an assembly with all juniors and seniors to pitch what we would like to see, for example, a friendly competition between the seniors and juniors. Talked about having the band and Sparklettes at the fashion show. The Sparklettes being chaperoned in by our senior males in tuxedos.

American commodore is committed to providing outfits for 20 girls and 20 boys. Dicks Sporting Goods is on board for sportswear for the juniors.

Juniors in the fashion show will have 2 days to pick out items out of a collection. A parent will be responsible for a group of juniors. That parent will go in, log in the merchandise tags and make sure its accounted for. That parent is than responsible for picking the items up, bringing them to the school, retrieving the items from the student and checking for any damage. The student will own the item if there is any damage/stain/odor etc. to the merchandise.

We will open up event to vendors in the community – if you are not donating to the show then they can set up a table to pass out coupons.

Past ticket sales were \$10,000. Hoping to make that. Past few years issues arose with vendors not wanting to participate because of damage to merchandise and the drama of the students not wanting to pay for it. Profits dropped and the fashion show turned into a dance show, which was not great.

Fashion Show is March 15th. Luke Jordian, senior, will do the music for the show.

There will be sign-ups for those that want to participate. In the past we used to have 75% participation. Last year the fashion show only made \$3000 or \$4000. Not sure of the ticket price.

Hospitality – Megan Roche for Jenny Zoretich

Working on baked goods for open house and the menu for conferences.

Beautification - Marcy Gurd

Decorated for Christmas. Janitorial staff took down the decoration over winter break which was a surprise. We will decorate for spring at the end of February or the beginning of March.

Bomber Bash – Megan Roche

Need to determine a formula for contribution to PTO. The understanding was that the Bomber Bash fully funded the PTO's budget, when in reality it never has fully funded the PTO. If we continue to do the BB as a fundraiser, we need to come up with a formula.

Proposal of distribution of Bomber Bash proceeds for this year: PTO would get \$5942; A Kid Again would get \$4000; and the classes would get \$1000. Marcie motion, Laura second, 6 in favor.

President's Report – Megan Roche

Kenston PTO Fundraisers were discussed to give perspective as to the amount of money raised, costs of the events, time commitment of volunteers and percentage of family participation. Allison and Lynne each spent over 100 volunteer hours planning the event. Student participation was about 17%. The kids on the lead crew all had very positive experiences and the kids who attended the event had fun.

We have to decide on the future of Bomber Bash. Bomber Bash is really an expensive fundraiser. We can change Bomber Bash to attract more kids by having mini events over 2 weeks. We have no chair for next year. If we cannot find a chair, we will have to think of a new fundraiser. Allison had expressed interest in running Bomber Bash as a club – it wouldn't fall under the constraints of PTO. One concern with that is how much does Bomber Bash need PTO. They couldn't have access to our email list, etc. Also, when we become a 5013C we can give to another 5013C but it has to have the same mission.

Since fundraisers across the district were down, Council would like us to focus on memberships, Heinen's and Giant Eagle and not relying on fundraiser as much.

We could do a Non-Fundraiser Fundraiser. Chagrin Schools did one this year and raised \$10,000.

I've been sending out tweets so parents know where and what the money is used for.

After Prom will become part of PTO when we vote on it, likely at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am