



MINUTES

Kamiak High School PTO

Date | time 11/9/2020 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Bari Dockens @ 7:02PM

In Attendance via Zoom

Sally Cunningham, Kim DeCamp, Bari Dockens, Carolyn Lord, Diane Shepard, Stephen Shurtleff, and Lisa Wilson

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of meeting on 10/12/2020 were submitted for review and approved.

Board

President: Bari Dockens,

Co - Vice Presidents: Jackie Wotipka, Sally Cunningham

Treasurer: Christine Johnson

Co-Secretary: Carolyn Lord, Diane Shepard

Principal: Stephen Shurtleff

Communications/Website: Kim DeCamp

Kaplan: Sally Cunningham

Staff Appreciation:

Spirit Wear: Lisa Wilson

Updates on Programs and Events

1. Link to webinar will be added to the PTO Business Page for those who want to see it.
 2. Staff appreciation can start tomorrow and we can choose how long to do it for. (Papa Murphy's) \$198 donated in addition to the pizza vouchers that have been purchased. Will be a push November 12 - 18.
 3. Spirit Wear and mask sales are stagnant at this time.
 4. Spirit Wear – K was too big; asked if the position could be changed.
 5. Membership now at 30 people.
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Principal's Report

Mr. Shurtleff commented that the emotional state of the staff seems to be evening out, so more normalized.

Report cards will be mailed out on December 19th.

Veteran's Day is usually an assembly, but this year a series of things each class can do all week long. This is an experiment, so not sure how it will shake out.

Zero Trap – Zero = 0 to 59. If turned in as "kind of done" = 60 points. Trying to educate kids that if they turn something in it is better than a zero.

Bill called House Bill 1660 passed the legislature that schools can't fundraise from kids with free or reduced lunch. No financial barriers to extracurriculars or activities. ASB card would be free for kids with free and reduced lunch. Currently approximately 18-20% of the student population is in this demographic.

Community members over age 65 can apply for a Gold Card and they will have free access to any school activity (games, etc.)

In a normal school year, class rank is calculated at the end of the first semester of senior year. This year, the weighted classes are happening by lottery, so those with the weighted classes in the 2nd semester may be at a disadvantage to those who may have weighted classes in the 1st semester. Therefore, they are considering not calculating this ranking until the end of the 2nd semester to be more equitable.

Fields – Kamiak fields are closed. Kids have been jumping fences and playing on the fields. If MSD staff condones this behavior, the district is open to liability.

There are many students currently with NC grades who are in need of credit recovery classes. There are some who had not received credit last spring whose NC grade(s) need to be changed (to be a 'real' grade rather than the "Covid-INC".) There are approximately 65 kids who are credit deficient pre-Covid. What is very concerning is that there are currently 89 seniors who have NC for the first semester of this school year. There are 80 Plato / Credit Recovery seats available, but there is funding for additional support to provide more seats if necessary.

Some ideas to get parents more involved / aware: Having the staff and PTO blitz social media with questions for community friends like: "Have you signed up for Schoology?" "Have you signed up for Peach Jar?", etc.

Treasurer's Report

1. October Financials approved and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Next Meeting

12/14/2020 at 7:00 via Zoom. General Meeting.