



**Kirkland Middle School  
PTSA General Membership Meeting  
November 10, 2020  
7:00 PM, Virtual on GOTO Meeting  
Minutes**

In Attendance: Niki Cassaro, Alpa Parikh, Maya Chen, Meghan Wright, Jonmichael Monteith, Tina Mehrotra, Liz Haggerty, Joelle Harrison, Sarah Rock, Yvonne Holecek, Autumn Witt, Karee Oliver, Peter Madison, Michelle Janson, Christine Woskett, Milton, Tina Mehrotra

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Yvonne Holecek

The minutes from the 10/13/2020 meeting were shared and approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report -Peter Madison**

\*Few expenses so far - most have been teacher grant requests.

**KiMS Report-Niki Cassaro**

\*Veteran's Day program was today. Mr. Roth interviewed Veterans on staff and kids in the community. He organized letter-writing to Veteran's.

\*Last week's assembly awarded the first students rewarded with Panther Way. 3 winners from each grade level won Panther Swag Bags. Thank you to PTSA for helping to fund.

\*Reorganizing asynchronous learning to make it more efficient for teachers and students.

\*Kicking off a month of gratitude. Students can write notes to teachers and other students.

**New Business**

Vote: Approval of Revised Standing Rules

Yvonne Holecek

#8 Moved by Sarah Rock Seconded by Maya Chen

**Vote: Approved**

#10 Moved by Joelle Harrison Seconded by Alpa Parikh

**Vote: Approved**

#11-15 Moved by Meghan Wright Seconded by Johnmichael Monteith

**Vote: Approved**

#16 Moved by Maya Chen Seconded by Joelle Harrison

**Vote: Approved**

#17 Moved by Alpa Parikh Seconded by Maya Chen

**Vote: Approved**

#18 Moved by Joelle Harrison Seconded by Autumn Witt

**Vote: Approved**

#22 Moved by Maya Chen Seconded by Sarah Rock

**Vote: Approved**

#23 Moved by Maya Chen Seconded by Joelle Harrison

**Vote: Approved**

#25 Moved by Maya Chen Seconded by Joel Ryan

**Vote: Approved**

#26 remove duplicate rule Moved by Sarah Rock Second by Maya Chen

**Vote: Approved**

#28 Moved by Sarah Rock Seconded by Joelle Harrison

Vote: Approved

#29 Moved by Maya Chen Seconded by Joelle Harrison

Vote: Approved

## Committee Reports:

### Membership-Alpa Parikh

Target to achieve Bronze Level = 330

Membership at end of October is 171 (169 parents, 2 staff)

Membership campaign underway - each month we will give away a purple blanket with a KiMS logo to a randomly selected members.

November drawing winners are: Ganesh, Juli Suyetsugu, Fangmeng Li

### Outreach-Maya Chen

\*Stay for our Parent Education “Navigating Screen Time in the Age of Distant Learning” with YES counselor Michelle Brode.

\*Last month We joined forces with Peter Kirk Elementary to bring to our community the documentary “Upstanders” about resilience and the power of connection to end bullying. Almost 400 families registered and watched it.

\*As part of Staff Appreciation we continue to “stock the fridge” for our staff. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and products.

### Programs-Karee Oliver

\*Reflections entries are being judged for the next stage.

\*Panther Playhouse - online production modernizing Alice in Wonderland in a “Teams” environment. Participation forms are due Nov. 20.

Details at <https://www.pantherplayhouse.org/>

### Ways & Means-Meghan Wright

Our Big Give goal this year is to raise \$15,000. We are asking for a donation of \$50 per student, where possible, to help us reach our goal.

Do you shop on Amazon? Start your shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1185507> and support KiMS PTSA.

### Advocacy-Autumn Witt & Joel Ryan

Autumn - Report from Legislative Assembly - WSPTA Top 5 Legislative Properties are:

1. Increase Access to Nursing, Mental Health, and Social Emotional Learning Staff
2. Support Students and Preserve Education Funding
3. Increasing Educational Equity by Closing the Digital Divide
4. Supports and Funding for Students with Disabilities and their Families
5. Prevent and Reduce Gun Violence and Suicide

Joel - It would be helpful to collect student narratives on the issues that matter most for next year. For example -students having trouble with digital learning, resources, etc.

## Announcements

- The **Eastside Native American Education Program (ENAEP)** is hosting virtual events to celebrate Native American Heritage Month on Mondays in November. Admission is free. Contact Mary Wilber at [mwilber@lwsd.org](mailto:mwilber@lwsd.org) or 425-936-1402
- **Balance in Mind Parent Chats** on Wednesday. Next talk is November 18. Register here <http://tinyurl.com/BIMFallSession>
- **Council Special Education Group Meeting** is Tuesday, November 17 at 7PM. Get link <http://www.lwptsa.net/event/special-education-group-meeting-3/>
- **Council Scholarship Auction** opens tonight. Proceeds benefit scholarships for LWSd seniors and continuing education for LWSd staff. <https://www.biddingowl.com/LakeWashingtonPTSACouncil>
- Liz Haggerty - Virtual Book Fair coming soon - Follett and Third Place are being considered. Looking for a parent volunteer to organize & run virtually.
- Pages and Pancakes interest meeting on Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57.

The Slide Deck from tonight's meeting can be accessed [here](#).

Respectfully submitted,

Joelle Harrison