



**Kirkland Middle School
PTSA General Meeting
January 12, 2021, 7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Minutes

In Attendance: Sarah Rock, Meghan Wright, Peter Madison, Sheryl Vincent, Wendy Maeda, Yvonne Holecek, Niki Cassaro, Karee Oliver, Maya Chen, Joel Ryan, Michelle Janson, Milton Wang

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

The minutes from the [November 10, 2020 GM Meeting](#) were approved as written.

President's Report: Yvonne Holecek

8th grade graduation/celebration is going to happen this year. A committee of 8th grade parents has formed to start planning. We are currently unsure of what format it will be in (virtual or in person) and we may not know for sure until closer to the date we choose. 8th Grade baby photos for the yearbook are due by Jan 31st. Ask Yvonne for the link if needed. It was in the Panthergram previously, and will be reposted soon.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Madison

December is a slow month. We haven't seen much activity. We want to get teacher grant funds out for teachers to use. Teachers need to ask, we really want to fund them. Niki offers to reach out to those who haven't used grant money.

KiMS Report: Niki Cassaro

- *Please submit photos for the yearbook, including baby photos for 8th graders.
- *Six clubs are meeting all at different times so that students can join multiple.
- *Registration - 8th grade registration for high school is happening now and ends Jan 27th. Next few weeks will enroll 6th and 7th graders for next year too.
- *New classes for 6th graders next year. 6th graders will either take music or the Panther Academy, which is 4 quarter long classes. Also adding Intro to Spanish. This year we are piloting 7th grade Spanish 1, which means next year we will have spanish 2 for 8th graders.
- *SIP goals this year include increasing our scores on tests in literacy, math and emotional wellness. Website will have SIP goals posted in more detail.
- *Return to school will happen in March, no info yet on what it will look like. Dr Holmen will update next week.
- *Joel asks about financial needs for KiMS with regards to advocacy. Short conversation about using extra budget money for activities bus, mental health support and safety net seats.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Sarah Rock

Programs: Karee Oliver

*Reflections had 3 students advance to state competition. There was a post in the Panthergram with more detail.

*PantherPlayhouse is rehearsing and will tape the play in Feb and then find a way to show it.

*We need an Eprep chair to volunteer, especially with return to school coming up in March. The next district E prep meeting is Feb 2. Anyone interested should contact Karee.

Ways & Means: Meghan Wright

No report

Outreach: Maya Chen

*Staff appreciation committee is keeping the staff lounge stocked. Contact appreciation@kirklandptsa.org if interested in donating items.

*A Parent Ed class is in the works for early February or after mid winter break. Stay tuned for upcoming details.

Membership: Alpa Parikh

*177 PTSA members, 31 staff = 208 total members.

*The next drawing for a blanket will be after Jan 31.

Advocacy: Autumn Witt & Joel Ryan

Next week is State PTA advocacy week. The state Legislative session is up and running with security. Some protest at the state level. Talking about education funding, child care, connectivity.

New Business:

Nominating Committee

We need to find a third person to add to Deb Subotnik and Marla Groves for our nominating committee. No volunteers from the members in attendance, therefore we will table the nom com election for a future date when we find a third committee member.

LWPTSA Self-Care Series- LWPTSA council is starting a monthly self care series on the 3rd friday of the month at 5 pm. The first topic is "The 22 second hug."

Adjourn at 7:33

Respectfully submitted by Meghan Wright (filling in for Joelle Harrison)