

Kirkland Junior High PTSA 2011-2012 General Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2011 KJH Commons

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. The sign-in sheet is attached.

Guest Speakers: The KJH Science Department prepared an interactive presentation titled “*Inquiry Based Learning and the Use of Technology in the Science Classroom.*” Susan Crauer presented a sample 7th grade lab using a Force Sensor to gather sliding friction data on different surfaces. Kathy Colombo’s 8th grade lab used Temperature Probes to gather the temperature of a water bath and stearic acid to determine changes in matter. Ryan Palmer and Mike Cummings used a Motion Sensor and Netbook in their 9th grade lab to demonstrate how a student’s movements can be represented in a Distance-Time graph.

Approval of Minutes: The October 4, 2011, meeting minutes were approved by all with no changes.

Principal’s Report: Debbie McCarson spoke of Panther Pride events happening during 2nd period including the Gobble-Off in November and Reindeer Games in December. Candy Grams were sold in October to raise funds for Giving Panther.

--She stated LWHS registration for 8th & 9th graders is January 20, 2012. The 5th grade parent meeting will occur 1/24/12 and the 6th grade meeting is 1/31/12.

--The MSP will take place in May. Math and Reading testing will be done online, possibly on the netbooks. EOC testing for Math will also occur at the end of the school year.

--Regarding reconfiguration of the schools, teachers are currently indicating their preferences for staying at their current school or moving up to KJH or LWHS. Staffing needs at each of the schools can then be determined. There are currently 12 AG Bell students who will come to KJH, with other variances as open spots are determined. Mark Twain students may choose to attend either KJH or Rose Hill JH.

Presidents’ Report: Sarah reported that there are still open Committee Chair positions, including 1 Board position. An updated PTSA Calendar was provided as well as an updated Teacher Wish List. It was noted that size AA and AAA batteries are also in need. See attached for the full President’s Report.

Council Report: Liz Hedreen briefed attendees on the last Council Meeting which focused on the Helping Students in Need program and how the Assistance League of the Eastside and the LW Education Association are aiding students in our district. Her full report is attached. Debbie McCarson added that KJH has 100 students who qualify for the Operation School Bell program, with only 40 open slots to fill. Julie stated that the Basket Raffle will occur at Thursday’s Council meeting. Go to www.LWPTSA.net to see photos of the baskets.

Treasurer’s Report: See attached Report and Monthly Financial Report.

Committee Reports: Full reports attached.

Communications: Heather added that the committee would be interested in feedback from PantherGram readers regarding preferred subjects/types of articles they would like included in the newsletter.

Programs: (no additional reports.)

Ways and Means: Lisa noted the Passive Fundraising position is still open.

Membership: Lina added that another PTSA membership drive will occur in January.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Nominating Committee: Sarah reported Karen Tollefson as a candidate for the Nominating Committee and opened the floor to additional nominees. Liz Hedreen and Heather Gertmenian volunteered as candidates as well. Sarah Stone made a motion to propose the candidates for election. Bonnie Curran seconded the motion. The motion passed by verbal vote with no opposition.

Adjourn: The General Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.