

Kilmer Middle School PTA General Meeting  
October 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm

**Attendees:** Amy Miller, Principal, PTA Board- Michelle Boback, Jean Lee, Jennifer Bishop, Poorani Jeyasekar, Parents and Teachers

**Call to Order:** Michelle Boback called the meeting to order at 7.03 pm and quorum was established

- First order of business- September meeting minutes were approved by Mark Boback and seconded by Dave Bishop

**Principal Report**

- Teachers appreciated the appreciation gift
- Doing student check-ins on Wednesdays and Fridays
  - Great to connect with the students and their insights are helpful
  - Met with 15 students so far
  - Students are saying virtual school is going well
  - Students appreciate the teachers very much
- Encouraging students to turn their camera on
  - Working to get the students to get their cameras turned on
- To encourage camera use among students PTA is interested in sponsoring a gift card. Principal Miller will check with the counselors and get back
- Blackboard rotates cameras when students speak up but it requires all students to have their cameras on
  - It will be similar to Zoom or Google Meet
- Ms.David shared ideas to have chat room or breakout rooms to encourage students to turn their cameras on and share a topic on interests
- Schoology information session may be conducted in November for parents
  - [News you choose letter](#)
  - Schoology grades are not accurate. Please view SIS Parentvue or SIS Studentvue for accurate grades
- Early Release on Nov.11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's day
- Return to school plans by the county are in progress

**Reports of officers, board and standing committees**

a. Treasurer's report

- Budget has been updated on the website
- We are under budget this year.
- We have raised only \$600 and membership is down too
- Expenses are teacher appreciation gifts and other yearly expenses that is within budget
- Budget was approved by Poorani Jeyasekar and seconded by Joanna Baltes. Andrew Shatokin, Sharon Huang, Jenn Bishop confirmed the budget

- b. Membership Update
  - 2019- 218 Members and 2020- 114 Members
  - Have more members than last PTA Meeting
  - We are down \$8200 and will make it work
  - 7 teachers have joined via paypal and google form
- c. Fundraising Update
  - Irene Kariampuzha suggested share how the PTA money is used in a newsletter to increase awareness and asking for PTA membership contribution
  - Shared an idea about using Spirit wear to raise funds
  - Membership directory work is in progress
  - Chik-Fil-A fundraising is coming up in November
  - Crosstown hoops virtual competition is coming up on Nov.1<sup>st</sup> as a way to encourage students to be active. Ms. Miller will keep the winning cup at school
  - Please share ideas that
- d. Teacher Appreciation Update
  - Jo Neuber – Successful drive through with a mug that had candies and message – “ We are virtually lost without you”
  - 130+ teacher appreciation mugs were distributed
  - Two more planned for this year
  - Thank you Jo and team for the great effort

***Thank you all for your time and we are committed to make it a successful year despite the current circumstances. Meeting adjourned at 7. 35 pm.***

  **Michelle Boback** 05/25/2021  
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