

## **K.D. Markley PTO General Meeting Minutes**

October 7, 2019

(to be approved)

The meeting was called to order by Co-President, Andrea Lanning-Guenster at 7:05pm

### **PTO Announcements – Andrea Lanning-Guenster & Becky Tengwall (Presidents)**

- 2019-2020: Building our KDM Community!
  - Focus on our community and together all that we can do for KDM – ex: Dine and Donate on 10/8 at Tonino’s
  - PTO contributes to our KDM community in so many ways: assemblies, author visits, classroom & library supplies, field day, transportation for field trips, 5<sup>th</sup> grade end of year activities, community building events (Spring Fair, Back to School Social, Heritage Night, Family Bingo, etc.)

#### Board Member Introductions

- **Co-Presidents:** Andrea Lanning-Guenster & Becky Tengwall
- **Vice Presidents:** Abbey Stitzer, Kerri Marr, Nicole Brook, Tara Pellini
- **Co-Treasurers:** Lauren Naylor & Melissa Culbertson
- **Secretary:** Becky Bogle
- Approval of May Meeting Minute and Highlights
  - Teacher Appreciation week was a success. Dixie Picnic for all teachers
  - Election to vote for PTO Board
  - Spring Fair and Bag Bingo decided on for this year as largest fundraisers
  - Mrs. Morris’ update
    - Addition of full day Kindergarten and impact
    - Choir program added
    - Sensory room added
    - Enrollment preview
    - Ipads for 4<sup>th</sup> graders for in-school use
- YTD Notes:
  - BTS Social & Book Fair Recap
    - Great success – over 250 students in attendance
    - Highest grossing one day book fair
  - Parent Coordinators in Place in each classroom – Find us on Facebook: “KDM Parent Coordinators” is a private group

- Communication – focus this year on getting parent info in Directory System (Membership Toolkit). Trying to do away with separate email lists for Parent Coordinators next year.
  - Please download the Membership Toolkit app
- Directory status – Distribution late this week or next. Online access is already granted.
- Upcoming events that need communication to classrooms:
  - Dine and Donate at Tonino's on 10/8 from 10am-9:30pm
    - 20% of your purchase will be donated to KDM
    - Dine in or takeout
    - Mention KDM when ordering
  - Teacher Appreciation Dinner Donations (Sign Up will be published & shared)
    - Dinner will be on Monday, 11/4 during conferences
    - Looking for monetary and gift card donations & desserts
  - Spirit Wear –
    - Online program through The Sports Hut
    - Flyers will come home week of 10/14
    - Free Shipping Window: 10/18-11/4 (Ordering information will be made available)
    - The online store is open all year
  - Just Write a Check Campaign –
    - Launches in late January/early February
    - “Show Your Love for KDM”
    - Incentives for participating (top donor classes, top donor overall)
- Volunteer/Fundraising Needs:
  - Spring Fair will begin planning in the next few weeks - Committee Members below:
    - Food – Deana Simcox
    - **Entertainment - Open**
    - Silent Auction – Linda Harris
    - Class Raffle Baskets – Divya Tripathi & Kelly Hennigan
    - Ticketing – Kerri Marr
    - Cake Walk – Nicole Brook
  - Bag Bingo – Kickoff meeting to take place this month. We need a chair for next event in 2022
  - School Kidz School Kits – Done from home in the Spring
  - Trivia Night – 2021. Does anyone have any experience with this?

## **Financial Review – Melissa Culbertson & Lauren Naylor (Treasurers)**

- Budget Overview – Income & Expenses
  - Spring Fair is almost 40% of projected income, which is why there is so much communication around this event
  - Bag Bingo is the second largest fundraiser
  - Write a Check is new this year. February time frame.
  - Expenses:
    - Field Trip Transportation #1. Will continue to fund 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Gettysburg and 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to DC
    - Student Wellness/Gifts – Sound system upgrade for the gym as well as one screen with protector. Looking into Black Top recess games as well
    - Classroom & Library Gifts – Money given directly to teachers for supplies for their classrooms as well as finances for library materials (books, furniture etc)
- Passive Fundraising
  - Giant A+ Rewards - go online to register your bonus card and select K.D. Markley Elementary School
  - Box Tops - Download the App. Use your phone to scan your receipts...no more clipping. Continue to send in clipped box tops with students.
  - Amazon Smile

## **Principal's Report – Vicki Morris**

- Total enrollment = 580 students
- Five sections in K, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Four sections in 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
- Demographic Information - what a wonderfully diverse student body
  - 39% Asian
  - 1% African American
  - 15% Hispanic
  - 3% Multi
  - 1% Native American
  - 41% Caucasian
- KDM is a Title 1 Building
  - KDM receives federal funding to assist in meeting state achievement standards
  - 19.56% of our students qualify for free/reduced price lunch
  - Largest Title 1 school in GVSD

- Title 1 funds supplement existing curriculum (ex. Reading Specialist's salaries)
- Title 1 is not special education
- There will be an invitation sent to parents for a Title 1 Night info session in November
- Review of PSSA scores by grade
- Focus on Kindness – Olweus Lessons
  - Overall school theme – Everyone Belongs
  - Teacher representatives from each grade
  - Weekly read alouds – Olweus Lessons
  - Guidance groups and in-classroom lessons
  - Assemblies – Box out Bullying
  - Murals
  - Revised KDM keys
  - Home support
- Best Buddies International
  - Promotes friendship, acceptance and interactions between students with or without disabilities
  - Raises awareness within the school and community
  - Group 1:1 opportunities
  - 1x month (30 min) – for grades 3, 4 and 5
  - Fieldtrip opportunities
  - Work with GVMS and GVHS chapters
  - Visit [www.bestbuddiesonline.org](http://www.bestbuddiesonline.org)
- Conferences
  - November 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> – 1pm – 8:30pm
  - Skyward access for registration opens on 10/18 and closes on Thursday 10/31
  - Translator services will be available
- Communication Tools
  - PTO Newsletter
  - School messenger
  - The Markley
  - Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/PTO.KDM/>
  - KDM website
- Science Fair – date TBD
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee & Rotary Spelling Bee – for 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders – information to be sent out in Jan/Feb
- PKCs - Parent Key Communicators to attend meeting in January

## Looking Ahead

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Dine and Donate @ Tonino's Pizza & Pasta Co.

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – No School

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - Feasibility Study Presentation @ GVHS @ 6:30pm.

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – GVHS Homecoming Parade & Game! Starts at 6:30pm.

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Parade 2:00 PM (Send in visitor list to Ms. Willson at [bwillson@gvgsd.org](mailto:bwillson@gvgsd.org))

Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School (Teacher Appreciation Dinner Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>)

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - Turkey Trot 2:00 pm (Grades 3-5)

**Next PTO General Meeting is January 27, 2020 @ 7pm.**