

Kilbourne Middle School
Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

MINUTES ~ September 11, 2019

PRESENT: Dennis Bryant, Lesley Cross, Brennan O'Neill, Aimee Wellejus, Kyle Tackett, Greg Garris, Megan Calamari, Diane Smullen, Denise Barnes, Tom Stous, Lucette Wright. Guest speakers: Ceilia Thornton (City of Worthington) and Emma Lindholm (Worthington resident), Kelly Campbell and Jen Button.

Welcome & Introductions – Dennis Bryant

Dennis Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

This year we are meeting every other month instead of monthly to hopefully keep attendance up and help with schedules. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

PRESENTATION – Safety Presentation by the City of Worthington Members of the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Board. Their mission is to connect the community by advocating for enhanced mobility for all citizens and visitors on bike and foot, through sustainable infrastructure and programs leading to improved health, safety, welfare and a positive economic impact.

The next event they're working to take on is looking at how kids are walking and biking to school safety, especially in consideration with the changes in possible proposed feeder patterns for schools.

Safe Routes to School is a national program helping to make commutes to school safe, fun and convenient for students to walk and bike to school. Worthington has a higher percentage than the national average of 15% walker/bikers. (i.e. KMS 54%, Evening 43%, Worthingway 20%, Colonial Hills 65%). Safe Routes encourages the 6 E's: Encouragement, Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Evaluation, Equity. To have successful safe routes to school parnes, kids, school staff, PTAs, gov't, city and non-profits need to partner together to make this happen.

The speakers are available to partner with the schools and hope to partner with the schools further to promote walking/biking and the safe traveling for students. Once feeder patterns are solidified, they can work with the schools more and determine what needs to happen for safety (i.e. bringing additional police/safety guards to crossing areas.)

President Report – Dennis Bryant

- There are still openings for Dance Chaperone chair and open house chair. If interested, let one of the board know.

- We are considering what the restructuring of the middle schools. Two meetings are going to be held to share about upcoming changes. The 9/17/19 @ Worthingway at 7 p.m. and 10/15/19 @ Phoenix/Perry Middle at 7 p.m. will be more structure about what the changes will be in the middle schools.
- Denise Barnes discussed the lack of baseball field care and encouragement for the fields to be maintained. Lucette Wright mentioned that the WYB is concerned re: gym space at Phoenix if it's made smaller, volleyball won't be able to use it. A discussion is
 - Dennis encourages attending the school board to discuss facilities, playgrounds, sports fields, etc. It'll be at the WEC. Date pending.
- Meet the candidate is 10/7/19 at WEC 7:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m. For the Worthington School Board of Education. Charlie Wilson, Amy Lloyd, Kelly Needleman are running for 2 openings.
- Fall Band party for 7th and 8th grade: Scheduled for 9/28/19 at Lynd's Fruit Farm. Info was sent home with the band students.

Secretary's Report – Lesley Cross

- Meeting minutes will be shared on the Facebook page in the files section and hopefully on the KMS website each meeting.

Treasurer Report – Diane Smullen

- We make a decent amount of money from Kroger with their shopper card program. We need to renew this every year for each shopper. Greg Garriss will promote this on the weekly newsletter.
- Diane shared that the birthday lockers continue to grow and are helping to recognize kids and also a good fundraiser for the PTSA.
- We did not exhaust the teacher mini grant budget line last year and Dennis has encouraged people to again submit. Jen Reis will be sending out information for this in the fall and spring.

Co-Vice President Report- Julie Campbell & Denise Yohe

- Neither Julie or Denise was able to attend. The auction is being worked on. This has been a big fundraiser in the past and we look forward to it happening again this year.

PTA Council Rep – PTAC is the monthly district wide PTA council with a member from each school attending. We need a

Committee Reports:

- Lucette Wright presented about having positive messages put up in the bathroom. Worthingway is currently doing a painting project for this. In researching this and ensuring sustainability as well as the limit for students rearranging the words, keeping them on the walls, etc. she found that there are vinyl sheets to go onto the restroom stall doors and above urinals. The sheets are removable but take some work to remove them (aka stay on well through the year yet don't cause difficulty in keeping on, keeping up with paint, etc.). They're \$23/each. There are 14 doors /stalls in the school for students. \$342 would be the cost including shipping for the school to do all the doors. Lucette passed around the message examples and options. Discussion happened on the way to do this. How to keep the message up. Do we have students do this? Art project? Contest? Facilities approval? Etc. Greg Garriss suggested starting with the ready made signs now and then encourage the kids to grow their own message as we get the process of how we can have their messages used. Kyle Tackett shared about the 8th grade thumb print art from last year. We could do something similar.
 - Kelly Campbell motioned to buy 7 signs now, Denise Barnes seconded to order 7 messages. Motion passed. The decision will be for the students to vote this week via the google classrooms on what messages they like. Top 7 messages will be ordered.
- Denise Barnes – membership – spoke about how can we help more people want to join PTAC? Discussion on contests, pizza party, etc. How to help share what we do and what our goal is and what the funds do.

Principal Report – Greg Garriss

- On a personal level, this has been wonderful. Greg Garriss has felt very welcomed and positive about the start of the year. Thank you! The first day of school everyone received a t-shirt to build community. Thanks to the PTSA for helping fund those so everyone received a shirt.
- We have a handful of new staff members in the building. Going well and within the community. We have a new ½ time counselor. And new office staff positions and new faces/roles.
- Enrollment is up across district but not in KMS. We have a very small 8th grade class – just a slight lull this year for that size.
- Construction is coming to the middle schools. Greg showed the new proposed plans for KMS. The master schedule was discussed for middle schoolers including the programming and flow of the school day. 6-8 middle school is the new project. Discussion on related arts, music, blocks, etc. Still working on this.
 - Work will happen to the building as well as to Hartford park. Parking will be increased with exits onto Stafford too. Baseball will be relocated (still within the park). Main entrance would change location (front façade would remain the same), have a reception and safety entrance, add 2 classrooms on first floor, new hallway added upstairs and add 3 classrooms there. Proposed drawings/elevations shown. KMS should have very limited disruptions to the school. We're lucky in that as other schools will have more impacted but during our school day we will have limited impact to the students.

- Monday meetings – ½ of assist each Monday is dedicated to emotional and mental health including developing community, class discussion, build relationships, emotional growth.
- We are not selling Mumkins this year. Many are fundraiser-ed out. Many other schools and teams sold them. The message was most did not want to sell another item again so we're taking a year off, especially since we now have chrome books for each student. That was the main purpose of mum sales last year so we're taking a year off.
- There are now cameras outside of the student restrooms. As a matter of safety and deterrent. Some students misused feminine products in the restrooms. Cameras were able to help ID who abused the provided products. Has been helpful.
- Taylor Tuesdays (aka Taylor Swift music in the hallways during class switching)

Staff Representatives:

- Kyle Tackett spoke about different dates for the 8th grade field trip. Have 2 different dates this year- with 3 weeks apart to help ensure the river is safe. Has been a great year start so far. The first day assembly went really well. Good spirit thus far.
- Tom Stous spoke about his son Eagle project last year with a STEM fair. Looking to do a second event for it. Hope to have it return this year. Discussion on when /how to do this again. Looking at a late Nov. Sunday afternoon event for elementary and middle school students to come learn about STEM projects and have fun with it.
- KMS now has a robotics team. Rookie team. Volunteers needed, encouragement, support, marketing, mentors, fundraisers needed. For 7/8th graders. Focused on developing youth into good leaders via robots. 2 competitions in spring. 8-bit bandits is the name. Trying to grow the robotics program in Worthington. Contact Tom if interested.
- Brennan O'Neill spoke –
 - All grade levels did a 9/11 lesson today. Tried to make it a personal experience and revisit what happened. Students were respectful with good questions and insight.
 - On 11/11 – Veteran's Day activities planned for that morning. Communication help is needed- VETERANS NEEDED TO COME IN. Breakfast items needed for that morning too.
 - Thanks for the diversity & juice league support this year for attending the diversity club agenda in Cleveland in March. More details to come on this.
 - 8th grade trip to Washington DC meeting will be in October. Date TBD. Keep eyes open for this.
 - 10/23/19 @ WEC at the 7 p.m. is the international travel night for information about the district travel opportunities.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.