**Minutes**

**PTSA 11/7/2018**

**In Attendance --** Dennis Bryant, Marsha Gartner, Aimee Wellegies, Angel Hedberg, Jennie Dedman, Jen Reis, Lesley, Mara Sydnor

**Meeting Called To Order --** 7:05 p.m. by Lesley Cross

**Guest Speaker --** Trisha Wolfe, Bridges Counseling

Speaker addressed ways to teach mindfulness to kids and adolescents. Techniques used: highlighting breathing, mindful walking, mindful eating, mindful seeing and practicing gratitude.

**President’s Report given by Lesley Cross**

30 birthday locker packages have been purchased -- exceeded money from 2 concession stands.

**Reflections** -- 6 KMS students entered and will go on to the district-wide level and judging will be made in November and December; state judging will be decided in January and February.

**Co-Vice Presidents** -- Dennis Bryant and Amy Wellejus

Auction going very well with 4 more days to go.  106 items/packages up for auction. One of the items is for a student and three friends to have lunch with Jim Gaskill.  $3,800 in bids as of today; 4,500 is the goal. Should reach $4,000. Doesn’t include monetary donations through paypal. Suggestion to send general email to parents letting them know there are only 4 more days to go.  Will go out on Thursday the 8th. Today only mentioned in facebook and newsletter. Julie will send out a blurb.

**PTO** -- Reflections short on reps for the year and the schools.  Need someone to replace current president. Donations given to students who attended KMS and then went on to Thomas High School.  They have the opportunity to win three, $500 scholarships. Money comes from across the district.

**Principal’s Report -- Jim Gaskill**

Issues 9 and 10 passed. Met with architects and construction workers.  Nowhere to go but adding a third floor. Need to accommodate more students. KMS will be renovated and space will be added.  Recommendations will be shared with the board. Worthingway will be rebuilt.

Went to sixth grade camp -- students doing team building exercises, building geo domes for shelters, enjoying zip lining. Will be changing camps next year to Heartland.

Food drive will conclude Friday. Less cans than expected. Nine, seventh grade leaders will go with Jim to see what happens behind the scene after the food is delivered.  Will document what happens and will be presented at holiday concert to show students how their contributions will benefit the pantry.

Toys for Tots initiative will begin in partnership with the Worthington Fire Department, led by 8th graders.  Similar process as food drive, where kids get to wrap presents and deliver to fire department. Students may be able to deliver to families. Initiative will begin next week.  Other community service projects: 7th graders will be involved with food drive, 6th graders will work with local churches to make sandwiches for those in need. 6th week community service replaces Cardinal Day.

Threatening message at Thomas High School then had copycat messages at Phoenix and Worthingway.  Take it very seriously at KMS even if it didn’t happen here. No broadcast message but discussions with teachers on how to talk to their students about these situations.  On high alert with Increased presence; checked bathrooms and asked custodians to pay attention to what they see. Communications will be sent to parents if anything like that happens at KMS.

Veterans day afternoon assembly on Monday.  After assembly students will be able to pick activities they’d like to do for an hour.  Will interact with veterans.

Dec 2 and 3rd will be suicide prevention days.

Jen Reis -- Seven administrators and teachers requested mini grants for $1,685 for which we can accommodate.  Requests were: bow and arrow archery equipment for gym teachers; Quizlet subscription for Spanish teacher; science teachers asked for document cameras; office staff asked for $300 to update staff lounge; bird seed T.V requested by science teachers; Mr. Miller asked to replace and add books. Teachers will spend money and send in check request.  We are tax free, so teachers need tax i.d.

Box tops -- $102

Meeting adjourned at 7:55