

Kent Area PTSA Council 9.7
General Membership Meeting
August 24, 2015
KSD Admin Center, Board Room
12033 SE 256th St, Kent WA

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by President Juliet Perry. Proper notice was given, quorum was present.

Minutes from the May 2015 General Membership Meeting were approved as submitted.

Financial Report – Angela Clarno - Report attached. Recent activity included 6 scholarships and recent bills. Current balance: \$26,014.86. Books are present. Budget report sent previous to meeting **Financial Review** completed and on hand, no recommendations.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Watts introduced and spoke of steps taken to establish partnerships and reaching out to community – students, parents, teachers and district; look, listen and learn during his first 100 days. Looking to establish and foster 2 way communications. He asked for patience with school starting in regards to schedules, busses and safety.

School Board Report – Karen DeBruler presented, school board working on a book study "What School Boards Can Do". School Board is still working on budget to be approved Wednesday night at the upcoming Board Meeting. Activity added this year; boys and girls middle school soccer. Spoke on AVID – Achievement via Individual Determination and expanding the dual language program as well as 1:1 – matching student to technology.

Kent Chamber of Commerce – Andrea Keikkala presented on what membership would look like for KAC PTSA. Reviewed current programs offered in the way of education and potential benefits for joining.

President's Report – Juliet Perry

- Region 9 Fall Conference registration link sent out for Saturday, September 12th at Auburn High School. Registration limited to 200 spots and will include classes in the morning and PTA & the Law in the afternoon.
- Standards of Affiliation to be mailed to Presidents through snail mail. Completion necessary to keep Charter active and due by the end of October. Documentation of items to be kept by local PTA's in case of audit.
- Website kacpta.org has a spot for local PTA activities; form can be filled out to have ideas posted.
- Resources available - Washington State PTA has the Leadership Resources online, National PTA has programs information and e-learning and KAC PTSA has Facebook pages for council, Cinderella Project and Clothing Bank.

Other Business

- Nomination of Valerie Hough for Kentlake Strand VP. Opened nominations to the floor, no further nominations, approved by unanimous vote.
- Amendment presented to approve 2015-16 Budget – addition of line item for \$249.00 for membership to Kent Chamber of Commerce.
 - o Brooke Valentine moved that we approve addition of line item (Motion Form #1)
 - o Heidi DuPuis Seconded. **Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.**
- Revision of Standing Rules presented in regards to revision of #26 dollar amounts of scholarships awarded and addition of #33 Standards of Affiliation.

- o Jan moved that we approve the Standing Rules as revised (Motion Form #2)
- o Heidi DuPuis Seconded. **Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.**

Committee Reports

Advocacy & Legislative – Brooke Valentine – Advocate for your children – attend Back to School nights and prepare children for back to school, bedtimes, breakfast etc. October 24th is Legislative Assembly. WA State PTA Board has taken the position to not support initiative 1366.

Cinderella Project – Juliet Perry – Dates set for Homecoming – Kentwood is 9/21 & 9/22, Kentridge is 9/28 & 9/29, Kentlake is 10/5 & 10/6, Kent Meridian is 10/12 & 10/13.

Clothing Bank – Jan Bigbee-Hansen & Brooke Valentine - Schedule on website has been updated. The schedule and request for financial donation form is in local PTA's folders. Last year 425 families and 1062 kids served. Need volunteers: underwear shoppers, people to check in families at open nights, and new co-chairs – will mentor. Items needed are school supplies to help fill 300 backpacks – GoFundMe Fill the Backpack Supply Drive – items can be donated in the Kent Phoenix Academy office or in bin that opens outwards at the west end of academy. Also need kids sized clothes and shoes kids can play in. Bags marked with sizes help. Contact clothingbank@kacpta.org if interested in helping or co-chairing.

Communications – Jennifer Ritchie – Will continue Facebook and Twitter on the way to get more immediate communication out and engage more students and people.

Emergency Preparedness – Maria Hernandez – Re-vamp and revive current webpage. A survey will be to local PTA's and looking to clarify ambiguity between schools.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) – Janine Weber – Handbook being finalized, no ETA. Looking to have a FACE chair in every local PTA or possibly share it with Advocacy chair. Also like to have a PTA member at every schoolboard meeting and report back at General Membership meetings, as well as parents/PTA members on advisory groups at schools. Parents Rights & Responsibilities will be offered at Fall Conference.

Membership – Bryce Cobb – Access for PT Avenue login information will be sent out to Presidents soon, will need to verify information for board and finish setting it up. There will be a class at Fall Conference for PT Avenue. There is a link for a spreadsheet in the Leadership news to input member information into and use to upload to PT Avenue. New member benefits introduced Washington State Fair, Value Village and Key Arena/McCaw Hall; watch for new ones on wspta.org or in Leadership news.

Programs – Heidi DuPuis – Many PTA awards to strive for each year, check wastatepta.org for applications to review and work on items such as Standards of Excellence in smaller pieces each month. A list will be posted on kacpta.org of items to gather each month in order to break it down into smaller steps for the application.

Reflections – Maria Hernandez- Ages open from preschool through 12th grade to enter. Theme is: Let your imagination fly. Deadline for KAC turn in is December 12th.

Spirit Drawing – Memberships for Dr. Watts, Karen DeBruler and Tania Skinner.
Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce Cobb

KAC Secretary