

Kent Area PTSA Council 9.7
General Membership Meeting
January 25, 2016
KSD Admin Center, Board Room
12033 SE 256th St, Kent WA

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by President Juliet Perry. Proper notice was given, quorum was present.

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

Financial Report – Juliet presented on behalf of Angela Clarno - Report attached.

- Financial Review – Tania Skinner presented – recommendations included running reports for one month only, use non-signer checklist in Money Minder and review use of emailed receipts.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Watts presented – In the midst of strategic planning. Will be working to focus and narrow goals and identify and manage attainable key performance indicators. Standards should be continuous and the same across the board.

School Board Report – Karen DeBruler presented – School Board Recognition Month this month. She was able to attend the Building Hope Together seminar, focus on the concept of kids at hope (not at risk). High schools will be introducing new courses that were just recently approved and be able to choose those that they would like to offer.

President's Report – Juliet Perry

- Reflections Ceremony – 30 winners are moving on to state.
- Focus Day is on February 3rd in Olympia
- PTA & the Law will be offered on February 11th at East Hill Elementary

General Business

- Family Engagement
 - Randy Heath spoke about engaging students and family.
 - Daxa Thomas spoke about creating leadership within families at school and parent involvement vs. family engagement.
- Nominating Committee – Jennifer Jamieson, Don Keltz and Angela Ades all accepted and Maria Hernandez will serve as alternate.

Committee Reports

Advocacy – Brooke Valentine – Focus Day is February 3rd and has started making appointments with local districts. Registration is still open, although deadline for lunch registration is January 28th.

Coming up this spring for vote will be the Bond for KSD; Citizens for Kent Schools are gearing up for campaign – spread the word there are opportunities to volunteer.

Cinderella Project – Cathy Nelson – Accepting dress and monetary donations.

Clothing Bank – Brooke Valentine – Transition is complete. Donations and volunteers are welcome.

Founders Day – Sharon Pfeiffer – Save the date – set for April 22nd at Kent Meridian High School; invitations to go out at next General Membership Meeting.

Emergency Preparedness – Maria Hernandez – No report.

Local PTA Grants – Juliet Perry – The deadline for the next submission is February 15th.

Membership – Sharon Pfeiffer – Currently there are 3138 members entered, which is 77 members less than the end of last year. This is 161 short to meet the 5% increase challenge from state. "Lucky

Leap Year Go for 29" – win \$150 gift certificate to the PTA Store, 3 day registration paid or a night at Great Wolf Lodge.

Programs – Juliet Perry – Deadline for Leadership Academy is March 1st.

Reflections – Maria Hernandez- 30 entries to state which included 3 more schools this year than last. Next year's theme is "What your story..."

Senior Scholarships – Tania Skinner – Scholarship application will post to website next week as well as emails to high schools. Deadline is April 1st.

Spirit Drawing – Memberships

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce Cobb

KAC Secretary