

Kent Area PTSA Council 9.7  
General Membership Meeting  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
KSD Admin Center, Board Room  
12033 SE 256<sup>th</sup> St., Kent, WA

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by President Juliet Perry. Proper notice was given, quorum was present.

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

Financial Report - Presented by Angela Clarno - Report Attached.

- Budget is being submitted for approval by general membership. Review of the Summary of Changes and clarified questions regarding budget
- Budget was approved as submitted.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Watts presented

- Visit at Kids at Hope Organization was impressed by the growth mindset and believe that the future is better than the present and the No Excuses Mantra.
- Work with Kent Chamber finalizing the Sprint to the Finish Program - June 1-8 is kick off breakfast - leaders in the community will be partnered with principals and other district leaders
- All Graduations are June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
- Opportunity for students at Visfest - Visual Arts Festival - Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at Kent Meridian
- School Bond Measure did not pass - short by 217 votes - discussing trying again for the November General Election
- Dr. Watts reported he has a package of plans that is being implemented to address violence within the classrooms - a package that includes each child having a trusted adult to talk through problems with, intervention when students need support, and crisis response.

School Board Report - Karen Debruler presented

- Adopted new textbooks at the last board meeting and worked on refreshing new policies
- Concerned about the disparity between gifts accepted from PTA's
- Board members will be at all the graduations coming up

President Report - Juliet Perry presented

- Update about convention - KAC received Gold Level Excellence - KAC has USB Thumbdrive with all the materials from all the classes at convention that any PTA can borrow if needed.
- Working on formalized partnership with Denali Credit Union - More info coming soon
- Local PTA's need to go through the process to close out the year in PT Avenue and update officers. Also all Local PTA's need to send their new board to Juliet
- Togo's Sandwich Shop at Kent Station on June 15<sup>th</sup> for a KAC fundraising event
- Beth Willey nominated and elected as KAC Secretary
- Installation of new officers occurred - still open positions of Kent Meridian Strand VP and Secondary Strand VP
- Local PTA's need to make sure to do their Financial Review in the summer
- Breakouts about Transitions occurred

Committee Reports -

- **Cinderella Project** - Went to all the high schools with dresses and tuxes for prom, lower numbers of borrowed items than homecoming - items all cleaned and prepped for homecoming season next year - next year borrowers will be allowed to keep their borrowed items next year
- **Clothing Bank** - Last open night of the year is coming up any extra hands would be appreciated - reminded all attendees when cleaning house this summer to think of the clothing bank - Partnering with Kent Parks & Rec for a Back to School event - Volunteers need to arrive at 5:30.
- **Communications** - Munchies fundraiser was just posted to Facebook/Twitter - send stuff to communications to advertise all the end of the year event
- **Local PTA Grants** - East Hill PTA was awarded a \$500 grant for their membership campaign - Will be looking at this program next year due to low participation
- **Membership** - Didn't quite make the 5% goal that we had at the start of the year.

- **Sr. Scholarships** - Thanks to judges and to Jenny Buron - Scholarships were awarded to the following and each will be honored at a Scholarship Awards Celebration which is being held June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.:
  - Kentlake - Bonnie Halverson \$1500 Scholarship planning to attend Univ of Portland degree in Nursing
  - Kentridge - Andrew Iverson \$1500 Scholarship planning to attend WSU degree in Nursing
  - Kent Meridian - Marcella Li \$1000 Scholarship planning to attend UW degree in Civil Engineering
  - Kent Meridian - Gheremie Rose Icban \$500 Scholarship planning to attend Gonzaga degree in Human Physiology
- **Reflections** - Art that needs to be returned to schools

Door Prizes -

- Dana Ralph membership awarded to Fairwood PTA
- Dennis Higgins membership awarded to Fairwood PTA
- Jane Duleski membership awarded to Fairwood PTA
- Dr. Watts membership awarded to Crestwood PTA