

Kawameeh Middle School PTA  
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General Board Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2021

**Board Members:**

President: Kathy McGee  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Erin Orsini  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Nadyrah Amin-Fenner  
Treasurer: Aracely DiGirolamo  
Secretary: Carla Soares

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The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by President Kathy McGee via Zoom call.

Invocation and Flag Salute

- Carla Soares – “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

Attendance

- Present – the complete executive board, along with Mr. Malanda (Principal), Mrs. Lorenzo(VP) and Mrs. Kelly (teacher/PTA Liaison).
- Total attendance - 29 via Zoom call- list on file.

Minutes

- The October 18th’s meeting minutes are on file for review on the PTA tab of school website and were emailed to all PTA members via memberhub broadcast on Oct 20th.

Treasurer’s Report

- Reviewed and prepared by Aracely DiGirolamo
- No questions from the floor – the Treasurer’s report will be filed.

Correspondence

- No correspondence

Mr. Malanda’s Report

- End of 1<sup>st</sup> period is on 11/15. Report cards available on 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Assigning lockers are completed. Still allowed to carry book bags at this time.
- Gym-too crowded with bookbags, possibly going to start storing them in locker room so students have more space in the gym area.
- Assessments results are printed, waiting on the go ahead to distribute from BOE.
- The town’s Santa in Blue has placed a donation bin at the school.
- KMS is doing a Thanksgiving food drive, bring a nonperishable food item to your homeroom teacher by Nov 19th

Mrs. Lorenzo report

- Nothing new to report. Mr. Malanda covered it all

Ms. Kelly’s report

- 1<sup>st</sup> Newspaper edition coming out by Friday.

### Old Business

- Fall Spirit Wear- Carla- over 100 orders are due to ship by end of this week. But they are sort supplied on certain items that may delay shipping. Next sale will be in early Spring.

### New Business

- BMS vs. KMS Dodgeball Tournament-Kathy-Postponed to Nov 30, held at BMS, doors open at 5:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> game at 6pm. \$3 per person, bring extra cash for snacks.
- Calendar Raffle Fundraiser-Kathy- 100 tickets already sold. The actual ticket #s will be distributed around Dec 15<sup>th</sup> with your lucky #. We will have our 1<sup>st</sup> drawing right before the winter holiday break. Our biggest fundraiser last year with over \$5000 raised. Please support by buying a ticket, makes a great holiday gift, stocking stuffer. 90 changes to win up to \$300. Go to <https://kawameeh.memberhub.com/store> to buy your tickets.
- Staff Holiday Lunch- Erin – A grab and go lunch will be setup in the library for the KMS staff on December 16th. We are looking for monetary donations. A flyer will be email broadcasted on/around Dec 1<sup>st</sup> with more info how you can donate.
- Fundraisers or event ideas: Please email us any ideas you may have at [kmspta@twpunionschools.org](mailto:kmspta@twpunionschools.org)

### Committee Reports

- Membership –Carla – a check request was sent to Aracely/Treasurer for state dues payment. Working with Mrs. Kelly to have all of our staff join. Have a friend join at <https://kawameeh.memberhub.store/> to stay informed.

### Open Floor

- Question was brought up on when the Winter Concert is, dates are being confirmed. More to follow.
- Few events going on at other schools: Connect Farms: Tricky Tray-11/19, Washington: Vendor Fair- 11/20, Livingston: Used Clothing Drive-12/11

### Miscellaneous and dates to remember

- 11/16 Board of Education Meeting
- 11/24 Half Day-Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/25-26 School Closed-Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/14 Board of Education Work Session
- 12/?? KMSPTA General Meeting during Winter Concert (TBD)
- 12/21 BOE Reorganization Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM

Next Meeting scheduled during December's Winter Concert (TBD)

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Carla Soares, Secretary