

Kawameeh Middle School PTA  
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General Board Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 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 7:01PM by President Kathy McGee via Zoom call.

Invocation and Flag Salute

- Carla Soares – “Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen.” – Michael Jordan

Attendance

- Present – the complete executive board, along with Mr. Malanda (Principal) and Mrs. Kelly (teacher/PTA Liaison).
- Total attendance - 23 via Zoom call- list on file.

Minutes

- The September 23rd’s meeting minutes are on file for review on the PTA tab of school website.

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

- Opening of school continued to go well with enforcement for students to follow the rules.
- Cafeteria outside usage is being evaluated. Some students are treating it as recess, working to reduce the running around by bringing in more seating areas.
- Assigning lockers to students this week to light the bulk carrying in the hallways.
- Friday, 10/29, students will be allowed to wear school appropriate costumes. Email will be sent out with details.
- Assessments ran well, results will be sent home on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Kelly’s report

- Clubs started this week, join a club.
- Working on PTA membership by sending staff an email of where to sign up.

Old Business

- Clothing Drive-Kathy McGee-\$471 raised, thank you to the High School Key Club volunteers that helped. Next Clothing drive will be TBD in April.
- Ice Cream Social-Nadyrah Amin-Fenner- went well, students and parents enjoyed their ice cream and inflatables. Thank you to the volunteers that came out to scoop.

- Fall Spirit-wear Fundraiser-Carla Soares -closed October 3<sup>rd</sup>, extra day Oct. 5th. The orders shipping to the school will be distributed to students after Oct 29. Will reach out to any large orders to make pickup arrangements. Next sale will be in early Spring.

#### New Business

- BMS vs. KMS Dodgeball Tournament-Kathy-Postponed to Nov 17 or 22, not finalized yet.
- Calendar Raffle Fundraiser-Kathy- Carla and Kathy submitted the permit paperwork to the Township. Once it is approved, start selling, 90 changes to win up to \$300. One of biggest fundraisers.
- Fundraisers or event ideas: Please email us any ideas you may have at [kmspta@twpunionschools.org](mailto:kmspta@twpunionschools.org)

#### Committee Reports

- Membership –Carla – 153, Sold some at Ice Cream social and Meet the Superintendent HS event. Sending Mrs. Kelly a list of the teachers/staff that already signed up. Have a family member join at <https://kawameeh.memberhub.store/>
- Kawameeh Chiefs – Kathy- We have the 9<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders covered. 9<sup>th</sup> grade were last year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders that didn't receive theirs yet due to vendor mold delays. This program is where 25 Awards are awarded to students, KMS staff decides who receives them at graduation.

#### Open Floor

- SEPAG Presentation-Aracely DiGirolamo- Special Education Parent Advisory Group Monthly meetings that provide resources and information, next Zoom meeting is on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, must preregister. Email [unionsepag@gmail.com](mailto:unionsepag@gmail.com) for more info or if you would like to volunteer.

#### Miscellaneous and dates to remember

- 10/19 Board of Education Meeting
- 10/23-Burnet Middle School Clothing Drive
- 11/02 School Closed-Election Day
- 11/4-5 School Closed-NJEA Convention
- 11/6 Battle Hill Elem. Clothing Drive
- 11/09 Board of Education Work Session
- 11/15 KMSPTA Meeting
- 11/16 Board of Education Meeting
- 11/19 Connecticut Farms Elem Tricky Tray
- 11/24 Half Day-Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/25-26 School Closed-Thanksgiving Recess

Meeting adjourned at 7:33PM

Next Meeting scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, zoom call (details will be distributed few days before call)

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Carla Soares, Secretary