



Kenwood Elementary School
"Help Us Grow"
HUG-PTO
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Amy Carpenter
Morgan Cebelak
Aliyah Cornish
Kaylyn Florey

Angela Hamilton
Andrea Hodges
Jackie Johnston
Ethan McClure

Tamara Shepard
Jenny Smolinski
Jacqui Stanley
Cindy Wyckoff

1. Welcome (Cindy Wyckoff)

2. Secretary's Report - January 2019 Minutes

- a. Motion to approve: Morgan Cebelak
- b. Second: Aliyah Cornish
- c. Minutes approved, as written

3. Treasurer's Report (Jenny Smolinski)

- a. January & February 2019; Mid-Year Report
- b. Motion to approve all reports: Andrea Hodges
- c. Second: Amy Carpenter

4. Board of Education Report (Andrea Hodges)

January

- a. Officers: Andrea Hodges president & Kenwood representative
- b. Board workshop

February

- c. Approved plan documents from workshop

Questions from previous meeting

- d. Mural in works
- e. Door to child care to be replaced
- f. Signage for childcare door

Christmas in Clawson

- g. Fundraising history: 2014 \$18,000; 2015 \$20,000; 2016-17 \$26,000; 2018 \$32,700
- h. Check for Kenwood - \$4,200 (previously \$2,500)
- i. Next year - new locations open for vendors

5. Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal (Ethan McClure & Jacqueline Johnston, Assistant Superintendent Business Services)

- a. Four takeaways:
 - No cost to taxpayers/voters (Business property tax)
 - Covers daily operations of district (teaching & learning) - \$1.9 million (10% of district budget)
 - Required to receive full funding allowable by the state
 - Supported by the Clawson community since mid-1990s
- b. Headlee Amendment rollback impact & Non-Homestead Election
- c. Vote May 7, 2019 - Only item on the ballot
- d. Questions
 - How does it affect businesses? - Businesses have been paying this tax since 1995. Impact would be returning to 18 mills from rollback.
 - Communication with businesses? - Most business owners are not voters in the city and therefore will not be voting on it.
- e. Committee for Clawson Public Schools - opportunities to help

6. Principal's Report (Amy Carpenter)

- a. NAEP completed: National report card determined by these and other 4th graders
- b. across the state
- c. Developmental Kindergarten & Kindergarten enrollment began
- d. Preschool Night for Kindergarten information had to be rescheduled due to snow days
- e. STRIDE & Girls on the Run begin week of March 11
- f. CMS events for 5th graders
 - March 12: CMS visits 5th grade classrooms
 - March 19: Parent/Child orientation at CMS
- g. Conferences & Report Cards coming up
 - Report cards go home March 15
 - Conferences week of March 18
- h. *Clawson Connection* coming out soon
- i. M-STEP Testing
 - 5th graders: begin Tuesday immediately after Spring Break
 - 3rd & 4th grade: last week of April through Memorial Day week
- j. Trojan Leadership Council: 10 students visit in morning and afternoon every other Friday through the end of the school year
- k. Humane Society Drive occurring through March 20
- l. March 29: State Rep. Padma Kuppa coming to read to classrooms from 9:00 - 10:00
- m. Field Day will be Friday, June 7

7. Teacher Liaison Report (Morgan Cebelak & Aliyah Cornish)

- a. Valentine's Parties: Thank you!
- b. One School One Book with Gooseberry Park has begun
 - Kick-off Assembly
 - Dog visits!
 - Monday, March 11: Wondrous Words Day
 - School wide chalk talks: March 5 and every Tuesday following
 - March 8: Pajama Day & Read-In

8. President's Report (Cindy Wyckoff)

- a. Dine-to-Donate: Granite City – March 3 and March 11
- b. Popcorn Sales: March 15 & April 12
- c. Book Fair: March 15-22
- d. Kenwood Krawl (June 1) - donations in progress
- e. Opportunities to help
 - Help still needed this year: <https://tinyurl.com/2018-2019HUG-PTO>
 - Next year's sign-up available: <http://tinyurl.com/20192020HUGPTO>

9. Questions / Comments / Suggestions

- a. Surprise Family Open Read -- "The Relatives Came"
- b. Box Top Prize Parties

10. Next Meeting - April 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm