Thursday, September 3, 2026

## HKIMS PTO Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

In-Person:

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| Nicole Harlow, PTO President | Julie Peryga, PTO Vice President | Heather Menzano |
| Eric Larson, IS Principal | Dave Montemurro, MS Principal | Kelly Drajewicz |
| Adam Rocha | Jamie Sierpinski | Jen Clark (Virtual) |

Meeting Start: 6:04pm

### Introductions

- We went around the room introducing ourselves so any new members would know who was who.

### Prior Business:

- Nicole asked everyone to read the meeting minutes from the last PTO meeting.
- Kelly D made the motion to approve and Heather Menzano 2nd.

### MS Principal Report

- Principal Montemurro thanked the PTO for the lovely cup fence art. Thank You Kelly.
- 18 new students, they all loved their welcome wagon bags. Thank you Kelly for putting those together.
- Rolled out the unified expectations to students and staff on the 1st day of school.
- Fall sports have started.
- Open House is scheduled for 9/17, more details to come. Student ambassadors will be around to help direct parents/ guardians to classrooms.

### IS Principal Report

- Great start to the school year.
- Thank you to the PTO for the food and supplies for the 4th grade picnic. Thank you to parents that volunteered cooking, handing out food and cleaning up.
- Curriculum Night is next Thursday, September 10th.
    - Usually students do not come on this night, but this year its open to students if they would like to.
    - Students will be able to try out instruments to see which one they like best.
- Signups for band will be different this year. Students will give 3 choices, and it will no longer be 1st come, 1st choice.

- Musical – Finding Nemo, auditions in 2 weeks.
- Field trips start next month.

**PTO President/ Vice President's Report**

- Nicole discussed the executive board open positions.
- Nicole would like to step down once her position is filled.
- Julie mentioned next year she would like to step down and is willing to co-chair a position to assist this year and then step off next year.
- Kristi LiDonni is no longer the Treasurer. This position is open. Nicole and Julie are in process of gathering the Treasurer's files and will handle what is needed until this position has been filled.
- Mariah has stepped down as Secretary. This position is open.

**Treasurer's Report –** currently Treasurer executive board position is open.

- We received a check from Treering. This will be deposited into the account.
- Julie and Nicole are working on updating the budget.

**COMMITTEES**

**Fundraising: OPEN**

- We are looking for someone to chair this committee.
- The last 2 years we hosted a color run as our big fundraiser and this year we were asked to change course.
- Looked into a Foam event, based on feedback from vendors, this is not doable for a Fall fundraiser of the student size we have.
- Nicole mentioned maybe doing a slime event with trivia and challenges, similar to double dare. We would need staff members and students involved.
- Another option was an unfundraiser
- Kelly D mentioned a confetti event, where confetti is sprayed into the air. The confetti is biodegradable and disappears once it rains.
- In the next week Nicole, Kelly and Julie will review the slime and confetti ideas to see which works best and present to the principals.

**Bus Driver Appr – Jen Clark will chair.**

- Jen is on the BES PTO and she will work with KES and coordinate what will be done.

**Fall Fundraiser:** Open (this is an IS event)

- Nicole explained what this event was and expressed the time commitment was low.
- We have a binder outlining all the event stations.
- All supplies are in the PTO supply closet.

**Veteran's Day –** Open

- MS hosts a breakfast and IS hosts an assembly.
- The chair would work with staff members to plan event.
- We do a signup for donations and breakfast items. Usually needed from start of event until about 9am.

**Teacher/ Staff Appreciation – Jamie Sierpinski will chair**.

- Explained that this event can be spread through-out the year, or something done for Fall and Spring.
- Mentioned that Pie day in March was a big hit with the staff/ teachers and also the snacks and drinks during conferences.

**Book Fair – Nicole stepping down, Crystal Carlson showed interest in co-chairing, but unable to confirm. We are still in need of a chair.**

- Leanne Honious emailed the PTO that she cannot chair this committee but will continue to assist like she has been with scheduling, etc.
- Would like to shorten the Book Fair days from 4 to 3. Its hard to find volunteers and we feel this may help so we can continue to have a book fair.
- Jamie Sierpinski mentioned she may be able to help with planning, but could not be here for the book fair. Nicole explained that someone is needed to open the book fair, handle money, and close the fair.
- Heather Menzano mentioned she may be able to assist, but would need the dates for the fairs and would need to confirm her availability.

**Cultural Arts – Nicole Harlow will chair. Julie stepped down.**

- Nicole will talk with the principals after the meeting to confirm dates for the assemblies planned.

**Yearbook (IS) – Kelly Inga will chair. Heather Menzano will assist.**

- The only in-person task is photography at events/ assemblies, but in past have sent out a signup genius or asked parents to take pictures and share those photos.
- Heather Menzano said she can help with this.

**Welcome Wagon: Kelly D will continue to chair this committee.**

**Cup Committee: Kelly D will continue to chair this committee.**

- Kelly will look at ideas and decide when she will adjust the cup art design.

**Glow Party (IS): Heather Menzano will chair this committee.**

- This is an IS event.
- Held in January last year.

**Family Fun Night:** Open

- Did Bingo last year, end of February

Meeting Adjourned 7:39pm