

## **Martin Luther King Jr Middle School PTSO Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom

**Meeting called to order:** 6:05p

**Attendees:** 16

### **PTSO Introductions**

- Janet Brewer - Co-President
- Sara Simmons - Co-President
- Jami Troyer - Co-Vice President
- Diana Vargas - Co-Vice President
- Jessica Charvat - Co-Treasurer
- Janet Brewer - Co-Treasurer
- Sara Simmons - Secretary
- Christy Freetly - Parliamentarian

### **Principal's Report - Kenny Wright**

- Mr. Wright welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He mentioned that we are off to a great start to the school year and that our staff are focused on building culture and community. They are adapting to the new curriculum in ELA and science.
- Back-to-School Night is scheduled for **September 15th**. There will be a parent presentation at 5:30p for about 20 minutes and then there will be an opportunity for everyone to go to each classroom for 10 minutes with a 4 minute passing period. The night will end around 7:30p. More details to follow.
- **September 19th** and **October 3rd** are non-school days. These are staff development days.
- **September 20th** the students will hear a presentation from Jon Moffett about responsibility with the digital world. This presentation will be offered to the parents on September 27th.
- **September 30th** will be our Honor Roll Assembly. This is based on the grades from last year and will be for our current 7th and 8th graders. Parents will have the opportunity to attend.
- There will be two Super Grade trips offered this year. They will go to Knotts Berry Farm. Students who received a 3.3 GPA or higher will be invited to attend. The first trip will be the 1st week of November and this will be based on their grades from Spring semester of last year. The second trip will be in April or May and this will be based on their grades from Fall Semester this year.
- We are in need of volunteers for the School Site Council. Applications will be sent home next week. Please sign up if you are interested. We are looking for 3 parents, 3 students, and 3 staff members. We will vote on the applicants at a later date.

- We just finished week 4 and are 2 weeks away from the 6 week progress report. It's a great opportunity to see where your students are at the moment and where we can provide support as needed.
- Our first dance will be held the week before Halloween. It is being planned by our wonderful ASB. More details to follow.
- Our first Coffee With the Principal will be held the 1st week of October. More details to follow.
- We are going to implement a Principal Advisory Committee (P.A.C.) where I will invite 8-10 students from different grades to discuss with me the challenges at school and give feedback, both good and bad. This will be a great opportunity to hear directly from the students on what is working and areas where the school can improve.
- After school sports have begun. Go to our website to find out more details and sign your child up. We are offering Flag football, Volleyball and Cross country. They will be competing this year, hopefully against other schools.
- Make sure to follow us on Twitter @KingMSpride for information about the school.
- We would love to see more reviews from families of King on [greatschools.org](https://www.greatschools.org). Find our school and leave a review.
- We are always in need of water bottle donations at school. If you are able to, you can drop off a case in the front office at any time throughout the school year. The water will be used for students for various events at school.

### **President's Report - Janet B./Sara S.**

- Discussed various fundraisers through community partners
  - **Amazon Smile** - Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose "Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School PTSO" as a charitable donation. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.
  - **Ralphs** - Community Contribution Program - Go to [www.ralphs.com](https://www.ralphs.com) and select "Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School PTSO".
  - **Box Tops** - You can collect the Box Tops year round. Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online.
  - **We are in need of Parent volunteers.**
    - The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Sept. 12th-16th. Purchases will help the school. Our librarian is in need of volunteers. A sign up genius will be sent home soon.
- Our Fall Fundraiser is approaching soon. The kick off day is **September 29th**. The Day of Awesomeness will be on November 10th and this will include inflatables, dance party/DJ, etc. We will be looking for 10 volunteers to help us. More details to follow.
- We are starting to ask for donations for our 6th Grade Book Exchange. If you have any age appropriate books that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the box located in the front office. We have about 400 6th graders so we would appreciate all of the donations that we could get. Thank you!

- **Dine-Out Night** - Our next Dine-Out night will be held on Tuesday, **September 20th** at Best Pizza & Brew located at 1639 S. Coast Hwy in Oceanside. 35% of all sales will be donated to the school. This include Dine-in and take-out. The actual flier is preferred but you can also show it on your phone or mention the fundraiser when ordering/paying.
- Kona Ice began selling today after school. Going forward they will be there every other Tuesday. Prices are \$3-\$6.

#### **Social Media:**

- **School Website:** Please check the MLK PTSO website located at [mlk.oside.us](http://mlk.oside.us). Click on the Family Resources tab and then Parent Community Involvement. Here you will find announcements, past minutes, membership info and fundraising opportunities.
- **Facebook:** You can also join the PTSO Facebook page (Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School PTSO) to stay informed.
- **Instagram:** We are in the process of setting up the Instagram page. As soon as it is up and running, there will be a link posted on the Facebook page.

#### **Vice President's Report -**

##### **Diana V.**

- Spirit wear was discussed. Our order has been back logged for 2 1/2-3 weeks. We will coordinate with the people who have placed orders to get them their items.

##### **Jami T.**

- Back-To-School breakfast was a huge success. The teachers were very thankful and we loved spoiling them.

#### **Treasurer Report -**

- Budget has been approved and is available on the school's website.

**Next meeting:** October 4th, 2022 at 6:30p via zoom.

**Meeting adjourned at:** 6:34p.m.

**Minutes compiled by** Sara Simmons, Secretary

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