

KENT GARDENS PTA MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 11, 2010
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The meeting was opened by Rich Sargent, President, at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following amendment wording to the Kent Gardens PTA By-Laws: ***The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at a regular meeting no less than twenty eight (28) days prior to the election meeting. At the election meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.***

A report of the Nominations Committee was made (members: Richard Sargent, Margaret Alessi, and Rebecca Boyer).

President	Erika Keough
VP1/Events	Mariasol Herrera-Garcia
VP2/Fundraiser	Orchid Rushenas
Treasurer	Anne-Marie Walker
Secretary	Adrianna Marks

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed 2011 Budget.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following PTA officers for the 2011-2012 school year. Erika Keough, President; Mariasol Herrera-Garcia, VP1/Evetns; Orchid Rushenas, VP2/Fundraiser; Anne-Marie Walker, Treasurer; Adrianna Marks, Secretary.

Dr. Hooker spoke to the group and announced that Kent Gardens will be rolling out a new science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program next year to try and improve math scores and embed French more deeply into the Kent Gardens curriculum. The program will add engineering to class work and Think Tank with bi-lingual teachers so French will be an integral part of the process. Tonight's PTA meeting was held in Think Tank to demonstrate to those parents and children who were present the new technology in action. There were five teachers present, along with Dr. Hooker, who attended a recent seminar covering all the new techniques. The PTA paid for their hotel stay for 7 KG staff members in Boston. They will work with all Kent Gardens teachers to develop their training in this new STEM program.

Teacher Appreciation was a great success. Thank you to all parents who contributed in making this week an exciting one for teachers and staff. We received notes of thanks from the teachers and staff, and those are on display on the Bulletin Board in the main lobby.

Anne Marie Walker, Treasurer, briefly reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual dated 5/11/2010. The winter academies cleared a profit of approximately \$6,600 for the PTA. The recent Scholastic Book Fair netted approximately \$5,000. Kent Gardens recently received a \$5,000 technology grant.

Just a few more days left ... The PTA is pleased to host an online fair of French books and media through May 15th. Take advantage of this great opportunity to stock up on resources. To receive FREE shipping, please list Kent Gardens ES and your child's teacher under School, and the KG school address under Shipping Address. For orders, lease visit: <http://www.frenchmediaresources.com/>

The 6th Grade Farewell is fast approaching. As you may know, it is a custom at Kent Gardens for the 5th Grade Parents to host an end of year "Farewell" event for the 6th grade students and their parents!

In order to make this event a success, we need FULL PARTICIPATION FROM EVERY 5th GRADE PARENT. Please browse through the many opportunities - such as donating food/drink donations and volunteering your time - by using the following link www.eventbrite.com/event/652060330. EventBrite.com is our new volunteer and tracking tool which will prompt you to purchase a ticket. There is

in fact no purchasing to be done, but simply log on to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen McCarthy at kristenm@verizon.net.

The minutes of March 9 and April 13 were presented and approved.

Adjournment was at 8:19 p.m.