



Meeting Date: December 5, 2017 at 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Kolter North Cafeteria

Members present: 58 (See attendance sheets)

- **Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Gretchen Rossitto.
- Amanda Sorena made a motion to approve the minutes of our October 2017 PTO meeting. Robyn Burck seconded. None opposed. Motion passes.

- **Principal's Report-Julie Dickinson**

- Announced that at this point in time, we have no major updates on where the Kolter campus will be for the 2018-2019 school year.
- There is a HISD board meeting scheduled for 12/14/17 where they intend to vote on the future of the 4 flooded elementary campuses, including Kolter. Ms. Dickinson will be attending this meeting and give an update after.
- At this point in time, our circle of influence is low. These decisions are being made a high level. Ms. Dickinson realizes that the Kolter community is ready to voice opinions, but has asks for us to hold off for now. When she knows more she will be sure to share with the community. Until then, we have to continue to be patient.
- Ms. Dickinson met with our new HISD school board rep, Susan Deigaard. She is a parent of a HSPVA and a Pin Oak student. She talked at length about our concerns and Ms. Dickenson believes she will be a good resource and advocate for us.
- Next semester will be going back to uniforms, a 3:05pm dismissal time, homework, and clubs. Club sheets will be sent home soon for sign ups. There will be no busses after clubs, so plan accordingly.
- Ms. Dickinson continues to advocate for us with HISD. We are the only school that flooded that has the combo of the neighborhood being impacted as well. That is a unique challenge for us and she continues to remind HISD of the situation many of the families are in at home as well as being displaced at school.
- Smart boards have now been installed in all rooms.
- They are working on getting Risk Management testing in reading for all students.

- **Magnet Report-Kathleen Crossett**

- If you flooded and are still paying a mortgage zoned to Kolter, then you are still able to attend Kolter as a zoned family even if you are not living in your home.
- If you have sold your home and are no longer zoned, then you do need to apply to the Magnet program to attend Kolter. You will be put in the general lottery. Deadline for applications is December 8, 2017 at midnight.
- If you are concerned at all about your home situation and how it will impact your enrollment, email Ms. Cossett at kathleen.crossett@houstonisd.org
- Kolter will not be a testing location for entering kindergartners for the GT/Vanguard test. If you want your pre-k 4 child to be tested before the Fall 2018 school year starts, sign up through the Magnet lottery or email Todd Paulus at Herod to inquire about a testing spot, (tpaulus@houstonisd.org).
- Despite being displaced, Kolter is still a highly desired magnet. We received 600 applications for our 40 magnet spots.

- **Committee Reports**

- I Heart Kolter – Christi Aufdenspring and Courtney Cernosek
 - When the Board and the IHK chairs began to discuss this year’s annual giving campaign over the summer, we agreed on a \$75K goal. But, as is the narrative for much of our lives at this point ... “then came Harvey.” The I Heart Kolter team thought fast and worked furiously in the days immediately following the storm to get the IHK link up early and get it out to the many friends, family and even strangers who were looking to help our school. When we came up for a breather and saw the dollars of what had already come in during September, we upped our goal figure to \$125K.
 - We are happy to announce that the final tally of the IHK campaign raised an amazing \$175,000!
 - We are going to do some sort of “thank you” program that we will need the kids help with, More on that soon.
- Kolter Gala/Auction – Robyn Burck, Kristin Welch, and Meagan Friedman
 - Mark your calendars, line up your sitters and dust off your western best - we'll be Deep in the Heart of Kolter at the annual gala and auction event on January 27 at Braeburn Country Club! Don't delay and get your tickets today at <https://kolterelementary.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list>. While you are buying tickets, don't forget to register for the auction — you must register for the auction to be able to bid on our fantastic auction items and teacher treasures. You can also purchase teacher tickets, drink tickets, or a whole table of 10 ahead of time.
 - Do you know anyone willing to donate towards our auction? The auction committee is looking for socials. Grab your friends and plan a fun event for our Kolter kids and/or adults. You can pick the activity, the date/time, grade level (for kids) and how many people you can accommodate. Do you have a special talent or hobby you want to share? Offer an informal class on your favorite pastime (gardening, cooking, yoga, scrapbooking, knitting, quilting, etc.). Put on your thinking caps and get creative for Kolter as the possibilities are endless! Contact auction@kolterpto.com with your ideas.
- Upcoming PTO Events – Mellissa Bayne
 - We are getting back into the business of normal stuff next semester. Look for information on a one day Book Fair and the return of Boosterthon/Field Day (Friday before Spring Break). We are looking for chairs for these events, so please let the PTO know if you are willing to help.
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- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm by Gretchen Rossitto.

Meeting minutes compiled by: Amanda Sorena, Kolter PTO Secretary 2017-2018