



Meeting Date: September 20, 2018 at 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Kolter North Cafeteria

Members present: 39 (See attendance sheets)

Power Point Presentation Given (See attached presentation)

- **Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Gretchen Rossitto.
- Amanda Sorena made a motion to approve the minutes of our April 2017 PTO meeting. Gretchen Rossitto seconded. None opposed. Motion passes.

- **Officers' Reports**

- Magnet Update – Kathleen Crossett
  - From now on, early dismissals will include cultural presentations that tie back to our Magnet. They will have two assemblies (K-2) and (3-5)
  - Be sure to come to the "All Things Magnet" night on September 27<sup>th</sup> to learn about our magnet program and Middle School applications.
- Building Update – Julie Dickinson
  - Things are continuing to move along and Ms. Dickinson showed a photo of the new rendering of the building provided by the architects.
- I Heart Kolter
  - The I Heart Kolter Campaign has kicked off. Look for details in Tuesday Folders.
  - As a reminder, these funds are used to fund our Art Programs, Magnet incentives; we paid for all of the class parties this year with PTO funds and more. Be sure to check for corporate matching too.
- Campout
  - The campout is BACK and will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Herod Elementary.
- Gala
  - Save the date for January 26<sup>th</sup> at Braeburn Country Club for the gala. This year's theme is Kolter Royale
- Facebook
  - Kolter PTO is the official PTO page. This is how the PTO officially communicates via social media
  - Kolter Community is NOT run by the PTO, but is a good place to ask about homework assignments, ask if it is Astros dress day, etc.
  - Kolter Elementary is run by the school administration
- Directory
  - Sign up! It is the only way for you to get the official emails from the school and from the PTO. You have to update it every year. If you are having trouble, email [directory@kolterPTO.com](mailto:directory@kolterPTO.com)
- Budget Review
  - Brandon Mark reviewed the budget (see attached power point)
  - We have a total expected revenue of \$182,500 and expenses of \$232,300.
  - Expenses include \$50K for the art program, upping teacher grants to \$1,250 per classroom, increased teacher training, socials for all of the end of the year parties, magnet funding, increased field trips, increased teacher appreciation, and more.
  - We are not planning to spend any money on our building this school year.
  - Due to highly successful funding from 2017-2018, the PTO is comfortable accepting a

\$50K loss this year. That being said, we need to continue to fundraise if we want to maintain these programs moving forward.

- Robyn Burck made a motion to approve the minutes of our 2018-2019 budget. Gretchen Rossitto seconded. None opposed. Budget passes.

- **Committee Reports**

- Kolter's Global Impact – Salimah Khan

- Salimah is leading a new team to help make Kolter Greener.
    - They are in phase one of this project and hope to have it be student driven. They will be working with the ambassadors as well as the administrators to brainstorm ideas on how to be a greener school.
    - Ideally, they would like to implement more recycling, but there is a challenge with pick up of materials with the city of Bellaire.
    - They may also explore an Earth Day partnership with our Garden Crew.
    - If you are interested in helping/joining the conversation email [drsalima.khan1@gmail.com](mailto:drsalima.khan1@gmail.com)

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm by Gretchen Rossitto.

*Meeting minutes compiled by: Amanda Sorena, Kolter PTO Secretary 2018-2019*