

MEETING MINUTES FOR M'KIS PARENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING 3 – 22 NOVEMBER 2007

- 1 Opening of Meeting
- 2 Apologies – Blaire Peterson, Francesca Salvatori, Katie Rigney-Zimmermann, Michelle Amini,
- 3 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

4 Reports

4.1 MKIS Headmaster

W. Morris

Mr. Morris reported that the students are busy with music concerts and exams. The basketball teams, both girls and boys, are greatly improved over last year and are competing in Shanghai. The band has been going out in to the community and performing at various venues including Plaza Mont Kiara and Bangsar Shopping Center. Due to the recent drug survey, the administration received several emails concerning students' alleged drug use. After testing, it was determined that these rumors were unsubstantiated. When it is decided that a student has a problem, the appropriate interventions are made. The current student drug policy is being reviewed. In regards to 08-09 staffing, all teachers are being invited to return. The December 3 deadline for deciding to return is due to our need to recruit. There will be a five percent raise across the board and an increase in the housing allowance. There is the possibility of adding new administrators as well as extra teaching personnel at the high school level. A new science lab will also be added.

Marieke Vogtlander asked about the possibility of adding a new school in order to accommodate more students. Mr. Morris responded that it has been considered but he is not sure the economy in Malaysia will keep up.

4.1.2 Principal Elementary

P. Sicard

Mr. Sicard reported that the parent/teacher conferences went well and the teachers had almost 100 percent participation. There was also good participation at UNDay and a great turn out for the Halloween Carnival. He is encouraging fieldtrips and making adjustments to the

world language program. He stressed the importance of having the students wear uniform shirts to school and changing into PE shirts only at PE time.

4.2 President

C. MacDonald

Colleen MacDonald reported that Wendy Bakurski officially resigned from the PA. The visiting author (Jeremy Strong) was cancelled due to his use of questionable language. Rose Linton would like the PA to consider letting the student council sit in on one of the PA Board meetings. It was generally agreed upon that the PA is not comfortable having students at a meeting, but would like to help with their objective to learn about effective communication. Alex von Furstenberg asked the PA to give an award at the award ceremony toward the end of the year. The PA asked for ideas about the kind of award they should be giving.

4.3 Financial

K. Rigney – Z.

Jenny Walwyn gave the financial report in Katie's absence. Mr. Morris would like to get an invoice for the 2007 PA Dinner Dance.

5 Subcommittee Reports and Ongoing Business

5.1 Funds Requests

It was agreed upon that the PA does not have a history of contributing money to Habitat for Humanity.

5.2 Committee Reports

Joni Neteler reported that the school photos are finished and the process went smoothly. The question of team photos was asked, but Ms. Neteler said it would difficult to arrange.

Mini Guda reported that Dinner Dance tickets sales are slow and the prices for food and venue are higher than they have been in the past. Shawn Grow reports that Grade 7 Cotillion will start up in January. Cynthia Wylie reports that the Book Club is in the process of making refunds and exchanges. The need for continuing to offer this service needs to be reviewed.

5.3 MCF

M. Harting

MCF has decided to contribute the earnings from the 2007 Festive Season Luncheon to Lehar Shukor for her cancer treatments. The Festive Season Luncheon will be 7 December in the Multipurpose Hall. The elementary choir will be performing. The cost is RM60. Marjolein also reported that there was a problem with a fundraising event held at Plaza Damas by the Gajah Gajah Gallery. The Gallery has decided not to give as much as they promised to MCF for items they auctioned using the MCF name.

5.4 Fundraising

C. MacDonald

All fundraising requests are to be submitted to the fundraising committee for approval.

5.5 Meeting Dates For Next Year Harting

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The day of the week for PA Board Meetings has yet to be determined.

6 Old Business

7 Close of Meeting

Treasurer's Report - 22nd November 2007

Balance of monies in all accounts	160,622.68
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MKIS Parent Association	151,562.44
MKIS Fun Fair	5,495.00
Petty Cash	<u>3,565.24</u>

Total	160,622.68
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Reconciliation of Funds Available for Spending

Parent Association Available funds are:	160,622.68
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Less: Outstanding Allocations of:

Berita MKIS Magazine	2,511.90
Charity Committee Account	1,040.95
MCF Account	67,572.42
Midnight	3,071.45
8th Grade Dinner Fund	1,000.00
Book Fair (Profit)	2,383.40
Book Fair (Cash In)	14,052.70
School Photo's (Profit for Year)	5,694.00
Library Fund	21,171.00
FCD Survey	13,553.00
KLISS (PA)	12,527.02

144,577.84

Operating Float	10,000.00	154,577.84
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Funds available for allocation	6,044.84
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Advances to committees:

Midnights	400.00
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Total advances to be reimbursed	400.00
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Funds available after reimbursements	6,444.84
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