



**Kenwood Elementary School**  
**“Help Us Grow”**  
**HUG-PTO**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**  
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**Attendees:**

Emily Carlson  
Aliyah Cornish  
Annie Fenton  
Michael Fenton

Angela Hamilton  
Andrea McFarland  
Lawrence Miller  
Riley Miller

Lindsay Pluff  
Bianca Sines  
Jennifer Sloan  
Cindy Wyckoff

**1. Welcome (Cindy Wyckoff)**

**2. Secretary’s Report - October 2022 Minutes**

- a. Motion to approve: Angela Hamilton
- b. Second: Riley Miller
- c. Minutes approved as written

**3. Treasurer’s Report (Jenny Smolinski) - October 2022**

- a. Notes
  - i. Fun Run - amazing success
  - ii. Membership - thanks to those who joined us last month; keep inviting others!
  - iii. Expenses included CPS Staff Homecoming Tailgate contribution and insurance
- b. Motion to approve: Aliyah Cornish
- c. Second: Lawrence Miller
- d. Report approved as written

**4. School Board Liaison (Angie Hamilton)**

*October 17 Regular Meeting Highlights*

- a. Resolution passed for partnership with Clawson Youth Assistance
  - i. Makes the CPS/CYA partnership official
- b. New Middle School Furniture purchased for new school building
- c. Superintendent evaluation cycle change approved
  - i. Used to be July-June
  - ii. MASB representative suggested to change to January-December
  - iii. Bond Update - costs are all increased
  - iv. iReady instruction purchase - 2 year contract, includes math intervention

*Community Forum Highlights - Bond Update and Future Needs*

- a. In contrast to planning from two years ago, there are now budget shortages
- b. Some items/tasks are being pushed to end of projects depending on costs to help
- c. Additional Bond Possible to provide two-year extension on current Bond and bring back into budget considering current economic factors

*Board Workshop (November 7)*  
*Next Board Meeting (November 21)*

## **5. Principal's Report (Bianca Sines)**

- a. *Halloween* - Thank you - Both Principals were in attendance at both schools; Thanks to parents for being supportive with positive costumes and fun parties; Despite the rain, parades were fast and fun
- b. *Parent Academy* - at Kenwood
  - i. DK-12 teachers and social workers on hand for multiple sessions
    - 1. Academic and social emotional well-being workshops
  - ii. Childcare available by MS and HS students
- c. *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
  - i. Dependent on Class - virtual and/or in-person (most are virtual)

## **6. Teacher Liaison Report (Aliyah Cornish & Andrea McFarland)**

- a. *Halloween* - kids had fun; parties went smooth; thanks to volunteers
- b. *Parent Academy* - awesome presenters with great information
- c. *Busy November:*
  - i. Report cards (available on MiStar Friday, November 11)
  - ii. Report Cards will be up on Friday
    - 1. No paper copies
  - iii. Conferences (Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11)
    - 1. Look for the email from your teacher with sign-up for date/time
  - iv. Reading assessments in progress (where students are; how much growth since start of school)
    - 1. iReady assessments are 3x/year (green, yellow or red marking depending on grade level)
    - 2. Assessments are little different this year:
      - a. Anyone in the 'red' level used to be provided with an at-home program
      - b. Now, anyone in 'yellow' AND 'red' will be provided an at-home program
        - i. Teachers will speak with parents at conferences about this
        - ii. 'Yellow' is one year behind and 'red' is two years behind (based on Michigan benchmark standards)
    - 3. iReady scores available on MiStar
    - 4. No paper copies sent home
- d. *iReady contract* purchased for K5 reading AND math
  - i. Teachers to start using iReady as a support during class (independent learning)
  - ii. We are almost one-on-one (1:1) with technology in classrooms with Chromebooks
- e. *Election Day - Tuesday, November 8*
  - i. Student Day Off
  - ii. Teacher Professional Development Day
    - 1. Teacher Learning Academy (teachers get to choose sessions)
    - 2. Teachers teaching teachers
    - 3. Focused on Writing and Writing Support
- f. *Thanks to Clawson Fire Department* for October Fire Safety Assembly
- g. *Assemblies* – Teachers are hopeful for assemblies; to work with PTO on planning and scheduling
- h. *Veterans Day* - Huge thanks to parent volunteer who will be visiting classrooms on Veterans Day to read and chat with our Kenwood Kids

- i. We are grateful to Corporal Lawrence Miller, who served our country in the U.S. Marines as Force Reconnaissance in Southeast Asia
- ii. We thank Cpl. Miller and all of our other Veteran family, friends and neighbors for their service

## **7. President's Report (Cindy Wyckoff)**

- a. *Fun Run Success*
  - i. As reported on Treasurer's Report, Fun Run was a tremendous success - our most successful ever
- b. *Halloween Trick-or-Treat Trail*
  - i. So much fun that many said it was better than our traditional dance
- c. *Book Fair - In-person week of November 7*
  - i. New company, Literati, has been fantastic to work with
  - ii. Cases and books delivered with Friday set-up planned
  - iii. Monday - Student wishlists made
  - iv. Tuesday, Election Day – Open for Family Shopping, 12-6 pm
  - v. Wednesday-Thursday - Student Shopping Days
  - vi. Friday morning - Student Shopping Make-Up Day
  - vii. Online store open through Friday, November 11
    1. <https://efairs.literati.com> (search for Kenwood Elementary)
  - viii. Book Club available year-round
    1. <https://literati.com/kids/schoolbox/> (enter Kenwood Elementary)
  - ix. Kenwood receives 10% back of all purchases, including Book Club
  - x. A lot of help needed all week; 30 minute time slots
    1. <http://tinyurl.com/2022FallBookFairHelp>
- d. *Holiday Shop*
  - i. Handmade Help Wanted - <https://tinyurl.com/2022KenwoodHolidayCrafters>
    1. Bringing back old tradition of handmade treasures
    2. Looking for crafters/artisans to donate appx. 10-12 of same item
    3. Donations to be dropped off to Kenwood or arrange for pick-up by December 2
  - ii. In-Person Shopping - Week of December 12
- e. *Membership*
  - i. Keep spreading the word - we are only half way to our membership goal
  - ii. [www.hugpto.org/join](http://www.hugpto.org/join)

## **8. Questions / Comments / Suggestions**

- a. *Popcorn Day*
  - i. October Popcorn Day was a huge success
  - ii. Next Popcorn Day - November 18th
  - iii. A huge thanks to Angie Hamilton for organizing and all of our volunteers for their help in bringing this fun, delicious tradition back!

## **9. Next Meeting - Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm**